

AGENDA FOR PEDALS MEETING:
7.30 p.m. on
Monday 18 September 2006
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 Councillor Emma Dewinton,
Nottingham City Council
(7.30-8.30 p.m.)

(8.30-9 p.m.)
(10-minute break)
3. Minutes of Pedals meeting of 16 July and
matters arising including:-
 - City cycle map revision
 - Pedals trailer disposal
 - Pedals website updating
 - Cyclist access to Wollaton Park
4. Finance
5. East Midlands Regional Cycling Groups
meeting, Saturday 11 November, including
 - Programme, speakers and timing
 - Catering and numbers
 - Registration arrangements including
payment
 - Volunteers for meeting people,
organising cycle parking, and for
escorting people on the end of
afternoon ride
6. Other Events / meetings including:-
 - Report on 13 September Cycling and
Health meeting at GOEM
 - Stapleford Local Transport Forum,
Friday 20th October,
 - CTC Social Evening, Wed 15 November
 - Message of 26 July from Chris Allsop,
Wilford Summer Event 2007- 1 July
7. Cycle facility and traffic matters including:-
 - A453 widening meeting, 22 October
 - Improving cycle route signing in The
Meadows; request for suggestions
 - Matters arising from minutes of Notts
CC Cycling Working Group, 7
September
 - Beeston contraflow cycle lane
 - Beeston cycle lockers
 - Weir Field, Beeston
 - Bridge over canal, Beeston Rylands
 - Environment Agency Flood Alleviation
Scheme for Left Bank of the River Trent.
 - Master list of possible cycling
improvements in Gedling Borough (for
next CWG meeting)
 - Sustrans Connect 2 Project bid
 - Notts CC Highway Design and Road
Safety Scrutiny Committee Review:
invitation to Pedals to make
representations to meetings on 9
October and 6 November
8. Autumn newsletter: contributions and timing
9. Miscellaneous items including
 - fines for cyclists not having bells
10. Any other business

BACKGROUND NOTES

* means feedback especially wanted
please

** means help please!

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies for absence from

Bill Istead, Mara Ozolins, John Wilson, ?Lawrence
Geary,

**2. Discussion with Councillor Emma Dewinton,
Nottingham City Council
(7.30-8.30 p.m.)**

As background for our discussion I have sent Emma
a copy of the questions we discussed last November
with Councillor Brian Grocock and the written
response we then received.

**3. Minutes of the Pedals Meeting Held 17th July
2006 at the Globe.**

Present: Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, Peter
Osborne, Chris Gardner, David Miller, Lawrence
Geary, John Bannister, Arthur Williams & John Park.

Apologies for absence: Bill Istead, Andrew Martin,
Mara Ozolins, John Wilson, Roy Wilson and Jamie
Fletcher.

Trailer. Peter Osborne and Chris Gardner to retrieve
and sort out contents of the trailer over the summer.

Asda at Hyson Green: A cycle event was held here
on July 12th. The Ridewise stall was manned by
Susan and Hugh. John and Pippa Hand did a Dr.
Bike.

City Maps. A profitable meeting was held on July 4th
about updating these maps.

East Midlands Cycling Groups Meeting. Pedals is
hosting the next meeting at the Globe on November
11th. Details will be finalised over the next few
months. It is envisaged that there will be short
informal presentations and discussions. A buffet will
be provided at a modest cost.

Finance. Another cheque for £1000 has been
received from Nelsons for the next three issues.

David Miller has received a cheque for £300 in
connection with the Jack Taylor cycle shop that
closed in West Bridgford about five years ago. Most
standing orders are in now. Sue requires another
cosignature for issuing cheques.

Autumn and Winter Meetings. In accordance with
Pedals' efforts to cultivate local politicians, Emma
Dewinton will give a short presentation at
September's meeting.

Midland Mainline Cycle Policy. Hugh to make a
response to this by August 6th.

Canal Towpath. There are ongoing problems with drunks and overgrown vegetation.

Carrington Street. Major changes are due for this in 2007.

Bollards on Queen's Bridge Road. These are going to be fixed.

Beeston High Road East Contraflow Cycle Lane. Generally this is OK. There is some parking in the cycle lane. Construction work is still to finish.

Update:

Bike trailer – message from Chris Gardner to Peter Osborne (25 August)

"Pete,

You may remember that I mentioned my Uncle might be interested in the trailer and now that he has had chance to have a look at it whilst on his postal rides he would like to make Pedals an offer of £50. He also said that now he has started cycling again he may be willing to lend it back to Pedals on the few occasions a year if needed, although he said it might be a different colour and reinforced to carry something heavier; he obviously has some plans :-)

Let me know if this is an option that Pedals would consider.
cheers, Chris"

...and response from Peter:

"Chris - this sounds like an excellent solution to the trailer problem. We can discuss it at the next Pedals meeting (which I think will be Sept 18th). I'm sure there would be agreement on this. Then there is the small matter of disposing all the tools.....
Regards, Peter"

East Midlands new rail franchise and cycling

After further consultation with Dave Holladay, CTC Public Transport Campaigner, I decided that it was best to leave the detailed response to him.

City cycle maps revision

Having strongly recommended to Steve Brewer and Ged Newton that they contact Roger Codling to tap his unrivalled detailed knowledge of (the north side of) Nottingham to help ensure that the new cycle maps are error free I have recently gathered from Roger that they have still not been in touch with him! However, Steve has now told me that they will be in touch with Roger shortly.

