

## **AGENDA FOR PEDALS MONTHLY MEETING:**

**7.30 p.m. on**

**Monday 19 February 2007**

**in the upper room of the Globe PH,**  
Rye Hill Street / 152 London Road,  
NG2 3BQ (between London Road and  
Meadows Way just north of north of Trent  
Bridge)

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Welcome, and apologies for absence**

**2. Discussion with Ridewise (Gary Smerdon-White and Graham Hubbard), on future cooperation.**  
(7.30-8.30 p.m., approx.)

**\*\*\*Please be punctual for our visiting speakers!\*\*\***

*(10-minute break.)*

### **3. Minutes of Pedals meeting of 15 January and matters arising including:-**

- 20 Feb Rushcliffe Community Quiz; Pedals team arrangements
- 22 Jan special meeting to discuss proposed Beeston-Clifton pedestrian-cycle bridge
- Proposed Pedals ride for City Councillors
- Feedback on new City cycle maps
- Gedling cycling proposals
- Cycle path to East Bridgford proposal
- Guided rides and mini-ride dates

### **4. Newsletter: Winter newsletter plans and content**

### **5. Finance including proposed membership of CANN (Climate Action Network Notts)**

### **6. Cycling and Health**

- Cycling and Health meeting at GOEM follow-up: message from Kevin Mayne, Director, CTC and new funding initiative

### **7. Events / meetings including:-**

- Stapleford Traffic and Transport Group meeting, Friday 11 May
- Cycle Campaigns Network/CTC Spring Conference, Derby, Sat 19 May
- 2007 Great Notts Bike Ride (24 June) and The Big Wheel
- Wheely Big Cyclists Breakfast, 21 June
- Bike Week, 16-24 June
- Halfway to Hucknall ride, 1 September

### **8. Cycle facility and traffic matters including:-**

- Carrington Street, by Nottingham Station; further comments from Nick Moss
- NET tram rails accident; junction of Mount Hooton Road and Bentinck Road
- Orange Tree Junction (South Sherwood Street): message from Richard Holt
- Canning Circus changes; comments from Phil Keynes

- Hockley PPR – report of site meeting on 7 Feb. with Steve Brewer
- Castle Boulevard latest changes
- Birdcage Walk improvements: report of site meeting with John Lee
- Meadows and Southside Action Plan
- Radcliffe Road, West Bridgford: possible shared path extension
- The Big Track development: south bank riverside path improvements and Sustrans Route 15 plans
- Idea of secure bike facility at Nottingham Forest Football Club: proposal from Mark Arthur, Chief Executive
- A46 dualling plans (Widmerpool to Newark) and Exhibition
- A52 Toton Island changes

### **9. Miscellaneous items**

- Old bikes refurbishment query
- New CTC websites 'Fill that hole' and 'Clear that Trail'
- Proposed CTC cycling and climate change campaign
- Cyclists' fines (NEP article)
- Living for Tomorrow Magazine forthcoming feature on Pedals
- DfT/Cycling England 'Mainstreaming Cycling' professional training sessions at Notts CC.

### **10. Any other business**

## **BACKGROUND NOTES!**

**\* means feedback especially wanted please**

**\*\* means help please!**

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

**Apologies for absence from**  
Mara Ozolins, John Wilson

### **2. Discussion with Ridewise (Gary Smerdon-White & Graham Hubbard) and CTC on future cooperation** (7.30-8.30 p.m.)

I have asked Gary to start our discussion with 10-15 minutes of his thoughts about how best we can work closer together to address current issues, overcome current problems, and also think more about the longer-term perspective for promoting cycling locally.

### **3. Minutes of the Pedals Meeting Held on 15 January 2007 at The Globe PH**

**Present:** Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, Peter Osborne, Andrew Martin, John Park, Roger Codling, Arthur Williams, Elizabeth Kirk, David Clarke, John Bannister, David Miller and Ed Ducker (Notts CC).

**Apologies for Absence:** Mara Ozolins, Bill Istead, John Williams, Roy Wilson, Dave Morris, Andrew Houseman and Lawrence Geary.

**Discussion with Ed Ducker (Notts CC Cycling and Walking Officer).** Most of the discussion was about

advanced stop lines (ASL's) in West Bridgford and Arnold. (Ed is doing a project at Trent Uni on ASL's). There was also discussion on cycle facilities in the Mapperley Plains area and also on the dire situation for cyclists and pedestrians along the A60 between Kirk Lane and the Ruddington Business Park. A new cycle map of Bassetlaw was circulated. Comments on this were favourable – it has a good clear format. Further maps are planned for other areas in Nottinghamshire, e.g. Newark.

**Finance.** No change from last November: the accounting software package is now obsolete and a new one needs to be purchased (cost: about £40). An auditor is required for our accounts. We could offer £50 for this work. Arthur is going to contact Nigel Lee about this. Sue can produce a draft set of accounts for the AGM. An article about paying Pedals subscriptions by standing order should be placed in the newsletter. It was suggested that Pedals should move its accounts to a bank with better ethical credentials (e.g. the Co-Op) than Pedals' current bank. This could wait until subscriptions are raised again. (They were last raised five years ago).

**Mini Ride Co Leaders for 2007.** April 16<sup>th</sup>: led by John and Chris. 21<sup>st</sup> May: led by Arthur, co-leader is Dave Clarke. 18<sup>th</sup> June: led by Susan, co-leader is Hugh. 16<sup>th</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> August: led by David Miller, co-leader is Dave Clarke.

**Rushcliffe Community Quiz. Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 2007.** Pedals is entering a team for this: Hugh, Peter, Chris and David Miller.

**Pedals Tools.** These will be for sale at the AGM.

**Pedals Newsletter.** There has been virtually no enthusiasm for receiving this electronically (despite the potential cost savings). However, old copies of the newsletter could be scanned into pdf form and put on the website.

**Councillors' special ride:** It was suggested that councillors be invited to ride with Pedals members (perhaps in a small group) so that they can see for themselves good cycle facilities and be shown poor cycle facilities. It was emphasised that Pedals needs to keep up pressure on councillors who are sympathetic to cycling.

**Events & Meetings.** BBC East Mids debate on traffic congestion. Hugh managed to speak at this, but it was largely a sound bite affair with no real debate.

**Proposed Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge Between Beeston Rylands and Clifton Grove.** Another (invitation only) meeting has been arranged. Hugh and Robin Phillips will be representing Pedals.

**Arnold Carnival 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June and Gedling Show 2<sup>nd</sup> September.** Pedals should consider doing a stall at these events in conjunction with other organisations such as Ridewise, Sustrans and CTC as there is a shortage of volunteers.

**New Nottingham City Cycle Maps.** Most educational establishments have been omitted, but this can be rectified easily in future editions.

**Update**

### **Special meeting on 22 January to discuss proposed Beeston-Clifton pedestrian cycle bridge**

The special (invitation only) meeting on the proposed bridge on 22 January (with me and Robin Phillips representing Pedals) went pretty well with all the differing points of view (including that of the police on both sides of the Trent) aired in a much calmer and more reasoned fashion than at the terribly emotive and negative public meeting in Beeston Rylands in November.

