1. **Minutes of the previous Pedals Meeting (16 July 2014) and including checking for accuracy, and matters arising / update including**

**Present:** Andrew Martin, Hilary & Roland Backhouse, Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, Jonathan Avis, Terry Scott, David Lally, Arthur Williams, David Easley, David Miller, Peter Briggs, Gina Musa, Clare Collins.

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

**Guest Speakers:**

**Sarah Briley and Clare Collins (Sustrans**) gave an overview of their work and discussed areas of useful collaboration with Pedals, as well as their involvement with many different local community groups both in identifying perceived barriers to greater cycling and more sustainable travel and in devising new ways of encouraging them.

**Gina Musa (TravelRightBroxtowe)** also gave a brief update on her work.

**Minutes of May Meeting** were agreed.

**Matters Arising and Updates:**

Making Space for Cycling Campaign Reports have been distributed except to Broxtowe councillors, which Peter Briggs will soon do.

David E fed Larry with comments re new website design. The next stage is for **Larry** to migrate the new site over to the Pedals URL.

Hugh reported that there is a delay in meeting with John Grimshaw re the HS2 Cycleway (SS2 and Bennerley Viaduct. It was agreed that even if HS2 were not to go ahead that there is a strong case for SS2. (PS meeting with John now refixed for 30 July)

Highways Agency – Hugh is plugging people to get more action on examples where cycling needs to be taken into account, with reference to the new review of the HA’s record on trunk road provision for cyclists.

Business cards – **Jon** has done some alternate designs; agreed to get 1000 done – cost £28.

A5 Flyer – agreed to add … “campaigning for Nottingham Cyclists since 1979” **Arthur** to get 1000 printed.

Bike “barometer”. One to be installed in Cambridge and one has been installed in Edinburgh. **Peter** agreed to approach Keith Morgan to propose Pedals applying for Big Lottery funding, but it needs council agreement for siting and maintenance.

**Reports on recent meetings:**

**CDG (Cycling Dev Group meeting, 30 May|**Fourth Road crossing – County Council are putting in a bid for a feasibility study, but it is not clear how strong support is.

Although some information was given at the Cycle Forum, there is still no definite date for a meeting with EMT about the Station Cycle Hub which they still say is due to go ahead “this summer”/

Improved links have been proposed and are being implemented near the start of the Great Notts Bike Ride, e.g. the new wider path at the north end of Wilford Grove, and, later, upgrading the path between Bathley Street West and Victoria Embankment, in association with the new housing schemes in this area.

Problem with maintenance of cycle route along the A52 – needs regular cutting back of vegetation in summer. This has often b been taken up with the Highways Agency at this time of year, but experience shows they only act when they get repeated and sustained pressure about this. Cutting back of intruding vegetation still often very poor on non-trunk road cycle paths, e.g. on the south side of Radcliffe Road in West Bridgford, west of the junction with Ambleside, which Hugh has been chasing the County Council about recently.

**CycleNation AGM on 31 May** – Peter Briggs reported on AGM – the future of the organszation is unclear. The volunteers who run it are very knowledgeable, but do not have the resources to maintain the campaign as a national organization. CTC have more resources and appear to be moving more towards taking on more of a campaign role.

**GNTP Cycle Forum, 10 June** – Peter Briggs reported. It was a good opportunity to meet the EM Trains person responsible for the new Cycle Hub. Issues raised in the presentation by Jo Cleary, e.g. need for a larger vision of cycling requirements in Nottingham, will be taken up at CDG on 1st August.

**Membership** – Hilary reported 140 renewals so far. No significant changes to membership.

**Finance** – nothing to report.

**Future Pedals Meeting plans:
Susan** agreed to chair the 21 July meeting.

**Hugh** likely to be available to chair the 18 August meeting.

**Andrew** to chair 15 September meeting.

Paddy Tipping will be guest speaker on 17 November.

**Peter B** will attend Broxtowe Local Transport Group on 19th June. The recent spate of accidents on tram tracks has highlighted the issues such as the lack of alternative cycle routes away from the tram, which has not been satisfactorily dealt with. Also maintenance of cycle routes in terms of cutting back hedges is an issue, e.g. by Chilwell School.

Pedals stalls: **Hugh** passed round a timetable for volunteers at the stall at the Cycle Live event on Sat 21 June.

EMCF – suggested date of Saturday 18th October. **Susan** to follow up possible venue: Trent Bridge Inn (Wetherspoons) once Football programme is published (soon). To confirm next month’s meeting – **Hugh** is following up leads for possible speakers.

**Cycle Facilities/traffic management:**River Leen path extension – not much progress so far but completion likely sometime in August.

Consultation on Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan – John Lee is encouraging responses. **Action for All**.

Riverside Path: Trentside to The Hook, Ladybay (part of Sustrans NCN15). **Hugh** is following up the County Council problems with maintenance.

**Other Business:**

**Cyclescape Website:** Still needs people to try this out and discuss, building on Brian Goss’ experience.

**University Boulevard** – parking outside Croquet Club still causes obstruction of the cycle route. Peter Briggs again to follow this up with Keith Morgan.

**Citycard Cycle Hubs -** there will be one in W Bridgford, on the Library Car Park, after many problems in finding an acceptable site.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.