Fairham Brook cycle path (Silverdale-Clifton)

I had a useful meeting with John Lee about this and the problems that the new barriers have caused. I have pointed him in the direction in the useful advice about barriers from Sustrans.

Cyclist access to Wollaton Park – copy of message of 8 August from Angela Gilbert:

"Dear Hugh,
I sincerely hope you are enjoying your "retirement" and getting plenty of cycle miles under your belt.

You may recall that I had communication with the City Council about cycle access to Wollaton Park at the main entrance on Wollaton Road, airing my concerns about the cattle grids and parallel humps.

Bob Chaffin's reply is attached and whilst I appreciate the point he is putting forward, overall I find his reply rather unsatisfactory. Not only is "use the pedestrian gate" not a safe option for cyclists or adjacent pedestrians, access to the pedestrian gates is not straightforward from the road and will invariably entail cycling on the footpath. In fact on exit that involves cycling over the car park, bumping up the kerb and cycling the length of the road on the footpath.

I understand his concerns about escaping deer but surely deer would not carefully pick their way over a 12" cycle track if one were put down alongside the cattle grid.

I welcome the suggestion of moving the humps away from the grid but really I can't see the point of the humps at all. At the moment traffic slows over the humps in first gear but then accelerates away, hardly the desired effect from a safety point of view. I also see children on bicycles playing over the humps and grid, over and over, which they seem to think is great fun.

Hugh, I wonder if Pedals could take this up on my behalf please or offer advice how I can take this further? I feel I am one lone voice yet there are many many cyclists who use Wollaton Park for their daily commute.
Many thanks, Angela"

...Letter from Bob Chaffin, City Council, 7 August

"Dear Mrs Gilbert
WOLLATON PARK

May I apologise for the oversight in not responding earlier to your concerns regarding the cattle grids at Wollaton Park.

As you will appreciate the City Council has a duty to ensure that the Deer do not escape from the park as they pose a danger to traffic and to health and safety, hence the introduction of cattle grids at the entrance and exit gates on Wollaton Road. As you will be aware, cattle grids are an established means of preventing escape in Parks and rural areas.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to move the fencing back as the Deer can then escape. Earlier this year on three occasions when pedestrians have moved the barriers back deer have escaped from the Park and therefore the fencing has now been secured in position whilst we await permanent fencing. Likewise it is not possible to provide a path around the grids as this will also provide an escape route for the Deer

With regard to the speed humps these are necessary to slow the traffic down to traverse the grids at the correct speed. We will however be moving the humps slightly away from the grids to allow for momentum to be maintained.

I understand your concerns however, as you will be aware, with the exception of the vehicle entrances all other gates are used by both pedestrians and cyclists and this has been the case for many years and I am not aware of any difficulties being encountered.

With regard to the main vehicle entrances, new signs will be installed shortly advising cyclists to dismount

and use the pedestrian gates. Whilst this may be slightly inconvenient, it will I feel provide a practical option to the situation and will enable cyclists to access the park but also ensure that the Deer cannot escape.

Thank you for taking the time to write with your concerns.

Yours sincerely, R Chaffin
Service Manager Arts & Events
Acting General Manager Wollaton Park”

Pedals website updating – message of 11 Sept. from Alistair Morgan

“With regards to the website, I've tried a few times to contact Dave Silvester who had offered us some help. However, I've not had any response (which didn't seem like him). I had a quick look at his own private and business websites and those don't seem to have been updated for quite a while, so I'm wondering if he's done something like go travelling.

Consequently, I've had a hunt over the internet for website development software. The software I've currently got is really aimed at professional developers which makes it a bit harder to use.

So I've just ordered some software which is supposed to include template and example websites which you can customise and build upon. It's aimed much more at the non-professional developer, which should be fine for me to work from. I'm going to have a look at this and see what it allows me to produce.

With regards to the offer of advice if needed from Alan Odell, that is much appreciated. However, from the point of view of the code itself for a simple website, I don't think that's such an issue for me. I've a basic understanding of HTML.

The problem for me was/is one of graphic design to get the site looking good. Dave has these skills as well as the developer skills, which was why I jumped at his original offer. Once designed, images produced and easier structure to maintain than we've currently got, I would have been happy with that.

Anyway, once I've got this software over the next couple of weeks (it's being sent to my Nottingham address), I'll have a play with it and see what I can produce from the templates/examples. regards, Alistair”

4. Finance

Susan Young to report.

5. East Midlands Regional Cycling Groups meeting, Saturday 11 November

We need to finalise the programme so that we can email out details and start to encourage people to register.

In July we discussed the idea of a programme with 3 speakers, i.e. myself doing a bit of background about Pedals and our current concerns, an update from Bella Stewart of Derby City Council on the Cycle

Derby Project, and someone from Midland Main Line on bike and rail issues.

Since then I have had further thoughts and exchanges of emails with John Stubbs, Chair of the Derby Cycling Group and Convenor of the East Midlands Cycling Forum and am now inclined, if people agree, to drop the third speaker idea. The reasons for this are a) because it is now only just over a year until MML's franchise runs out and is replaced by the new franchise for railways in the East Midlands (new franchise holder not yet known, of course) and because the key body to influence in terms of bikes on rail policy is now DfT Rail, i.e. it is really a national issue that, I suggest, is best left to the national CTC/CCN cycle campaigners' conference.