When I pointed out the need to learn from relevant experience of ped/cycle bridges elsewhere there was of course one local resident who objected to any such "theoretical and national top-down" stuff but others thought this was a good idea, including those there from the police, who outlined all their concerns but one of whom did later say that, at the end of the day, they did not want to prevent the going-ahead of a project that could be of great benefit to the law-abiding majority, provided that there was a very careful attempt to minimise the likely problems of facilitating the possible passage and escape routes of criminals and creating new focal points for anti-social activity, with not only CCTV but also comprehensive application of the principle for designing out crime, etc., and full consultation to address the concerns of those living closest to the site who were likely to be most negative. (Incidentally, 2 of the 3 PCs there confessed to being cyclists themselves!)

Further consultation is planned by the City on both sides of the river (including a possible Planning for Real Exercise in Clifton) and there was a feeling that the more people are involved in this, including those living further from the site, the greater the chances of reduced opposition and quite possibly even wider support!"  
PS. Minutes circulated already to those on email.

... PPS of 14 Feb: message from John Lee.

"Hugh

I am meeting with colleagues in Clifton on the 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss best way of putting on the exhibition then once we have agreed I'll talk to Tony ward re Broxtowe  
John Lee  
Senior Rights of Way Officer  
Traffic Management  
Traffic and Safety  
Tel: 0115 9156078"

### **City Councillors' Ride proposal**

I have put this idea to Cllr. Emma Dewinton but had no response yet.

### **New City cycle maps feedback**

Steve Brewer has asked for me for comments on these two new maps please.\*

### **Gedling cycling proposals**

I have had some further comments from Roger Codling which I am passing on to Arthur Williams and Nick Hynes as well as Ed Ducker and Paul Hillier at the County Council.

### **Cycle path to East Bridgford proposal; comments from Ed Ducker et al**

"Dear all,

We have now discussed the option of whether this would be feasible, internally. We have a number of reservations:

- The distance between the school and Newton means that the cost of providing a shared use facility (which would be required for the proposed school link here) is high, although the possibility of a 50% funding contribution from the Sustrans Programme clearly makes it a far more attractive option.

- It does not seem possible to fit a shared path in on the section of road between East Bridgford and A6097 (Kirk Hill) due to land constraints. I would be very reluctant to encourage this particular road as a suggested route for children without a segregated facility present.

- Having spoken to School Travel Plan staff it seems that there will be a low demand for using this route.

In light of the above, we do not propose to take this forward at the present time.

Patrick/ Nicola - is the Links to School programme still available for us to bid for other schools in the County? I know we looked at this some time ago but am sure there would be further schools we could look at for future schemes if this is still an option. Please could you advise me on where I can get more information on criteria etc.

Regards,  
Ed Ducker  
Cycling & Walking Officer  
Communities  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
(0115) 977 4585

-----Forwarded by Edward Ducker/en/nottscg  
08/02/2007 02:24PM -----

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Edward Ducker](#)  
**To:** [Hugh McClintock \(Dell\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Patrick Davis](#); [Nicola Jones](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 11:57 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Cycle path to East Bridgford - advice  
Patrick/ Hugh/ Nicola,

Thank you for the information on the possibility of the Links to School funding for this suggestion.

I replied to Sarah Sweet's original e-mail in November saying that I thought it unlikely we would be able to justify installing this route through the LTP in the foreseeable future (on cost grounds) due to the distance between the villages in question. However, with the potential extra funding source this becomes a far more viable possibility.

I will now discuss the matter with colleagues and then go back to Sarah to discuss further. I will keep you informed with any progress.

Regards, Ed Ducker  
Cycling & Walking Officer  
Communities  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
(0115) 977 4585

-----"Hugh McClintock \(\Dell\)"  
<[Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com](mailto:Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com)> wrote: -----  
To: "Ed Ducker" <[Edward.Ducker@nottscg.gov.uk](mailto:Edward.Ducker@nottscg.gov.uk)>,  
"Patrick Davis" <[davis@crowbrook.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:davis@crowbrook.freeserve.co.uk)>  
From: "Hugh McClintock \(\Dell\)"  
<[Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com](mailto:Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com)>  
Date: 23/01/2007 11:46AM

cc: "Peter Osborn" <[peter.osborne@ouvip.com](mailto:peter.osborne@ouvip.com)>,  
"Nicola Jones" <[nicola.jones@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:nicola.jones@sustrans.org.uk)>  
Subject: Re: Cycle path to East Bridgford - advice

Patrick  
Thanks for your reply which I think it is probably best for Ed and colleagues to respond to/take up rather than me unless you would prefer me to Ed?

Hugh

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Patrick Davis](#)  
**To:** [Hugh McClintock](#); [Ed Ducker](#)  
**Cc:** [Nicola Jones](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 10:52 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Cycle path to East Bridgford - advice

Hugh, Ed

If Sarah Sweet's project is viable and if it figures in the Travel Plan of the school involved, it could be eligible for up to 50% funding from the Links to School programme administered by Sustrans on behalf of Cycling England. Please call me in if you need further info.

Regards, Patrick Davis  
Sustrans East Midlands  
tel. 0116 270 2905

also see [www.sustrans.org](http://www.sustrans.org)

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Hugh McClintock \(Dell\)](#)  
**To:** [Patrick Davis](#); [Nicola Jones](#)  
**Cc:** [Peter Osborn](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2007 11:56 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Cycle path to East Bridgford - advice  
Patrick / Nicola

I passed on this suggestion to Ed Ducker, soon after I received it, but at last night's Pedals meeting Peter Osborne suggested I also pass it on you in case you had any comments.  
Hugh"

#### **Guided Rides and mini-rides dates; message from Arthur Williams to Peter Jarman, Notts CC (14 Feb)**

"Pete, Hugh, Dave,

For some reason, I had got June 18th in my diary, but if Sue is doing that one, then I'm happy to do the May guided ride, which will be on Monday 21st May. I was planning to lead a ride out to the east side of the city, fitting to the normal Pedals mini-ride times (7 - 9 pm?), and starting (as I think is also usual) from opposite the front of the Railway Station. The ride will be a mixture of greenways and less main roads. I haven't yet fixed a final route - obviously I want to cycle it myself before the date, and I'd like to liaise with Dave, too. You could entitle it "Greenways and Byways to the East of Nottingham". Is there anything else you need to know, now?"

Regards, Arthur"

#### **4. Winter newsletter**

For the first time the latest issue is available in pdf form via our website I (or soon should be once Alistair, our Webmaster, has had time to put it there). Printed copies were posted to members on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Apologies to Susan that several words from the middle of her piece about paying subs by Standing order somehow got omitted. These were "You will then be helping to save a bit of a tree, the group

money, our time that can be better spent campaigning.”

Rebecca Firmin from Nelsons included an appeal in our article for other topics Pedals members would like her to address in future issues. I hope that someone has some ideas please!\*\*

## 5. Finance and proposed CANN membership

Susan Young to report.

### Copy of my message of 9 Feb. to Callie Lister, Friends of the Earth East Midlands and Climate Action Network Notts (CANN)

On receiving my copy of the latest CANN Newsletter I was surprised to see that Pedals was not included in the list of members. I somehow thought we had joined but maybe in fact we had not! Anyway, I will put that on the agenda for our next meeting, on Monday 19th, and propose that we rectify that without further ado. Please let me know how we go about joining and the membership fee / donation arrangements?  
Thanks, Hugh”

### Comments from Callie Lister:

“Hi Hugh,  
Many thanks for your email. Our recent leaflet includes those organisations that came back to us and said that they were happy with our aims and missions statement. I don't think we had any response from Pedals about this so we didn't want to presume that you were happy to be allied to CANN without you explicitly saying so.

