**Minutes of the Pedals Meeting** held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on **Monday, 18th November, 2013**.

**Present:** Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, Arthur Williams, Andrew Martin, Peter Briggs, Steve Holland, Terry Scott, David Easley, Andrew Househam, David Miller, Jonathan Avis, Roland & Hilary Backhouse.

**Apologies** were received from: Roy Wilson, Thomas Madar.

**Minutes of October Meeting** were agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

**John Holmes** has agreed to speak at AGM. Susan and others considering possible routes for cycle after the meeting – further discussion in January.

Possibility of Dropbox: It was agreed to wait until Larry has completed the new version of the website before doing more on this.

Hugh has been drafting a response to the city-wide consultation on the local plan - local access forum request. Deadline is 2nd December. Hugh to send around for further comments.

Ilkeston station bridge – the campaign to ensure that this is open to cyclists as well as pedestrians now seems to be gaining momentum. This is another example of something that campaign groups are needed for.

**Report on recent meetings / events**

Hugh and Peter Briggs attended a meeting to look at cycle signs within the City. There is an awareness in the city that more needs to be done – a proposal discussed was use of numbered and colour-coded routes. **Hugh** has suggested that Keith Morgan from city contacts Leicester county or city councils. He will provide relevant contacts.

East Midlands Cycle Forum (EMCF) – Hugh and Roland reported back on the meeting in Leicester. There are some impressive things happening in Leicester – e.g. work on “connecting Leicester project”, e.g. changing the city’s ring road to make crossing it more easy; also large women’s cycle ride group and a great variety of other groups active in cycling.

Nottingham is probably next on list to host the annual EMCF meeting in Oct. 2014 – ideas for venue – Friends Meeting Ho. Canal House, Trent Bridge Inn. To be looked at again after Xmas. Need to consider cycle parking.

Meeting at Loxley Ho. regarding “Green Spaces and well-being”. Hugh raised need for better cycle and walking routes to parks and also need for better signing in parks.

Hugh also went to a consultation meeting on HS2. There is a plan for a long-distant cycle route – SS2. There could be good opportunities if cycle routes are considered in early stage of planning. Decision on alignment is due next year.

Cyclenation: meeting of reps – Steve H. attended; useful discussion on co-ordinating campaigns across the country – starting by lobbying for local elections in 2014 – proposed tagline of “Space for Cycling”. Plan to link groups through the Cyclenation website. Trying to plan ahead so that the campaign is in place before election time. Suggestion that we could highlight on Cyclenation site what to do about councils who do not implement good practice in street design. Another example discussed was recent police action in London regarding HGVs and cyclists – but emphasis did not show that HGVs are dangerous in Urban areas.

**Membership** – Hilary reported that there are now 19 people who have not renewed from last year. Various members at the meeting agreed to contact those on the list that they know. One-third of members have agreed to take newsletter as pdf.

**Finance** – David reported current accounts at a healthy level; It was agreed that in future those sending claims with receipts should keep a copy in case the claim is lost in post.

**Future Pedals Meeting plans:**

December – **Peter Os** to bring slides for a presentation of his cycling holidays – including Iceland, Mediterranean. Andrew to ask Peter to bring laptop and cable to connect to larger screen (HDMI).

Reminder from Jan. – new start time of 7pm.

Suggestions for future speakers – Paddy Tipping to discuss issues relating to police and road justice campaign.

28 April – **Hugh** to invite Dominic sweeting;

June – suggest Paddy Tipping (Police and Crime Commissioner) or EM Trains Cycling officer.

Suggestions for future themes of meeting – Ebikes; Trikes for disabled people – need wider distance between bollards;

**Other meetings/events:** Canal & River Trust – Hugh has submitted a response to the consultation, and will be attending the AGM on 25 Nov;

East Midlands Trains – Peter will be attending a meeting of stakeholders on 26 Nov. He will be following up what the plans are for Nottingham station. He wants to put forward importance of secure cycle parking; good signage; provision of pump and basic tools; some cyclists may want to leave a bike overnight in order to cycle within Nottingham. Another suggestion is to have contact details of roving cycle mechanics at the cycle parking hub. Also a Pedals noticeboard within the parking.

**Cycle Facilities/traffic management:**

Cycle parking near Theatre Royal tram stop. Issue of parking locations to be raised at CDG. Another related issue is the lack of parking due to Citycard bikes and Police decoy bikes taking spaces.

DoT think Cycling campaign.

Proposed 20mph schemes – there appears to be an illogical application of 30mph to Ruddington Lane;

Feedback on newsletter; Good articles and good layout. Good to have well-written contribution from Roland. More contributions needed from other members…

Request from Nigel Lee to support campaign relating to the forthcoming European elections organised by the Save Sherwood Forest campaign. It was agreed not to make this a priority as it is not within our normal area.

**Other Business:** Texting bike lock – interesting idea.

Susan raised the problem of cycle lights that are too bright and not dipped. Hugh suggested that Susan contacts the technical advisor for CTC, and Philip Darnton who has good contact with the bicycle trade.

History of Raleigh: plans to develop plaques and other markers of the history of cycle industry in Nottingham. A talk is planned for 1st December, organised by Julian Bentley.

Issue of road safety – importance of distractions in relation to causes of accidents. Suggestion to invite a speaker from Brake to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.