I therefore suggest that we have just the two speaker slots (of 20-25 minutes each, plus 10-15 minutes for discussion), followed by an hour or so for lunch (where informal discussion can continue). After lunch we can have general forum discussion for 45-60 minutes, followed by, for those who want, a guided ride for 1-2 hours, timed to finish just before it gets dark (c 5 p.m. at that time of year). Those who don't want to stay for the ride can then leave for the station or wherever directly after lunch, i.e. the order of the ride and the final discussion would be reversed from the way the initial event in Derby in May was organised

Exact timing will also need to take account of

- a) the times of the main trains arriving in Nottingham between 10-11 from Leicester, Derby, Lincoln etc. and allowing time to guide people from the station to the pub and secure their bikes
- b) what allowance we want to make for the fact that this day is Remembrance Day and the national two minute silence at 11.00
- c) Just how long The Glob PH think they will need to layout and serve lunch, which will have to be in the same room as our meeting. We should be able to reduce the time for this if people have signified their preference for the menu in advance and paid up when the register.

What do people think about this suggested timing? I would now like to finalise the programme.

Allowing space for catering I am inclined to suggest that we limit numbers to 50, if people agree.*

We will need volunteers please for

- a) meeting people at the Station and escorting them to the pub
- b) helping them secure their bikes
- c) keeping an eye on parked bikes during the meeting.
- d) escorting people on the guided ride later in the afternoon (I will suggest a route for this)

Any other comments please?*

6. Other Forthcoming meetings / events

13 September: Cycling and Health meeting at GOEM (Government Office for the East Midlands)

I shall at our meeting report on this meeting, being organised by Helen Ross of Nottingham PCT, Mike Hewitt and Dale Oscrift of GOEM and David Hern of the East Midlands Regional Assembly, with the

involvement of Adrian Davis, a very pro cycling health and transport consultant from Bristol. The agenda is:-

Agenda

- 1 Introductions – Dale Ocroft, GOEM
- 2 Proposal for a Regional Cycling and Health Group - Sarah Bowles

Draft Aims

- 1 To gather existing East Midlands and national evidence and improve the evidence base, for the impact of cycling on a) health & well being and b) modal shift and produce a best practice document.
 - 2 To inform Government Depts – including Transport & Health on; -
 - a) how best to increase cycling in the EM.
 - b) how local authorities & health in the EM can work together to increase cycling
 - 3 to measure increased physical activity through cycling to work (gap in Active People Survey).
 - 4 Identify ways of supporting increased cycling within Health & Transport Plans and Local Area Agreements in the EM.
 - 5 Develop ideas for pilot projects that meet NICE guidance
- 3 View of Cycling England – Adrian Davis
 - 4 Discussion
 - 1 Future of group and suggested representation
 - 2 To agree way forward
 - 3 Resources – requirement and availability
 - 4 Need for Terms of Reference
 - 5 Future meetings
 - 5 Any other business

19 September; opening of new cycle link at NEMA

I have been invited to the official opening (and reception) of a new cycle link at Nottm East Midlands Airport. I thought that accepting might help to encourage their interest in supporting our case for good cycling provision in the A453 widening scheme.

21 September: Workshop to exchange experience of bicycle planning in the UK and the Netherlands

I have been invited to this workshop in London, organised by the Dutch Embassy and followed by a reception at the residence of the Dutch Ambassador.

Stapleford Local Transport Forum, Friday 20th October, 10.00

Can anyone go to this please, in the Stapleford Library?*

CTC/YHA Shining Cliff Youth Hostel Weekend (20/21 October) – message of 11 Sept from Cathy Melia:

“Calling all potential cyclists/youth hostellers...!

Shining Cliff youth hostel is a small traditional self-catering hostel not far from Matlock, Derbyshire (it is close to Ambergate railway station). It is only normally available as “Rent a Hostel”, so not easy to visit on your own. Notts CTC (Cyclists’ Touring Club) and the YHA Nottingham Outdoor Group have booked the hostel for exclusive use for two nights, Fri 20th and Sat 21st Oct 06. The cost is only £19.50 per person for both Fri & Sat nights. You do not need to be a member of the YHA.

A group will be cycling across to the hostel from Nottm during Friday daytime, although you could ride/drive or train assist to the hostel after work on Friday. On Saturday there will be opportunities to go cycling or walking. On Sunday, there will be a cycle ride back to Nottm or you can make your own way home.

There are currently **4 spaces** left for the weekend and we would like to book these as soon as possible! If you are interested, or want to know more details, then please contact the organiser, Jonathan Challis directly, details:
e-mail: ChallisJ@Tesco.net
Mobile: 07771 815411

Please pass on to anyone you think might be interested.
Cheers, Cathy”

CTC Social Evening, Wed 15 November (message forwarded by Andrew Martin, 4 Sept)

“----- Forwarded message follows -----

From: "David Griffiths"
<David.Griffiths@bridgford.plus.com>
To: "Andrew Martin"
<andrew@veggies.org.uk>
Subject: Pedals / CTC Social Evening
Date sent: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 09:37:56 +0100
Keywords:
Hi Andrew

As discussed yesterday, it would be really good if you could help to get our November social evening publicised amongst the local Pedals membership.