At the moment there is no membership fee, although it may be that in the future that we consider setting one (at the moment Friends of the Earth is funding the operational costs of the Network).

All we really need from you is an OK that Pedals is happy with the aims, missions and objectives of CANN. It would be great to have a Pedals rep at future CANN meetings so that we can have a wider representation helping us to develop our aims and objectives,  
Many thanks”  
Callie

### CANN's aims are:-

1. Communicate, information-share and provide mutual support across the Network.
2. Promote and encourage behaviour changes by individuals and organisations across all sectors of the community to help combat climate change.
3. Influence local, national and international decision makers to take more effective action on climate change.
4. Highlight the importance of the links between local and global actions and impacts.

5. Raise awareness of the effects that climate change will have upon both people and the planet; and in particular upon the poorest communities.

## 6. Cycling and Health

### Active Travel Consortium; message of 2 Feb to Kevin Mayne, CTC Director, from Gary Smerdon-White, Ridewise and his response:

“Thanks Gary  
I have no doubt there will be more opportunities, ATC is not our only ambition for CTC in the East Midlands, I hope we can work together  
Kevin Mayne, Director”

“Kevin  
I'm sorry that Ridewise were unable to respond with local councils to your request to support your recent bid.

We are a small social enterprise relying on small amounts of funding from the City and County Councils, PCTs, regeneration agencies and businesses - this year we have obtained nearly £40k of funding to train instructors and inexperienced cyclists (which might have been able to be used as match in some cases - we really didn't have time to check that out from a RideWise perspective). We have 12 active CTC qualified instructors who can train adults and children.

Although we have had the support of transport strategy and policy departments in the Councils we are only in the early stages of building strong relationships in Councils with the people responsible for delivering cycle training direct to schools or as part of social development activities. However, recent meetings as to how we can work together with schools, businesses and wider community groups have been very promising. I believe the City Council and RideWise will be able to develop some exciting initiatives to develop a safe cycling culture in the near future.

Although it has not been possible to actively support your bid at present RideWise would be happy to be kept updated on progress. We would also confirm our willingness, providing we secure the support of Councils, to look at future opportunities to help provide instruction and administration services in Nottinghamshire.

I realise this is coming after the horse has bolted but would still remind you of our support and willingness to help in the future.  
Yours, Gary SW”

-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Mayne  
[mailto:Kevin.Mayne@CTC.ORG.UK]  
Sent: 25 January 2007 17:07  
To: [garysmerdon-white@supanet.com](mailto:garysmerdon-white@supanet.com)  
Cc: Ross Helen; Hugh McClintock (Dell); Chris Peck  
Subject: Active Travel Consortium in Nottingham

Dear Gary.  
Active Travel Consortium bid to the Wellbeing Programme - draft bid documents

As I left it with you last it seemed unlikely that you would be able to find sufficient strong partners in

Nottingham to create a CTC Cycling Champions bid in Nottingham, but you were going to pursue other options than the Council.

I am now formally writing to all potential bidders to ask for clarification some of the outstanding information we require to submit a draft project application. This information is now urgently required before we rank our projects. If you want to go ahead and put together the best proposal possible with your current contacts for Nottingham in this form we will consider it at its current status against the versions from other areas.

Attached is a copy of various two documents which we need to submit next week to our bid partner, Sustrans.

1. CTC Cycling Champions Project Outline - this is an internal document that we will use to describe the project to Sustrans. Please note highlighted sections on local evidence of need, partners and match-funding for which we need your input and/or approval. A project budget is attached to this document.

2. Appendix B - beneficiary monitoring (please supply based on potential projects)

Please can check that you agree with:

- project structure (activities, scope, organisation)
- monitoring (if you currently assess projects we should modify this section to reflect your practice)
- beneficiary targeting (based on your initial activities)
- match-funding (how much secure, how much insecure)

If you are able to provide as much of the above clarification and a brief letter of support by early Tuesday 30th January we will be able to rank our projects. The more information and the greater security over match-funding, the higher the ranking we can give.

We will be able to refine these documents at a later date but without a reply we will have to submit projects as they stand and rank them accordingly. Kind regards,  
Kevin Mayne, Director"

**GOEM Cycling and Health meeting, 21 March: exchange of emails between me and Sarah Bowles, East Midlands Sports Council**  
"Sarah

Thanks for your prompt reply. That sounds very good news about your meeting with Cycling England last week to develop a Cycling and Health pilot project in the region.

The main contacts for this region for the CTC Active Travel Consortium bid, and to whom I am copying this response so that you can pick up their email addresses, are:-  
Leicester City Council: Andy Salkeld / Chris Randall  
Derby City Council: Bella Stewart / Tony Gascoigne  
Hugh

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Sarah Bowles  
**To:** Hugh McClintock (Dell)  
**Cc:** helen.ross@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk ; DALE OSCROFT  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2007 9:02 AM

**Subject:** RE: GOEM Cycling and Health meeting on 21 March

Hugh

Yes this sounds like a good idea regarding inviting those who will be involved in the CTC bid, do you have the names and e mail addresses of those so I can contact them, if not I will try and get them from Kevin. I am also happy to invite Gary Smerdon-White as well to the meeting again I do not have his contact.

I asked Kevin to attend and he is hopeful that he will attend however he will know until further down the line.

The Regional Public Health Group and I had a really good meeting with Cycling England last week regarding the potential to develop a Cycling and Health Pilot Project in the region, as a result of the meeting I have collecting some background info on potential locations for the project and writing a project brief which myself and Nick Salfield (Deputy Regional Director of Public Health) can take to meet Directors of Public Health within PCT's to see which is the most receptive. These Meeting will hopefully take place the week beginning the 6<sup>th</sup> March when I have returned from annual leave.

I go on annual leave next Thursday so please can let me know the contact addresses so I can e mail them before I go on holiday.  
Kind regards, Sarah"

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**From:** Hugh McClintock (Dell)  
[mailto:Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com]  
**Sent:** 07 February 2007 16:12  
**To:** Sarah Bowles  
**Cc:** Dale Oscroft; Mike Hewitt; Helen Ross  
**Subject:** GOEM Cycling and Health meeting on 21 March

Sarah

I was talking to Helen Ross this morning after the GNTF Forum on 'Climate Change and Transport - What's in it for business?' and suggested that, in view of the involvement of both Leicester and Derby City Councils in the new CTC Active Travel Consortium, it might be an idea to invite representative of the two authorities to attend our next Cycling and Health meeting at GOEM on 21 March so that we can discuss the implications of their involvement in this project and how to coordinate this with other ideas and plans in the pipeline including those of PCTs and Ridewise in Nottingham etc. Helen thought this was a good idea and suggested that I take it up with you.

Although it now looks unlikely that Nottingham City Council will be involved in the CTC ATC project there has been great interest in it, I know, from Gary Smerdon-White of Ridewise and the Greater

Nottingham Transport Partnership who hopes that they will be able to make some contribution, on a smaller scale, at a later date so, it has occurred to me, it could also be an idea to invite Gary, or Graham Hubbard, from Ridewise.  
What do you think?  
Hugh"

PS. Kevin Mayne, CTC Director, will be attending the meeting at GOEM on 21 March.  
He will do a short presentation on the ACT and its aims, and by then should be able to give a fuller picture of Cycling England's training proposals through to 2009 which should see circa £4.5 million available for child cycle training.

