**Minutes of the Pedals Meeting** held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on **Monday, 19th May, 2014**.

**Present: update** Andrew Martin, Hilary & Roland Backhouse, Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, John Bannister, Arthur Williams, David Easley, David Miller, Peter Briggs, Roy Wilson, Brian Goss.

**Apologies** were received from: Jonathan Avis, Terry Scott.

**Guest Speaker:** Simon Geller – Space for Cycling campaign – has now brought out a guide for councillors, council officers, decision-makers. It was originally started by Cycling England. There is also a web-site covering similar information. Problem of lack of money available for cycling, despite positive words from government. National campaign will work up towards general election in 2015. One part of the campaign is to get candidates to make a statement about what they support in relation to changes for cycling. Lessons will be learned from current local election campaigns in, e.g., Sheffield

There was a discussion of how to get the message out to those that are probably not on-board yet. A suggestion is to send a copy of the report to motoring organizations and motoring correspondents at local papers/radio, etc.

CycleNation AGM is in 2 weeks time. They are getting new active members, but would like groups to continue to affiliate, and new groups to re-join. In relation to the consultation on future of the organization, this is getting useful debate going, although it is unlikely that any big decision will need to be made soon.

**Minutes of April Meeting** were agreed.

**Matters Arising and Updates:**

Highways Agency (HA) publication – need to check what the deadline is for sending in feedback.

Help for Larry with comments and help with new website. David E. has given some feedback, but he encouraged others to send feedback to Larry about the best of the six designs that he has proposed on the beta site, and feedback on the best menu structures, and suggestions for what needs removing form the existing material. **Action for All**.

Derby Road – by Uni N entrance, issues raised by David Nicholson-Cole and others – needs raising with HA.

Leen Valley Green Route – exact route has not been finalised, as some problems finding a suitable crossing of Radford Road.

Beeston town centre links – there was a useful meeting to look at these, but there is not yet a suitable route that could be signed.

Use of Strava apps over inappropriate routes – **Peter B** to bring up at the nest Cycling Development Group (CDG). Strava could also have positive uses in providing detailed data on local cycling trips, it was pointed out.

Flyers/business cards – Jon Avis would like feedback on the purpose of the Pedals business cards and any other issues about the design. They should be black print on white card. **Hugh** to relate feedback from meeting to Jon and ask him to go ahead and get new ones produced as soon as possible so that we had them not later than the Cycle Live weekend (21-22 June)

No further news about plans for the Station Cycle Hub – to be raised at next CDG.

**Reports on recent meetings:**

**CDG** – the Police will be launching a campaign about cycle security in the next month.

A suggestion for a focus for a campaign is to ensure that sellers such as eBay need to publish cycle frame numbers for all second-hand bikes.

Roland attend the day conference on support for cycle campaigns. His impression is that there needs to be more focus on everyday cycling. Roland **offered** to write a short covering letter about cycling in Greater Nottingham to go out with the Space for Cycling booklets. Start with councillors in urban wards.

Distribution can be done through the City, County and Borough Council offices.

It was also agreed that **Roland** would work on a press release to go out during Bike Week in June, to coincide with distribution of the Making Space for Cyclists reports to local Councillors.

Hugh attended a Sustrans meeting re. Bennerley Viaduct. Bill Thompson is leading a project to look at ways to get this back into use, including links into existing cycle facilities.

Promotion of cycling at Rushcliffe School. The school are keen to get action on cycle facilities such as alternative to Machins Lane and Sharp hill A52 subway.

**Membership** – Hilary reported 107 renewals so far (up to start of May). No significant changes to membership.

**Finance** – nothing to report.

**Future Pedals Meeting plans:**

June – Sustrans Smarter Travel team, Clare and Sarah have agreed to come. **Hugh** to chair.

**Susan** agreed to chair the **July** meeting.

**Hugh** likely to be available to chair August.

**Andrew** to chair September meeting.

Pedals stalls: **Hugh** offered to co-ordinate a stall at the Cycle Live event. Andrew M, Arthur, Brian all available to help; Thomas also possible. John B possible on Sat morning. **Hugh** will contact Helen and Tiffany and then members to help.

Green picnic in Arboretum yesterday went well, with good presence of cyclists.

CDG – **Hugh** to follow up Better Connected Nottingham and … Lack of progress in widening Citycard Cycle Hire.

Station cycle hub progress – this still needs following up, as there has been no announcement about a consultation.

Cycle forum on 10th June. Hugh and Peter B and also Roy intending to go. Tiffany has asked Pedals to provide a stall, but this may not be possible.

Attenborough event 3rd August – Hugh will get pedals information to Gina Musa of Broxtowe TravelRight to take to the event, as it is unlikely that any active Pedals members can attend.

35th Anniversary: Andrew M circulated information on Antalya for a Pedals 35th celebratory meal out.

Suggestion for a ride out to Hucknall on Friday 4th July. **Susan** to organize.

EMCF – suggested date of Saturday 18th October. Susan has looked at possible venues – Trent Bridge Inn (Wetherspoons) looks like a good option. To confirm next month’s meeting – **Action for all**: give feedback to **Hugh** re possible speakers.

**Cycle Facilities/traffic management:**

Hugh had an opportunity to make some initial feedback re. Broadmarsh redevelopment.

Bulwell – needs City Council and Sustrans to discuss and agree a new route for Route 6.

Bridge near Beeston station could be renewed as part of electrification, but it may need input from Pedals to make sure that it is cycle-friendly.

Consultation on Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan – John Lee is encouraging responses.

Brian reported that Sustrans Route 15 improvements and signing to go ahead.

**Other Business:**

**Newsletter –** positive feedback. Andrew suggested to enter it into a competition for newsletters.

**Cyclescape Website:** Brian suggests that we could use this more and agreed to check what comments are on there; suggestion that members could use it more and report back on experience.

**Fourth Trent Crossing (4TC):** Gedling’s own feasibility study has gone ahead, and the County Council hope to hear in July whether or not their bid for funding for their own one has been successful.
This led to a discussion about individual member’s contribution to high level planning issues and meetings where it may be difficult to promote cycling as an option for transport within a context of economic development where motorised road traffic is seen as key.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.