Apart from any general interest in the story telling etc, the fundraising for the Cyclists’ Defence Fund could well appeal to some Pedals members and actually it would be quite nice to encourage a bit of mixing between the two groups. The Rock Lounge can accommodate up to 40 people, so I don’t think that we need to worry about being too successful in our efforts.

Below, for your information, I’ve provided the details which will appear in the next Cyclonda. However, to help you further, I’ve also provided something that could possibly go in the Pedals Newsletter. I’ll leave it to you to fine tune things to what you feel might be appropriate. Thanks for offering to do this and maybe you could let me know how you get on.
Regards, Dave Griffiths”

CTC Social Evening - in aid of the Cyclists’ Defence Fund - 7.30pm onwards, > Weds 15th Nov ’06

> Notts CTC are holding a Social Evening with a difference in November. Its
> aim is to raise money for the Cyclists’ Defence Fund which is currently
> funding an appeal in a court case of great importance to all cyclists. The
> event will take place in the Rock Lounge at The

Trip To Jerusalem, from
 > 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th November. One of the CTC's local members is both a
 > founder and performer with the Nottingham Storytellers, who perform
 > regularly at the Trip, and he has offered to keep everyone amused with a mix
 > of stories and other entertainment. There will be two story telling
 > sessions, each of between 45 minutes and an hour, with the first performance
 > commencing at 8pm and a break of about 30 minutes between performances.
 > Entry will cost £2 on the night, but all proceeds will be donated to the
 > Cyclists' Defence Fund.
 >
 > This event promises to be great fun, as well as offering an opportunity to
 > support a really worthwhile charity and even to mix with some other cyclists
 > for a change.

CCN/CTC Autumn Cycle Campaigners Conference, Sat 21 November
 Will be in Cheltenham. Details later.

Message of 26 July from Chris Allsop, Wilford – Wilford Summer Event 2007- 1 July
 "Hi there.
 Yes, you read the subject correctly, 2007!, We are organised here at the Wilford Community Group (WCG).

I am sure that you are familiar with Wilford just South of the river Trent in Nottingham, but you will not know that for 2007, we are planning our very first Summer Fête. This all takes a lot of organising and planning, and hence this email well in advance.

I have come across your details on the internet, thanks to a friend of mine who mentioned your group, and we would like to invite you to join us at our Summer Event 2007, on July 1st.

The event will encompass a lot of subjects, from craft, to Fun and games, with a good community based feel, and we would like your group to join in and have a stall. You can use the stall for whatever purpose you wish, to highlight a particular course, to recruit new people to your group, a tombola for charity, it's your stall, and your decision. The WCG do not intend to make any money from the event, it is being organised purely to entertain locals, and to bring in people from further afield, therefore the pitch fee will be very small. We have not yet decided how much, but I do not see it being more than £20, and I am going to suggest to the WCG board that for local charities, and local good will groups such as yourselves, that the fee should be even less.

Because there is so long to go before the big day, details are still a little patchy, but we have secured Heart106FM Radio station for the day, and have a dozen or so companies already lined up to participate, from Children's Face painting, Bouncy Castles & Organic Fruit & Veg.

All of the member of the WCG have their own full time day jobs, or are retired, and as such, we like to communicate by email, so we can send out and pick up responses whenever we are available. We would appreciate it if you could email back ASAP.

Many thanks
 Chris Allsopp, WCG"

Do I assume that we will be as hard pressed to respond to this request for a stall as we have been with all similar requests this year?*

7. Traffic management / cycle facility matters:

Legal case concerning cyclist fined for using road instead of cycle track:

"From: ccnexchange@yahoogroups.com
 [mailto:ccnexchange@yahoogroups.com]
 On Behalf Of John Franklin
 Sent: 09 August 2006 09:54

Please read and publicise
<http://www.cyclenetwork.org.uk/latest/latestj.html#latest2.html#telford>
 concerning the case of a cyclist who has been fined for using a road instead of a cycle track.
 John Franklin

Carlton Street-Victoria Street (Hockley) (copy of message of 14 August from Chris Dixon to Steve Brewer)

"Steve,
 I hope you can reassure me that cyclists are not being ignored again by NCC Highways in the current works in Hockley.

The route into town up Goosegate > Carlton Street > Victoria Street is a designated cycle route which was blighted last year by the un-joined-up thinking of NCC Highways who introduced a one-way restriction to the short section between George Street and Victoria Street, without marking a contraflow lane for cycles. Cyclists have of course continued to use this route into town despite being cut-up daily by oncoming bus drivers who now assume they have the whole road.

I see from the contractor's markings on the road that the carriageway is now about to be reduced in width, again without any apparent thought for cyclists for whom it will be impossible to navigate this short section alongside an oncoming bus swinging round to get into George Street. This is despite any apparent logic - the pavement outside Sonny's restaurant is already massive and is being extended further.

I know that Pedals have spoken to NCC on many occasions to try and remedy this foul-up and it's about time it was sorted out. The route appears on the city's maps as a cycle route after all!
 Regards, Chris Dixon"
mr.chrisdixon@googlemail.com

PS. Having now had a chance to visit the site again in the light of Chris' message I think it is premature to raise further concerns about this scheme construction of which is still at a very early stage. We made our concerns about the original proposals quite clear earlier in the year and the City Council did agree to various changes in the light of them.