## 7. Forthcoming meetings / other events

### **Stapleford Traffic and Transport Group meeting, Friday 11 May**

Anyone interested please in this meeting, on Friday 11 May at 10.00 at Stapleford Library?\*

### **CCN/CTC Spring Cycle Campaigners' Conference, Derby, Sat 19 May**

Derby Cycling Group is hosting the May 2007 CTC/CCN national conference  
Derby Cycle Group invites all members to the CTC/CCN Spring Conference which is being held in Derby on 19th May 2007.

The theme of the conference is "Tomorrow's Cyclists" and will focus on engaging and retaining young people under the age of 26 as cyclists. The conference will present challenging ideas and listen to different view points about how to engage more young people in cycling.

Plenty of time will be allowed for questions and discussion and it is intend to finish the day with a panel "Question Time".

The venue for the event is, The Waterfall, Railway Terrace, Derby, DE1 2RU  
(<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?G2M?X=436121&Y=335645&A=Y&Z=1>). This is just opposite Derby railway station, about 100m from NCN Route 6, and close to NCN Routes 54 and 68. The Waterfall has excellent bus links to the city centre and also has convenient car parking. The cost of the conference will be £15.00 per person.

For more details and information on how to book please visit: <http://www.derbycyclinggroup.org.uk>. DCG look forward to seeing folk at what they hope will be a stimulating, exciting event.

### **Bike Week: 16-24 June 2007-02-13 Notts. CC events: message from Claire Fleming**

"Just to let you all know of things we're planning at the County end for Bike Week:  
MONDAY - Doctor Bike and Postcoding at County Hall (staff only, not public)  
TUESDAY - Try a Bike Tuesday (still tbc) - Using NFFC car park, an opportunity for people to drop in at lunchtime and try out a bike with no obligation to buy.  
WEDS - Big Bridgford Breakfast (staff only)  
THURS - City's Wheelie big Breakfast

FRIDAY - Fresh Air Friday lunchtime ride - Graham's leading a short ride for lunchtime workers (all welcome), starting off at County Hall and making use of parts of the Big Track. Part of the rural rides programme.  
Regards  
Claire Fleming (0115 9774658)  
STEPS Co-ordinator,  
Nottinghamshire County Council"

### **Great Notts Bike Ride 2007 and The Big Wheel; message of 5 Feb. from Helen Clayton, The Big Wheel**

"Hello Hugh,  
Nice to speak to you last week - hope you had a good weekend.

I just wanted to confirm the details of our chat. Hopefully you're still interested in using the space that we discussed.

As you know, the Big Wheel will be sponsoring the Great Notts Bike Ride this year and Anna has kindly offered to give a 1/4 page black and white advert in the booklet to Pedals. I think the deadline for the artwork is 7th March. The Big Wheel would be more than happy to pay to have the advert put together by one of our design agencies, if that's of any help to you. We would have to move fairly quickly on it though so that I can make sure that we can resource it. We'd need copy by the end of the week if you'd like us to help out - we would, of course, maintain the Pedals branding on it. Please let me know what you think.

Anna - could you confirm the dimensions of the ads please (both the Big Wheel and the Pedals advert space).

Hugh will also be using 10 of the free entry tickets for the bike ride. In addition we talked about putting something into the goody bag - perhaps something which links future cycling events and activities to ensure that the Great Notts Bike Ride capitalises on the feel good factor of the day and to put people in touch with other things that they can do throughout the year.

Hope this makes sense to everyone. Please let me know if you have any questions. Regards, Helen"

### **Wheelie Big Breakfast 2007**

Jeremy Prince of the City Council tells me that this year's event is likely to be on 21 June.

### **...and comments from Graham Hubbard of Ridewise on the relationship between this and his "en-mass ride" on 4 June:**

"The idea is that this is a complementary event with the focus on a large group in one place at one time. Why? so that cyclists/ other commuters/ the council/ public (via the media) appreciate the number of cyclists that are present on a daily basis in Nott'm. (Off of the back of this hopefully) Nottm cycling bodies can use this to promote the needs of cyclists by quoting this event.

The Bikers breakfast, whilst popular amongst hungry cycle commuters, does little more than provide a passing fun social occasion. Last year I saw no media evidence as a result of the event!

to succeed we need good support, safe cyclists, safe routes, a few willing leaders and a nice nibble whilst we give a +ve message to the public c/o the media. All help is greatly received!  
Graham Hubbard"  
Ridewise Ltd Coordinator  
Bikeability in Nottingham  
tel. m: 07818 263738

**...and response from Jeremy Prince, City Council:**

"Graham  
The Wheelie Big Breakfasts have been useful in encouraging more employers to promote commuter cycling to their staff. Whilst you may see it as doing "...little more than provide a passing fun social occasion", we have seen year on year growth in terms of participants. Crucially the events have generated more active interest from the likes of Experian, NCN, NTU and Siemens who have approached me for post-event support to encourage the increased take up of cycling.

This year's event has been booked to take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> in the "New" Old Market Square and due to the high profile location, should generate the level of publicity it has enjoyed in past years. I think there is definitely merit in consolidating your proposed events and maybe bolting on the GNTF cycle forum at the same time as well.

I'm happy to discuss the options and would be interested to hear what the others think.  
Regards, Jeremy"

**...and comments from Graham Hubbard, Ridewise (12 Feb)**

"If people have any more public cycling events for Nott'm cyclists then please send them through to be and I shall add it to our events diary. Please forward this to any people whom you think may benefit from it.  
Graham Hubbard, RideWise Coordinator"

**Halfway to Hucknall Ride, 1 September**

Only just before the Rural Rides brochure was due to go to press was I reminded by Pete Jarman that we still had not found a volunteer to lead the Hucknall (Nottingham) contingent on this ride, to meet up at Teversal with the contingent from Sheffield Pedals Pushers and CTC. Susan Young has now volunteered to step into the breach, I am glad to say.

Details: > Start time: 10:00  
> Meeting Place: Hucknall Tram Stop Car Park  
> Grid Ref: SK 540 492  
> Duration: 6 hours??  
> Length: Medium  
The idea is we should meet at Teversal for lunch - there's a cafe that the CTC recommend - so about 1pm for 1-2 hours? - 3 hours should be plenty for you to get there, it's 12.4 miles according to the AA! You might want to have a bit of a tour before you arrive. There could be some swapping over of riders at Teversal - some people might want to carry on to Nottingham/Sheffield and train it home.

**8. Cycle facility and other traffic matters**

**Carrington Street (by Nottm Station): message of 17 Jan from Nick Moss**

"Hugh  
A copy sent to the City  
Dear Mr Reed,  
The agreement reached regarding my formal complaint about the cycle facilities on Carrington Street outside the railway station included the City Council painting white lines on both sides of the road. It has been done on the outbound side but not the inbound.

Unless the white lining is in place by close of business on 31.1.07 I shall reinstate and/or make a new complaint.  
Nick Moss  
21 Brockley Road  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham  
NG2 5JY  
0115 981 1129"

**NET accident at junction of Mount Hooton Road and Bentinck Road- message of 23 Jan from Bill Badham and my reply:**

"Bill  
Thanks for your message. I am glad that you have a site meeting arranged. Please do let me know the outcome and I will report it to the next Pedals meeting (on Monday 19th February).  
Hugh

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bill Badham  
**To:** Hugh McClintock (Dell)  
**Cc:** brick@ntlworld.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 5:31 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Tram rails danger for bikes Bentinck Mount Hooton

Dear Hugh  
Thank you for your message  
I have heard back from Ged Newton as below and will arrange a meeting on site as they suggest. What I think we need to raise is that if there are situations where serious injury can arise as in my case though no fault of the cyclist, then at some point something really nasty will happen and there will be legal action around negligence etc. I will let you know the outcome of my site meeting. Many thanks for your response and consideration.  
Bill Badham

"Dear Mr. Badham,  
I am the Traffic Management officer for the Arboretum area of the City and your email has been referred for my attention.

