

## **Minutes of the Pedals Meeting**

held in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham at 7.30pm on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.**

**Present:** David Easley, Jonathan Avis, Andrew Martin (chair), Terry Scott, Peter Briggs, Hilary Backhouse, Roland Backhouse, Dominic Sweeting, Susan Young, Andrew Househam, Brian Goss (minutes).

**Apologies** were received from: Hugh McClintock, Arthur Williams, Roy Wilson, David Miller.

**Minutes of the June Meeting** were agreed.

Pedals are very sad to hear of the death of Roger Codling, who died recently after his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Roger had been in Hospital, and died a few hours after an operation. Susan will ask Graham for funeral details. Pedals will write something appropriate on the pedals website, possibly including archive photos.

Various follow up points from the discussion with Councillor Jane Urquhart at the **last meeting**, (City Council portfolio holder for transport and planning).

Jane suggested that Pedals should meet with Keith Morgan (City Cncl) to discuss issues for cyclists along ring road, in view of current work on ring road. Peter & Susan will represent pedals. Agenda points will include:

- Parking on cycle routes.
- Unclear right of way where cycle routes cross highways with a raised street profile.

Jane asked about Pedals view on tackling **bad behaviour by cyclists**,

Roland suggested shops should be encouraged to at least offer lights with all new bike sales.

Council hire bikes now have lights after lobbying.

Ucycle have promised rear lights on their hire bikes, but these haven't yet been implemented.

Susan suggested a monthly cycling tip to be submitted to Nottingham Post.

Some felt that Pedals needs to be quite careful how it is responds to this issue, need to keep positive, not amplify anti-cycling attitudes, not get cast into Role of cyclists own police, etc.

## **Finance & membership**

Nothing significant to report.

## **External Meetings:**

Next **Cycling development Group** meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Peter & Hugh will attend. Agenda points:

- 1) if Police in attendance – could PCSOs give out ridewise leaflets when they observe people cycling inappropriately?(Susan)
- 2) Need system to put warning signs on abandoned bikes in new bike compounds before removing them (Peter).
- 3) Auto door on Wilkinson St cycle compound not working(Andrew)
- 4) New cycle rack locations
- 5) Could Sweden's 'Vision Zero' be promoted in Nottingham?

23<sup>rd</sup> July **Dunkirk & Lenton follow up meeting from walking meetings**, Susan planning to attend.

## **Infrastructure**

Notts County Cncl are consulting on changes to **Roads in Ruddington**. Julian Bentley has replied with concerns that illegal parking isn't enforced anyway & affects NMUs, CTC are taking this as grounds for objection.

**HS2** – concerns re impact on rights of way, especially in Broxtowe.

Peter to raise at Broxtowe transport sub committee. Hugh suggested (by email) we liase with other groups, eg Ramblers & coordinate our efforts. See Appx 2 re phase 2 route consultation.

Nottm City Cncl are consulting on a **20mph zone in Bestwood**. A positive outcome seems likely.

**A453 Project**, lack of pedestrian crossing at Sharpill roundabout to access NET park & ride for NMUs from Barton direction unresolved despite ongoing lobbying of Highways Agency since before design of A453. It was suggested that Pedals do a naming and shaming photoshoot on the subject.

Peter reported back from the meeting with **NET phase 2** developers, now focusing on signage. Surprisingly difficult to make clear decisions, e.g. whether to use National / Local / Sustrans sign styles, etc.

Adrian Juffs of ridewise emailed with concern about large number of '**cyclist dismount**' signs and cyclists being shouted at by contractors for not dismounting. Many of the 'cyclists dismount' signs are in locations contrary to national DfT guidelines. Furthermore these signs are advisory not obligatory, so no basis for cyclists to be shouted at. Peter has discussed with NET workers & will provide them with a copy of DfT guidelines (See Appx 1).