A453 widening proposals: message from Colin Shields, White Young Green, Leicester

"Dear Sir/Madam,
 As you may be aware White Young Green is working as Designer on the A453 widening scheme for Laing

O'Rourke Civil Engineering Ltd. The Highway Agency have appointed Laing O'Rourke as the contractor for the scheme.

We are currently reviewing the scheme in respect of pedestrian, cyclist and equestrian (Non-Motorised User) facilities, and propose to hold a focus group the week commencing Monday 2nd October to discuss issues relating to Non-Motorised Users. As a stakeholder we would like to invite you to attend a focus group and would be very grateful if you could confirm your availability and preferred date by return e-mail. The final details, including venue and times, will be confirmed by letter in due course.

Regards,
Colin Shields
Technical Director
White Young Green
0116 234 8000"

PS The meeting is now due to be held on 2 October, I understand. Our recent pressure on the need for good standard provision seems to be starting to bear some fruit.

Improving cycle route signing in The Meadows – copy of my message of 8 September to Cathy Melia, Graham Lansdell and Dave Clark:

"Dear all,

This morning I had a meeting with Kerry Haley from the City Council who has been asked by Steve Brewer to help him in producing a detailed list of improvements to cycle route signing in The Meadows.

Since so many such signs in The Meadows have gone missing over the years, or at least have been vandalised and loosened, and have not been repaired or replaced, I know that there are many defects. I pointed out to her examples of many locations where signs have gone missing and been reported, often several times but still no action has been taken. I therefore emphasised the need both for these locations to be sorted out and for much more attention in future to making signs vandal-resistant and more secure.

To help Kerry with this task I agreed that I would raise the matter at the next Pedals meeting, on Monday week, and ask people to let me have detailed comments and suggestions. To help get this process underway I thought I would send this message now to you all, in view of your detailed local knowledge.

Please therefore let me have your suggestions as soon as convenient,
Hugh"

Bader Road, Wilford cycle link proposal to Gresham Park – message of 28 July from Jonathan Shewell-Cooper

"Hugh,

I have at last tracked down a copy of the plans for the cycle and footpaths for the Gresham Park development - thanks to Susan Harley at Rushcliffe development.

They may be subject to change - M. Green at Notts Council is looking at that. Plus there are still some reserved matters to be looked at.

However the key bit is that the North South cycle

path will run parallel to the railway line past were my suggests path from Bader road would intersect it. This means there would be no (minimal) work on the county side of the boundary - we would just have to persuade the city council.

Anything pedals can do to help would be gratefully received.

regards, Jonathan"

Message of 7 August from Patrick Davis, Sustrans East Midlands re Gresham Park and flood defence improvements between Wilford and Rivermead Flats etc.

"Hugh

Many thanks for your advice.

I've been talking with Notts about Gresham Park and hope to be able to offer a Links to School grant to help with lighting the new flood bank, not least as part of NCN15 and the 3 Cities Cycling Project. A good set of associated links across Gresham Park is also intended plus expanded cycle parking at Emmanuel School.

With all best wishes.

Patrick Davis
Sustrans East Midlands"

Bicycle facilities at Holme Pierrepont – message of 31 July from Alan Odell:

"Hi Hugh,

I've been doing more cycling in recent times and I just want to relay something that happened at the weekend. My wife was running in the "Race for Life" at Holme Pierrepont on Sunday and we decided to cycle (not far) from our home in Edwalton. There's a nice quiet route via the Grantham Canal and the cycle path along Regatta Way. However, we were amazed that the National Water Sports Centre had no cycle racks and we ended up locking my wife's bike to a convenient lamp post - not the sort of facility we expected at all!

I wonder if your organisation could ask the Centre to consider putting some cycle facilities near the main centre.

[I'm doing some part-time work at Trent Bridge cricket ground. I must check out their cycle facilities!]

Cheers, Alan

Alan Odell

10 Saunton Close, Edwalton"

Improving cycle facilities – Weir Field, Beeston (copy of message of 17 August from Robin Phillips):

"Dear Hugh, Steve, and South Notts Highways,
Please pass this suggestion on if you are not the appropriate person to handle it.

One the Weir Fields recreation ground, Beeston, close to Beeston Lock on the Beeston Canal, there have recently been some (welcome) repairs of the path surface, which leads from the Meadow Lane Bridge to the Lock on the SOUTH side of the canal.

I noticed also that an outdoor picnic table has recently been placed on the grassy area nearby.

I would like to suggest, as this is a popular area used by young people, walkers, and ramblers, that it would be good to install a couple of Sheffield stands so that

bikes could be left safely which the owner is involved in games.
Best wishes, Robin."

Bridge over Beeston canal (copy of message of 17 August from Robin Phillips):

"Dear Hugh and Steve,
If this is better handled by someone else please feel free to pass it on!

At the bottom end of meadow Road Beeston, where it meets the Beeston Canal, there is a hump-backed bridge paved with largish granite setts, and beyond it one can turn either left (towards Nottingham along the towpath) or right (towards Beeston Lock and the Marina.

I would like to suggest two things:

- 1) The setts on the bridge are so large and the hump so high that going over the bridge is much more of a problem for cyclists than it would be if the setts were smaller and less bumpy.
- 2) It is very difficult. if you go over the bridge and try to turn right, to avoid falling off, as the footpath going west could do with a sharp camber to take the right turn safely.