I am very sorry to hear of your accident which you report to have occurred on the Tram track along Bentinck Road, during the autumn of 2006. I hope you have now since recovered from the incident, and I would like to suggest meeting with you at the location of Bentinck Road, along with Steve Brewer (Sustainable Transport Officer).

If you would like to pursue with my request, please contact me and I will try to arrange a suitable date, however this would have to be Monday - Friday between the hours of 9.00am - 5.00pm

Should this be inconvenient, then I can arrange to investigate with the relevant departments, and report back to you.  
Regards, Ged Newton  
Traffic Management"

**Orange Tree junction (South Sherwood St):  
message of 9 Feb. from Richard Holt to Liz  
Hiskens, City Council**

"Liz,  
Just for the record I very narrowly avoided being hit last night by an encroaching car at the Shakespeare Street/South Sherwood Street junction last night. In the past few months there have been a number of times when I have been lucky not to have been hit. Maybe you can say it's due to the dark winter months but I am highly visible.

I do think that it is a matter of time before there is a serious accident between a cyclist and a vehicle at this spot. I do ask that you review your stance on controlling traffic travelling east along Shakespeare Street  
Richard"

**...and comments from Dave Morris (10 Feb)**

"Hugh,  
Thanks for the update. Richard is correct in that the problem hasn't gone away.

Personally, I haven't had any difficulties with the junction recently, as I now tend to filter left into Shakespeare Street if I see a vehicle encroaching, then cross onto the other footway and continue up North Sherwood Street. It's not ideal but, as the nearside lane can be used for either movement, it gives a "bail-out" option so long as you look well ahead when approaching the Orange Tree.

Even given the continuing problems, the cut-through is very useful, so I wouldn't want it to be removed as a "solution".  
Dave"

**Canning Circus changes: message of 26 Feb  
from Phil Keynes**

"Hi Hugh  
Have you had any comments about cycling facilities at Canning circus since the recent works?

I noticed this morning as I walked across from cemetery to Rope Walk (incidentally my route - from Mapperley Road, via Belle Tout and Elm Ave, then thro' Arboretum and cemetery has potential for a nice green routeway! Whatever happened to the Emerald Necklace idea?!!) that there is a little section at Canning Circus for cyclists to cut from Alfreton Road on approach to city, across to Derby Rd. However, the facility has nothing by way of a graded approach, therefore it would make one (me certainly) feel a bit vulnerable - slowing down to use the facility. Also, they could have designed things so a cyclist turning from Alfreton onto Derby road would then use a toucan onto Derby road, instead of which the facility links to a dropped kerb that lets you join Derby Road outbound some 10-20m (?) away from the existing pedestrian crossing.

Have you seen this - what do you think?

As someone who also uses forest road west, east and Mapperley road, I'm also getting tired of conflict caused by parked cars, particularly on Mapperley road as you approach junction with forest road and also along by High school and elsewhere on the forest roads - this is particularly a problem at peak times - traffic backs up and you either queue up, take

to the pavement or go down the outside, taking care of oncoming traffic. Anything been said on this?  
Sorry to grumble!!  
Best wishes, Phil"

I have forwarded this to Steve Brewer and Craig McLaren at the City Council; any comments please?\*

**Hockley PPR and cross-city centre cycle routes;  
my message of 7 Feb. to Steve Brewer following  
site meeting of 6 Feb.**

"Steve  
Thanks for that useful site meeting yesterday with me and Arthur Williams which we both found useful and reassuring. When the further changes you mentioned are in place that should be quite an improvement on the current position but we will also want to watch carefully after completion of the whole scheme to see how cyclists are affected by drivers encountering them in unexpected places like emerging from the bottom end of the road closure and, towards the south side of the road on the top half of the street, an alignment that many cyclists may tend to keep to once they have moved over to the right when general traffic turns left into George Street.

As mentioned during our meeting, we do feel that it is still very important to have some kind of on the spot signing of the main cross city centre cycle routes so that cyclists do not have to depend entirely on having up to date maps. If there are concerns about additional and intrusive signing that we hope that at least you will be able to consider a more minimalist signing approach, with a similar concept to that used for the signs on the NET alternative route in the Forest Fields/Hyson Green area, i.e. mainly relying on a special symbol, but with a larger sign, including wording and explanation of the symbol, at the start of the route. Different (coloured) symbols could be used on north-south and south-north routes.  
Hugh"

**Birdcage Walk and 'ng2' business park  
developments and cycle links; report of meeting  
with John Lee, City Council**

I had a useful meeting in late January with John Lee to discuss various improvements to the Birdcage Walk cycle path, including links into the new 'ng2' development and improvements to the present very rough but well used path near 'Comet' linking this path, and the Longwall Avenue cycle path to the riverside retail park and Rennie Hogg Road.

**Castle Boulevard latest changes**

Work has just started on the latest phase of the Castle Boulevard changes including the installation of a toucan crossing just east of the Castle Bridge Road junction and the prohibition for motor vehicles turning right from Castle Bridge Road towards the City Centre, etc. Work should be completed by the end of March, I gather.

**Meadows and Southside Action Plan**

I have sent the City Council some further comments on this. They appear at least to have noted several of the comments I sent in at an earlier stage in the consultation process, e.g. on the need for careful attention to cyclists' needs in plans for changes at the Queen's Drive/Castle Bridge Road junction and the junction of Queen's Drive with Crossgate Drive, and Meadows Way.



**Radcliffe Road (West Bridgford) cycle route/shared path possible extension – my message of 28 Jan to Ed Ducker and Paul Hillier, Notts CC.**

“Ed

Paul

Since the towpath of the Grantham Canal past Ladybay was upgraded it seems that quite a few cyclists have taken to ride off Radcliffe Road beyond its bridge over the canal, towards the NWSC access, by riding on the footway until the start of the northside cycle facilities on Radcliffe Road at the NWSC access road (Regatta Way). That this represents a desire line for cyclists can be clearly seen from the many bike tyre marks across the grass (now a muddy strip) around the pinchpoint of the narrow gap between the road sign poles on the footway.

Would it therefore not be now, in view of this evidence, and the dangers of trying to cross Radcliffe Road at this point, to make a few relatively minor and inexpensive changes and upgrade this stretch of footway to a shared path, to provide improved access to and from the Regatta Way toucan crossings and the shared path which then continues all the way on the north side of the A52 to Radcliffe?

Indeed, by using the toucan crossings over Radcliffe Road at the Regatta Way junction, upgrading this relatively short stretch of path would also be another option for accessing the A52T Gamston toucan crossing towards Bassingfield and the rest of the Grantham Canal towpath east of the A52T.  
Hugh”

PS. Many thanks to Lawrence Geary for a detailed series of suggestions for improving cycle and pedestrian signing on the approaches to the Gamston toucan crossing over the A52.