No clear consensus if there are less dismount signs since Adrian & Hugh complained to the developers. White lines for off street cycle routes are not being re-applied after trenching (but they are for on street routes...?) – Agenda point for next NET meeting?

City Cncl have asked for suggestions for more **cycle racks**, but pedals suggestions (incl adjacent to VAT & Fiddle) haven't been taken up. (CDG agenda point?)

An email was received from Notts Wildlife Trust re funding improvements to cycle routes/facilities in **Attenborough Nature Reserve**. Brian suggested the path between the café/visitor centre and Attenborough village should be a priority, as it's quite narrow & part of Erewash Valley Trail. Peter & Brian responded to the call for stakeholders as consultees & await calls from the consultant.

The City Cncl are consulting on **housing proposals** in Clifton, Tollerton, Edwalton, South of Clifton; also East of Gamston. Hugh attended one of the meetings. General concerns about wider impact of increased population.

Broxtowe also consulted on Housing plans recently.

Dave Holladay, is trying to establish national guidelines re **surface quality at level crossings** and **on-street tramlines**, via CTC and transport select committee.

£750k is allocated to a **new cycle facility at Nottingham Station**, to be developed by East Midlands Trains, might include a retail outlet? maintenance facility? changing facilities? No correspondence between pedals & EMT as yet.

## Events

A **new rural rides programme called 'Explore Nottingham'** is being developed. Susan has liaised with Roisin Kirby the project manager, who is going through 6 years of rural rides pamphlets for ideas. Ride leaders are needed please volunteer.

Pedals received a web enquiry re a **car running into a cyclist approaching Trent Bridge**. The cyclist involved met with Pedals after the meeting, Andrew recommended CTCs legal support. Roland mentioned 'Vision Zero' approach to collision avoidance being developed in Sweden, impacting on both vehicle and highway design. CDG agenda point - Could 'Vision Zero' be promoted in Nottingham?

## Misc cycling matters

Dominic Sweeting introduced himself as the new **Sustrans Schools Officer**. His primary aim is to encourage cycling, by working with local secondary schools. If anyone has contacts at

Schools they would be welcome. He also sits on City Cncl road safety Committee. Pedals would welcome a visit from an officer on the committee at a future pedals meeting.

**Sustrans are asking for volunteers** for cycle route maintenance in the area, contact [Peterozz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Peterozz@hotmail.co.uk)

## Events

**Gower Cycling Festival** organised by Wheelrights the local cycling campaign. Susan has details.

**Nottingham Green Festival** Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, pedals will do a stall, hopefully adj to ridewise. **Volunteers needed please – talk to Andrew.**

**Peak District Cycling Fest**, Hope, 13-15 Sept, events, rides, bike maint, [www.visitpeakdistrict.com/pdcf](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/pdcf)

## Appendices

### 1) Cyclist dismount signs, relevant guidance documents

IHT (1996), 'Cycle-friendly Infrastructure'

DfT (2008), 'Cycling Infrastructure Design - Local Transport Note 2/08'

Pages 20-21 (Section 3.6) of the latter document says:-

*3.6.1 'The CYCLISTS DISMOUNT' sign to diagram 966 is another over-used sign. On a well-designed cycle facility it is very rarely appropriate. The sign is possibly the least favoured among cyclists - each time it is used, it represents a discontinuity in the journey, which is highly disruptive.*

*3.6.2 In general, the sign should only be used in relatively rare situations where it would unsafe or impracticable for a cyclist to continue riding.*

*3.6.3 If it looks as if the sign might be needed, practitioners should first check to see whether the scheme design could not first be modified to make its use unnecessary. In general, the sign should not be used where a cycle track joins a carriageway directly.*

*3.6.4. Where the sign's use appears unavoidable, practitioners should be able to defend their decision and explain why it cannot be avoided by design.*

### 1) HS2 Phase 2 route consultation, incl Broxtowe section

[www.hs2.org.uk/phase-two/route-consultation/document-library](http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase-two/route-consultation/document-library)