Best wishes, Robin."

Road repairs on Queen's Road, Beeston (copy of message of 17 August from Robin Phillips):

"Dear Hugh and Ian,
I imagine you share my disappointment at the very poor state of the road surface on Queen's Road, Beeston, which had a complete re-surfacing only 2 or 3 years ago.

1) On the "south" or east side of the westbound carriageway, after you pass the Beacon Road turnoff but just before you come to Humber Road, there is an area of very rough surface, where it appears a repair has been unfinished. Clearly the wire scouring machines which are run over the surface before major laying of tarmac have been used, but the surface has not been made good. The area is about 2 or 3 metres long and probably not more than 1 metre wide, but along with rainwater gully covers it is no help to the cyclist, and should never have been left in this state.

2) All along the Queens Road on the westbound carriageway, mostly between Tattershall Drive and Station Road, I am conscious that at regular intervals the tarmac is cracked right across to the centre of the road, presumably at the end of each underlying concrete slab. I suppose tar-banding at these points would help to prevent further deterioration in the winter frosts, but I am really surprised at the number of cracks and holes that are developing. I wonder, does the Transportation section monitor the performance of re-surfaced roads, with a view to selecting the most reliable contractors in the future?

3) You gather that I have noticed a fair number of

faults in this area, and I could enumerate them if you feel it would be helpful.

If Ian is not the right person to handle complaints for this area, perhaps he would be kind enough to pass it to the appropriate person?
Many thanks, Robin."

Beeston cycle lockers – message from Steve Barber (forwarded to Ed Ducker)

"Ed
Do you know about this? Why is this being done and what replacements are proposed?
Hugh

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

From: BARBER, Stephen

To: hugh.mcclintock@ntlworld.com

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 4:42 PM

Subject: Cycle lockers

I don't know if you are aware that they propose to remove the cycle lockers from Beeston station. We shall be making representations about this.

On this subject Nick is keen to see more cycle lockers throughout the Borough and has the support of at least one prospective Council candidate! You clearly have views – any pointers and help as to preferred design and costs?

*Steve Barber
Caseworker for Dr. Nick Palmer MP
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Nottingham
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fax 0115 943 1244"*

...reply of 4 September from Ed Ducker and my comments to Steve Barber on this:-

"Dear all,
I will discuss this further with Ed Ducker at the County Council's Cycle Working Group meeting on Thursday and also raise it at the next Pedals meeting on Monday 18th.

Thanks, Steve, for bringing this to my attention.

Other suggestions for cycle lockers in Beeston are welcome. I know that Dave Holladay at CTC HQ in Guilford is a great fount of knowledge on types and costs, and that he emphasises the importance of maintenance and management of cycle lockers being given as much attention as initial provision.
Hugh

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

From: Edward Ducker

To: Hugh McClintock

Sent: Monday, September 04, 2006 8:43 AM

Subject: Re: Fw: Cycle lockers in Beeston

Hugh,
This is the first I've heard of this.
This seems a real shame - I'd be happy to support you/ others in any discussions with the station to try to reverse the decision to remove them.
Regards, E Ducker

...and message from Paul Hillier, Notts CC, 8 March

"Hugh,
I'm very sorry to report that, contrary to the comments made by Central Trains at our meeting

with them in August, they have now decided to remove the lockers "as they are a security risk under the Transec security arrangements." Central Trains have no date for this as yet.

This was the first I had heard of it and is very disappointing. I will contact our design team to ask them to identify a location as part of our environmental improvement scheme where they can be relocated. Unfortunately, this scheme is a longer term project so, unless we can create an about-turn, Beeston will be sans lockers for a few years.
Paul Hillier
Local Transport Plan Officer (Greater Nottingham)
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...comments from Dave Holladay, CTC Public Transport Campaigner (17 Sept):

"spoke to my contact at DfT Transec and Beeston is not a seriously rated security site. He is happy to talk to a relevant person on their advice on cycle parking and security at stations – they don't like operators using 'security issues' as an excuse as it effectively devalues any really important security regime, by making every restriction 'just another security measure'.

Rather than broadcast every detail here and start a flood of e-mails perhaps we can narrow down the person to deal with and simplify the issues before we bring in Transec.

Since this is also a Nottingham group do note that the National Express franchise team, is on tour, and in Nottingham on Wednesday 13th (pm) I don't have anyone covering this meeting yet for cycling issues so if you do know of anyone e-mail me..

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...copy of message of 11 September from Paul Hillier (Notts CC) Nigel Carlisle (Central Trains)

"Hello Nigel,
it appears that the decision to remove the cycle lockers at Beeston station has not proved popular. It appears that someone at DfT Transec is happy to discuss the issue with whichever colleague of yours took the decision. Would it be possible for you to contact Dave Holladay (see below) to set something up?

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...and from Steve Barber (11 Sept)

"I've contacted Central trains today and they now seem to be back-peddalling a bit on this. I've re-stressed how unpopular this is. They are to advise me as to their precise intentions "soon".
Steve Barber
Caseworker for Dr. Nick Palmer MP"

Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme for Left Bank of the River Trent.

Responses this were due by 25 August when I was still away so I sent in a few comments on my return, with apologies. In these I emphasised the need for cycle access as well as upgraded footpaths to be fully considered in the detailed scheme being proposed for Sawley, Trent Meadows, Attenborough, The Meadows and Colwick etc.

Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Review – message of 11 September from Martin Gately (Notts CC)

"Mr McClintock,
Nottinghamshire County Council has recently set up a Select Committee to conduct a review of Highways and road safety issues. The purpose of the review is to gather evidence and then make robust recommendations leading to service improvement.

The Chair of the committee (Councillor Joan Taylor) has asked me to try to arrange representation from PEDALS at a future meeting of the committee (forthcoming dates are 9 October and 6 November at 10:30 am and take place at County Hall).

I'd be most grateful if you could ring me to discuss the matter further.

Best regards,
Martin Gately
Scrutiny Officer
Nottinghamshire County Council
0115 977 2826"

Minutes of County Council Cycle Working Group meeting on 7 September (compiled by Ed Ducker).

A few points to emphasise in these:-

- Kerbs are to be installed on the new contraflow cycle lane in Beeston High Road to discourage driver parking
- Detailed suggestions for improving cycling in Gedling Borough are to be highlighted in discussion at the next meeting. Nick Hynes has given me a few ideas already but other comments would be very welcome please!*
- We need to do more to highlight the issue of maintenance of off-road cycle paths and especially the poor state of the riverside path between Trent side (West Bridgford) and The Hook, Ladybay, which much needs widening as well as repair.
- The next meeting will be on 11 January.

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**Cycle Working Group (South)
Thursday 7th September 2**

1. Attendees:

Hugh McClintock
Roger Codling
Patrick Davis
David Berry
Paul Hillier
Jarek Bien
Ed Ducker (chair)
Yvette Dean (minutes)

Pedals
CTC
Sustrans
Rushcliffe Borough Cc
Nottinghamshire Cour
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Apologies

Robin Phillips
Jeremy Dixon

Pedals
AMScott

Nicola Jones
Peter Jarman
Trevor Lane
Steve Brewer

Sustrans
Nottinghamshire County Council
Broxtowe Borough Council
Nottingham City Council

Action

2. **Previous Minutes** – accepted as a true record

3. **County Council Issues**

a)

Schemes 06/07

Area Wide Cycle Parking

JB reported that there are approx 13-14 sites at present. ED had been asked by Broxtowe Borough Council for any spare funding so that they put some stands on their parks. ED to pass details to JB.

ED

Cropwell Bishop Cycle Parking

ED reported that 1 to 2 are to be put in outside the Post Office. Another proposed would be on Parish Council land – this is to be discussed at their meeting next week and ED will report back with their decision at the next meeting of this group.

b)

Future Schemes

Watnall Road – Phase 2 – west side to Ruffs Lane
Jacobs Babbie are currently designing.

Bramcote Avenue/Chilwell Lane

Jacobs Babbie are reviewing the original plans and updating. PH scheme layout to finalise when complete.

ED

Area Wide Signing Upgrades

JB reported that there are currently 2 schemes – Compton Acres to Dovecote Lane via Robinet Road in Beeston. HMCc asked JB for full details of schemes to be brought to next meeting.

Watnall Road, Hucknall – Phase 1

ED reported that the incorrect tactile paving had been used, however, PH has issued a brief to Highways for improvements. There are no major safety concerns and therefore it will not be replaced. ED stated that the completion of this phase would possibly be within the next month.

City Road, Beeston

PH has issued a brief to Highways for improvements. There are no major safety concerns and therefore it will not be replaced. ED stated that the completion of this phase would possibly be within the next month.

JB

Dovecote Lane, Beeston

PH reported that the design work has been completed. There are also proposals to redevelop the Island Avenue site. Any alterations to the controlled crossing to move it westwards will only take place once this development is underway.

Bingham – Phase 2

Jacobs Babbie currently designing The Banks/ Grantham Road scheme to discuss issues over Thackerays Lane/ A60 junction.

Gedling – Arno Vale Road/Thackerays Lane

ED to meet with Jacobs Babbie in the next couple of weeks to discuss issues over Thackerays Lane/ A60 junction. PH stated that with regard to Mansfield Road he will speak with the Environment Agency regarding permission for cycle route to be routed across forecourt to link the scheme to the A60 bus lane. This will be done once the current design has been built.

Plains Road, Mapperley

PH reported that he was unsure who was responsible for maintenance of the National Cycle route. There is an alternative Wilford link that will be built further north however. PH stated that the preliminary inspections of the bridge shows that they are currently suitable for trams and therefore need no extra work to enable the under pass to be used for a cycle route.

Green Swathe

It was reported that Gedling Borough Council have received a number of objections to the second phase of this scheme and this is now on hold indefinitely.

c)

Borough cycle route ‘masterplanning’ exercises

ED stated that he would like to establish a masterplan for all proposed routes across the borough per meeting following the next meeting and subsequently one borough per meeting following the next meeting.

Gresham Park/Wilford Lane

ED to circulate a plan of the routes to all. NCC are reluctant to adopt the existing riverside part of the route as this is not officially cycleway and is off highway. PH to ask Right of Way team to investigate status and ownership of footpath past the existing school and obtain permission to use as a cycle path. Residents of Rivermead flats have asked that the route be lit. It is unlikely that NCC can provide lighting at the moment, however discussions will take place with the Environment Agency. HMCc stated that Wilford residents have asked for direct access across to Wilford under an old railway bridge to Bader Road. This can only be done when the west side path on Gresham is built, which may be during NET Phase 2 rather than during this development. There is an alternative Wilford link that will be built further north however. PH stated that the preliminary inspections of the bridge shows that they are currently suitable for trams and therefore need no extra work to enable the under pass to be used for a cycle route.