**The Big Track – possible further developments on the south bank of the ~Trent and links to Sustrans Route 15 plans – my message of 7 Feb to Patrick Davis and Nicola Jones, Sustrans East Midlands**

“Patrick

Nicola

This morning I attended a breakfast meeting on 'Climate Change and Transport - What is in it for business?', organised by the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership. In one of the presentations from Nottingham City Council, on current and future developments, there was a reference to the success of 'The Big Track', the 9-mile walking and cycling route launched last summer by 'The Big Wheel' (GNTP) and featuring several stretches of improved canal towpath and riverside path by the Trent (northbank) and the Beeston and Nottingham canal (details at:

[http://www.thebigwheel.org/index.php/new\\_get\\_on/more/want\\_to\\_shed\\_some\\_stress\\_and\\_a\\_few\\_pesky\\_pounds/](http://www.thebigwheel.org/index.php/new_get_on/more/want_to_shed_some_stress_and_a_few_pesky_pounds/) ) I gather that the leaflets have been in great demand.

That mention rather set me thinking, particularly when I was reminded of the fact that The Big Track leaflet map also highlights the route on the south bank of the Trent between the Suspension Bridge and the NWSC (Holme Pierrepont), i.e. a good stretch of the route that I know you in Sustrans want to upgrade and include as part of National Cycle

Network Route 15. I did briefly mention this to Helen Clayton from GNTP before I left and she agreed that it could be of mutual benefit for Sustrans and GNTP to liaise on such a further development of this project, for which they have been prime movers, in close liaison of course with the City Council etc.

As you are aware there is already a good path on the south bank of the Trent between the Suspension Bridge and Trentside (including the cycle cut-through under Trent Bridge), with a further substantial improvement west from there towards Clifton due to be completed later this year as a part of the Environment Agency's flood alleviation scheme.

The existing path between Trentside and the NWSC, as I know you are also well aware, was developed in the early-mid 1990s but has not been well-maintained, despite being very well-used by cyclists and pedestrians, and Pedals has recently been pressing the County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council to widen it, and improve the surface, signs and maintenance. Its status as part of The Big Track route, along with its involvement in your Route 15 plans, could be a very useful additional way of generating further support for its improvement.

Finally, something else that could be relevant is the conversation I also had at this morning's meeting with Mark Arthur, the Chief Executive of Nottingham Forest Football Club, who was referred to me by Jeremy Prince, Transport Partnership Officer at the City Council. It turns out not only that he is a keen cyclist but also that he would like to establish some kind of major cycle facility at their ground, e.g. a base for a fleet of bikes to be used locally by people commuting in by car.

This kind of idea sounds well worth pursuing, with support from Sustrans and Pedals, as well as the various local authorities etc.. Indeed, with the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire Cricket Club, Derek Brewer, now being Chair of GNTP and clearly very committed to introducing a range of sustainable transport initiatives at his own ground, the involvement of both major local sporting venues could be a most welcome and invaluable source of further encouragement, with much mutual benefit for all the interested parties.  
Hugh”

**Idea for secure bike facility at NFFC from Mark Arthur, Chief Executive, NFFC**

“Dear Mr. Arthur

I was very interested to meet you at this morning's GNTP 'Climate Change and Transport' meeting and to hear about your ideas for developing some kind of secure cycle storage facility at NFFC which could also benefit commuters and encourage local cycle commuting.

This sounds well-worth pursuing and could link well to various other local cycling plans, e.g. for improvements and extensions to the Trent riverside paths and additions to 'the Big Track' route in addition to encouraging use of bikes for commuting and leisure.

I am sure there would be much interest in supporting and encouraging your ideas from both Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council. In the first place I suggest you contact the County Council (Kate Butler, Travel Plans Officer, Paul Hillier (Local Transport Plan officer) and

Ed Ducker (Cycling and Walking Officer) to all of whom I am copying this message, in addition to Rushcliffe BC (Councillor John Bannister, who also chairs the West Bridgford Local Transport Forum, and also Dave Armiger and Dave Berry in the Borough Development Services Department).

Pedals will of course also be very keen to encourage this venture as I am sure will Patrick Davis and Nicola Jones of Sustrans East Midlands who plan to include the riverside path on the south bank of the Trent in the further plans for Route 15 of their National Cycle Network).  
Yours sincerely,  
Hugh McClintock,  
Chairman,  
Pedals (Nottingham Cycling Campaign)"

**PS. Response from Mark Arthur, Chief Executive, NFFC, 7 Feb**

"Thank you for this message, Hugh.  
I am very keen to explore the opportunity of having a secure cycle facility at Nottingham Forest. As you are probably aware, we are a loss making organisation that exists in its current form due to the support and generosity of our Chairman. In order to offer a facility to both supporters on match day, and potential park and cycle members of the public on non match day, I would have to attain a grant or grants for such a project. However, I do believe such a project could not only help our environment and help people to attain a certain level of healthy living, but also act as a high profile catalyst to encourage other companies in Nottingham to convert car parking facilities into secure cycle facilities for their employees.

If anyone reading this e mail exchange has got any ideas or can point me in the right direction, I would be very happy to hear from them.  
kind regards, Mark"

**...and comments from Derek Brewer, Chief Executive of Notts County Cricket Club and Chairman, Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership (8 Feb)**

"I fully support Mark's comments and I hope we can find a way to help.  
Regards, Derek"

**...and from Paul Hillier, Notts CC**

"Dear Mark,  
The County Council will be more than happy to help out if we can. My colleague, Ed Ducker, and I would be glad to meet with you to discuss possibilities, including funding. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you feel there is something we can help take forward.  
Regards,  
Paul Hillier  
Local Transport Plan Officer (Greater Nottingham)  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
Tel: 0115 977 4866 Fax: 0115 977 4054"

**A46 Newark to Widmerpool plans and 8 Feb. public exhibition etc.: my message to Patrick Davis (Sustrans) and his response:**

"Hugh, Nicola  
I've received a long letter from Mohammed which seems to offer most of what I suggested last year including Toucans crossing the A52 and A6097. I've yet to comb it through over maps but will do so very soon.

As Hugh asks, I'll be happy to carry on leading on this one for now and will keep you both informed of developments.  
Regards  
Patrick Davis  
Sustrans East Midlands  
tel. 0116 270 2905  
also see [www.sustrans.org](http://www.sustrans.org)

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Hugh McClintock \(Dell\)](mailto:Hugh.McClintock@Dell)  
**To:** [Nicola Jones](mailto:Nicola.Jones@Sustrans.org)  
**Cc:** [John Bannister](mailto:John.Bannister@Sustrans.org) ; [Nick Moss](mailto:Nick.Moss@Sustrans.org) ; [Patrick Davis](mailto:Patrick.Davis@Sustrans.org) ; [Peter Osborn](mailto:Peter.Osborn@Sustrans.org)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 12:53 PM  
**Subject:** A45 Newark to Widmerpool plans and public exhibition etc.

Nicola  
I have today received the letter from Mohammed Habib of the HA about the preview of the A46 plans to be held at Cotgrave Welfare on Thursday 8 Feb between 10 and 11, along with a big package of the latest plans.

I will probably try to get along to the preview but in general am happy, as before, for Sustrans to take the lead on this, since you have done far more work on it already, and I can then come in and endorse your views on behalf of Pedals, if we are happy with your draft comments as I am sure we will be!  
Hugh"

**Detailed plans for dualling A46 between Newark and Widmerpool published for further public comment**

HIGHWAYS AGENCY News Release (EM/113/07)  
issued by The Government News Network on 26 January 2007

Detailed plans for dualling 17 miles of the A46 between Newark and Widmerpool are re-published today (Friday 26 January) and will be available for the public to make their comments.

The Highways Agency has re-published draft Orders and an Environmental Statement now that the scheme has been divided into two parts. They show in detail the line of the road, how much land will be taken up by the scheme and which side roads will be affected.

The scheme will see 17 miles (28km) of the existing road upgraded to dual carriageway with split-level junctions to separate A46 through traffic from local traffic and a bypass of East Stoke and Farndon.

Public exhibitions on the draft Orders will take place at Cotgrave Welfare on Thursday 8 February from 12 noon to 8pm and at The Bearings, Bowbridge Road, Newark on Saturday 10 February from 10am to 4pm.

The period for support, comment or objection from the public ends on 9 March 2007.

The work is planned to be carried out in two stages over five years with advanced works starting in 2011/12 and main works running from 2012/13 until 2016/17.

The first section between Newark and the A52 at Saxondale will be built and opened to traffic before work begins on the second section between the A52 and Widmerpool.

The scheme will complete the dual carriageway between Newark and the M1 and will include eight split-level junctions between the existing junction at Widmerpool and the roundabout at Farndon on the outskirts of Newark. Split-level junctions improve safety by using bridges to carry local roads over the main road.

**PS message to Patrick Davis and Nicola Jones, Sustrans, after the Exhibition at Cotgrave on 8 Feb.**

“Patrick / Nicola

By coincidence rather than design I happened to arrive at the A46 Newark to Widmerpool Improvement exhibition in Cotgrave this afternoon just after Roger Codling from the local CTC and it was useful that we looked at the displays together, particularly as he has far detailed more local knowledge than I do, especially the area towards Newark. We discussed these points with one of the Scott Wilson people around and I thought it also might be useful, in view of all the extensive work you have done on this scheme, to sound you out before these before I raise them at the next Pedals meeting on Monday 19 Feb.

The points are:-

- lack of a bridge, or at least a cycle-pedestrian bridge, on Station Road near the Widmerpool end
- what surface there will be on the various (new bits of) bridleway along the route
- why there is no cycling provision (new bridleway or disused carriageway) between Colston Gate and the Stragglethorpe Junction (we were told that it was because they thought there would be no demand on this one section of the route, despite its proximity to Cotgrave)
- the highly convoluted layout of the two roundabouts west of Bingham and the consequent rather convoluted alignment of the route for cyclists between Radcliffe and Bingham.
- the lack of a direct safe route for cyclists between Newton (including the RAF Newton site) and Bingham and the apparent lack of intention to provide cycle paths/shared paths on both sides of the nearest overbridge, at the Margidunum roundabout.

There were a few other detailed points which Roger raised on the rest of the route towards Newark but that is probably getting too far away from Pedals main area of interest to take up as well.

The points are mostly rather minor concerns and we appreciate that your efforts have clearly born much fruit in getting most of what you wanted, including the two toucan crossing of the A52 and A6097 but your further reflections would be very helpful please before we decide whether to make a separate response or just endorse that which Sustrans is making.  
Hugh

PS. Have there been further developments, incidentally, in relation to the proposed cycle/ped bridge over the A52T at Bottesford?

**...response from Patrick Davis (Sustrans) of 9 Feb.**

“Hugh

Answering your points as I've numbered them:

- 1 No strong views.
- 2 According to a letter from Mohammed Habib (MH ~ want a copy?), rolled stone which seems a silly false economy. I'll make this point in my next response.
- 3 As 1.
- 4 It's easy to see how the Bingham spaghetti could be partially unravelled, even allowing for the need for long DDA ramps; something else for my reply. Note though that, according to MH, traffic on the ex-A46 between Saxondale and Margidunum is expected to remain quite light so I'd guess that riders-on-a-mission will probably remain on-road.
- 5 MH suggests that the Newton-Bingham connection will be better handled than the latest drawings suggest. I plan to visit the exhibition myself on Saturday and, unless the Scott Wilson folk can explain, I'll also bring this into my response.

Did you like the bridge at Farndon roundabout (Newark) which has appeared since we first saw the drawings last Spring?

By and large, I think that the scheme deals with severance tolerably well and opens some interesting new regional route possibilities. Next? How about a Trent-side route from Nottingham to E Bridgford with A6097 crossing at Gunthorpe?  
Regards, Patrick Davis  
Sustrans East Midlands”

**...and comments from (Rushcliffe Cllr.) John Bannister (10 Feb)**

“Hugh,

I have not seen the exhibition and all your comments are sensible. The area I know best is around Bingham, the route between Bingham and Radcliffe is well used. If the means of crossing the A52 is convoluted, then riders like me are going to stay on the road with the traffic. Alright for those of us able to look after ourselves, or not, but particularly worrying for teenagers or younger children, trusted by parents to use a route with a safe crossing, who then see a quicker, but more dangerous route.  
Yours, John “

**...and comments from Peter Osborn (11 Feb)**

“Hugh - I saw the exhibition the first time it came to Cotgrave. I thought there was a lot in it for cyclists assuming that the promised provision is actually carried out. If the costs spiral out of control, then provision for non-motorised users is likely to be cut. It also affects Sustrans route 15, so hopefully Sustrans will be making suitable representation. On a more general note, the Government still does not understand that more roads simply means more traffic and congestion - just consider the Newbury bypass for example. The A46 "improvement" will cost an absolute fortune and lead to a further increase in CO2 emissions.  
Regards, Peter”

**...response from Patrick Davis (13 Feb)**

“Hello all

I visited the show at Newark on Saturday and was reasonably satisfied that, as roads go, this one is better than most at tackling severance. My remaining points relate to the convoluted bridge and ramps just north of Saxondale and arrangements near

Margidunum upon which I'm currently pondering the balance of my wording before committing.

Amen to Peter's incantation of the grand old "more roads, more congestion, more CO2" liturgy and again amen.

Patrick Davis  
Sustrans East Midlands  
tel. 0116 270 2905"

#### **A52 Toton Island changes**

Toucan crossings to help cyclists and pedestrians have been included in the plans about to go ahead at the A52 Toton Island, which include a new right-turn cut through for traffic coming from the M1 going towards Toton.

#### **9. Misc. items**

##### **Old bike recycling – message from Louise Barber via Peter Osborn and responses**

"May I suggest  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beeston\\_freecycle/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beeston_freecycle/) ?  
Steve Barber

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**From:** Hugh McClintock (Dell)  
[mailto:Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com]  
**Sent:** 11 February 2007 17:50  
**Subject:** Fw: Old bike  
Can anyone help please?  
Hugh

----- Original Message -----

**From:** peter.osborne@ouvip.com  
**To:** Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 11, 2007 5:46 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Old bike

Hugh - can you help on this one - or know anyone who can?  
Peter

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Louise Barber  
**To:** peter.osborne@ouvip.com ;  
osbone@quadrant.co.uk  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 11, 2007 1:20 PM  
**Subject:** Old bike

Hi Peter  
I've got an old bike I'd like to recycle. I can't remember where I scribbled your details from but it's been in my notebook for a few months now waiting for me to follow up the lead. Can you help? I live in Beeston, I think you're from Nottingham?  
Louise Barber

New CTC websites for potholes and other hazard reporting (from CTC Newsnet of 26.1.07)  
**"New sites will make roads and tracks a hole lot better"**

Two new online tools, which will help get potholes fixed and off-road trails cleared of obstructions, have been launched by CTC. Using the new system at [fillthathole.org.uk](http://fillthathole.org.uk) you can zoom into any road in the UK, mark the location of the defect, and let the authority know about it, which then has a duty to take action. It takes no longer than 2 minutes to use, and it's possible to include photos, measurements and other useful information, which other people will be able to see. A similar facility at [clearthattrail.org.uk](http://clearthattrail.org.uk) allows cyclists to report off-road obstructions. CTC Director Kevin Mayne said: "Potholes and other road

defects are more than just a nuisance; they're a danger to cyclists. Reporting problems like this can be a chore, but our online facility has made it quick and easy."