4. **District Council Issues**

PH

Hemphill Vale – former railway line route

ED read Pete Jarman’s comments to the meeting – planning permission has been granted and this work should be completed by end of 2006/07 financial year. Suitable crossings to be provided at Low Wood Road and Watnall Road, with work being carried out on Watnall Road first.

5. **City Council Issues**

Trunk Road Issues

HMCc asked if this would connect with Phoenix Park. ED suggested that he and PH meet with the City Council in the near future to discuss this possibility and other cross boundary cycling issues.

6. **Trunk Road Issues**

Trent Valley Greenway

It was reported that Rights of Way and Derbyshire Council also currently have a route ED to obtain further details of route from Rights of Way and bring information to next meeting.

Bardills Island (A52)

Signs with WNFWD provision proposed at all arms of the roundabout to next meeting.

consider a possible link North to Stapleford.

Wheatcroft Island, West Bridgford

Proposals for upgrading the underpass for cycle/pedestrian use.

Work on the central reservation are currently being carried out. Land owner has agreed in principle to the underpass being used. HMCC requested a more detailed update once available.

Whatton

JD to consult all cycle groups on plans in the near future

JD

Gamston crossing – Grantham Canal to toucan

ED stated that all stickers had gone up and there had been no complaints. Jeremy had not heard from British Waterways and they failed to attend the meeting previously arranged.

PH to discuss with Ian Parker the possibility of a footpath.

HMCC asked if a detailed map of the area could be provided.

DB to investigate possibility of updating existing map. ED advised that NCC could investigate assisting the funding of a new Rushcliffe map.

PH

Clifton Boulevard

Upgrades to railings on bridges and subways currently ongoing.

DB

A453

Non-motorised issues meeting with consultants on 2nd Oct 2006. PD asked if all were in agreement that the cycle route should run parallel to the A453. ALL were in agreement.

RAF Newton site

Jeremy met with developers regarding non-motorised access and crossings to tie in with Bingham.

The group requested better cycle links to Bingham from East Bridgford also.

Gunthorpe/Lowdham

Highway Maintenance and flood barrier currently being carried out. PD asked if footpaths were also being done.

PH to enquire and report back to meeting.

PH

7. **Cycle Groups** Not surprisingly there were lots of phone calls following the interviews with me (and with Sue HMcC enquired regarding the signing at Beeston ~~request of ED on his bike and clarify the sign~~ but would enquire and report back. complaining bitterly about cyclists ignoring the 'Cyclists Dismount' interactive signs on Beeston High **ED**
- HMcC enquired regarding Stoke Lane, Gedling ~~Rossignol wheel adjustment which has been regarded~~ for cyclists? as being completely hypocritical in talking of Pedals **PH**
- JB had contacted NCC Signals but has had no update ~~with the base of "up for maintenance" when he~~ claimed regularly at Burton Joyce to see cyclists **JB**
- HMcC reported that he had an email concerning ~~holding cycle traffic by aid Beeston Station~~ that they were to be removed. **JB**
- PH stated that he had been looking into improving the facilities and relocating the lockers ~~to a more~~ more convenient position. **PH**
- HMcC would forward the email to PH and PH will then investigate. **PH**
- Beeston Rylands bridge
HMcC reported that he gaps on the bridge are quite wide – he also asked if anything could be done to assist cyclists using the bridge. **PH**
- ED to enquire, however, he reported that the bridge is a listed structure. **PH**
8. **Sustrans** **ED**
- PD outlined Sustrans' Connect2 project for the Living Landmark Lottery Bid. It is the only National project and voting will take place in Oct 2007. It is aimed at linking communities and will be community driven.
- Suggested schemes for Nottinghamshire:
Clifton to Beeston bridge – City already started some work on this.
Colwick Park to Holme Pierrepont
- Trentside North Route 15 – A453 – cycle path all in the city.
More signage needed for Gresham Park route.
- ED to reply to Sustrans' letter and to ask Steve Calvert to 'champion' the idea in the Council.
HMcC suggested that PD also contacted Grant Butterworth at the City Council.
- PD also asked for ALL to bring their thoughts of links for a Nottingham radial route. **ED**
- School Grants **PD**
- PD asked ED & PH to bring to next meeting details from School Travel Plan Advisors.
Preferably routes to be off-carriageway. **ALL**
9. **AOB** **ED/PH**
- None
10. **Next Meeting:** Thursday 11th January 2007, TBH

8. Autumn newsletter.

The will be delayed a bit because Derrick Hankey is away on holiday until Monday 25 January, and will probably mean that it is not possible to get the artwork finalised and the printing complete in time for dispatch to members before our October meeting, I regret.

9. Miscellaneous items.

BBC Radio Nottingham Jeff Owen Show, 11 September – fines for cyclists not having bells
I did a live interview with Jeff Owen on 11 September to feed into a discussion about the proposals from Dr. Stephen Ladyman MP, Transport Ministers, to focus on poor cycling behaviour, including fines of up to £2500 for cyclists' not fitting bells to their bikes!