##### **.....comments from Andrew Martin (12 Feb):**

Hello All  
I would like to give a quick plug for the worthwhile Framework Bike Project which teaches homeless and unemployed folks to refurbish and maintain donated bikes. The participants are then encouraged to use and care for their adopted cycles. The coordinator is a wonderful man called AI who has gratefully received numerous rescued/abandoned bikes from me during the last two years.

Please contact AI at 36 Bentinck Road in Radford, tel. 841 7729

I am happy for my name to be mentioned, especially as I am so keen to rescue 'skipped' and otherwise discarded bicycles. Kind regards, and Viva La Velourion  
Andrew"

##### **...reminder from John Bannister about contact for the local Probation Service promoted scheme:**

"Andy Goulder,  
Unpaid work,  
National Probation Service Nottinghamshire,  
Traffic Street,  
NG2 1NU  
tel. 0115.956.0956  
They will provide bikes for those with good financial reason not to be able to afford to buy, and are also interested in old machines to renovate or cannibalise. John."

##### **CTC Climate Change and Cycling project; message from Adrian Dent, CTC, and response of 2 Feb. from Gary Smerdon-White, Ridewise.**

"Adrian  
I work for GNTP and am Chair of RideWise. I'm pretty new re the workings of CTC but we in Nottingham do seem to talk to a lot of you on a myriad of projects.

In Nottingham we have been working on an integrated transport communications programme for the last 5 years using the BigWheel brand. The BigWheel is quoted in best practice from the UN, EU and DfT. Cycling has played a larger role in recent years with similar messages to those Defra have suggested. We have had some thoughts around the concept of Champions – in Nottingham we have regular local 'celebrity' cyclists:-

- Paul Smith of fashion fame
- John White – Chair of Cleggs Construction Group and Business Link
- Loraine Porter Exec Director of the Broadway Media complex
- Alan Simpson Labour MP
- 2 Radio Nottingham presenters
- Etc etc etc

Could I suggest you talk to Lynn (the GNTP Marketing and Communications Manager about your ideas?  
Gary Smerdon-White

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**From:** Hugh McClintock (Dell)  
[mailto:Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com]

**Sent:** 30 January 2007 12:46  
**To:** Adrian Dent  
**Cc:** Lynn Hanna; Gary Smerdon-White; John Stubbs  
**Subject:** Re: CTC Climate Change Project and Cycling promotion  
Adrian  
Thanks for your message about what sounds a very interesting proposal.

I have not heard from Ian Gordon yet but will let you know when I do. I am not clear what you mean when you say that he is from "Nottingham and Derby Council" as both Nottingham and Derby have separate city councils. I have not come across any Ian Gordon from either Council as far as I can recall.  
Hugh

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Adrian Dent](mailto:Adrian.Dent)  
**To:** [Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com](mailto:Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2007 11:55 AM  
**Subject:** CTC Climate Change Project  
Hugh,  
I joined CTC in December as the project manager for the Defra funded Climate Change communication programme.

As you probably know, we are in the process of shooting a Cinema film/ commercial which we hope to show in June / July. Linked to this we also hope to work with local CTC groups to help communicate that Cycling is not only fun & good for you, but also good for the environment. Defra would like to use cyclists as champions of the cause to help raise consciousness about climate change and the role of transport choices = Cycling is a smart choice. Part of this will be an activation programme – probably a climate change cycling week. At the same time we hope to work closely with other Defra funded climate change projects to help each other raise our profile.

To this end I got a call this morning from Ian Gordon at Nottingham & Derby council. He wanted, to "bounce a couple of ideas" off his local cycling group; - Cherry Allan suggested I put him in contact with yourself. I hope this is Ok.

I hope to be putting my activation plans together over the next three or four weeks, so any thoughts / feedback you have from talking to Ian would be appreciated. Please give me a call.  
Adrian Dent  
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#### **Cyclists' fines (NEP article)**

"From the Nottingham Evening Post, 10th Feb:  
CYCLISTS WARNED OF FINES IN SHERWOOD  
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Cyclists are being warned to expect a £30 fine if they are caught cycling on a pavement.

Sherwood beat officer PC Darren Corbett says he will be clamping down on people caught pedalling on footpaths.

He said: "Last month I did a bit of a survey of how many people I could see riding on footpaths and found a lot of them were teenagers or adults.

"In the space of about ten minutes, I stopped three people.

"Some of them didn't have lights or even breaks, which is a bit worrying. One went through a red light."

Police across Notts have the power to issue the fines.

And PC Corbett says he is taking action as of next month and wants to warn people of the law.

This month, he has already issued three stop notices - they act as a warning to offenders who will be fined if they are caught again.

Most people were stopped in Mansfield Road.

"If there are small children cycling on the pavement who are not wearing a helmet, I will stop and ask them their name and address," added PC Corbett. "I would say anyone over the age of 11 needs to be riding on the road."

But the Cyclists Touring Club say other alternatives should be offered. Yannick Read, from the CTC, said: "We don't advocate cyclists being on the pavement, so we support enforcement of all traffic law. But we also ask that people understand why some people do cycle on the pavement.

"If that's because they lack the skills and confidence on what are sometimes busy roads, we think it would be a good idea for the police to recommend they take cycle training as an alternative to a fine."

Sherwood and Mapperley Neighbourhood Watch Association chairman Mike Douglas approves of the idea.

He said: "Something like cycling can be very dangerous as well. I remember a few years ago seeing a car pull out of Winchester Street car park and a cyclist went flying over the bonnet.  
"It would be nice if they obeyed traffic lights as well."

#### **...comments from Peter Osborn (11 Feb)**

"PC Corbett is right to enforce the law "against" errant cyclists. However, I do hope he can find time to deal with speeding, aggressive, drunk, disqualified, unlicensed, uninsured motorists as they drive their unroadworthy cars while using their mobile phones. Let's have traffic law enforcement for everyone.  
Regards, Peter"

#### **Forthcoming Living for Tomorrow magazine feature on Pedals**

On Tuesday 12 Feb I did an interview with Sarah Merry, one of the freelance journalists who writes for the Nottinghamshire Green Lifestyle magazine 'Living for Tomorrow'. The feature on Pedals should appear in their May issue.

I emphasised the various Pedals group activities over the years, and current issues, so I hope that it does not end up appearing mainly as yet another very unfortunate and thoroughly nauseating self-promotion exercise for me personally rather than a more balanced focus on Pedals as a whole!

#### **Department for Transport / Cycling England 'Mainstreaming Cycling' in-house professional**

**training sessions for Notts CC, late February and March**

Along with 5 other people from the Department for Transport / Cycling England 'Mainstreaming Cycling' team of people recruited to run in-house professional training on bicycle planning for local authorities I shall be involved in helping deliver some of about 10 modules spread over 4 days in the next few weeks. These are being coordinated by Claire Fleming of Notts CC with PTRC, a national firm of transport and planning conference organisers and trainers.

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