**Minutes of the Pedals Meeting** held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on **Monday, 21st September, 2015**.

**Present:** Andrew Martin (Chair for this meeting), David Lally, Roland & Hilary Backhouse, Terry Scott, Arthur Williams, Ann Sladen, Iain Lane, David Easley, Hugh McClintock, Peter Osborne, John Bannister, Peter Briggs (first half), Ellie .. Susan Young.

**Apologies**: Joanna Ward.

**Minutes** of the August meeting were agreed – Matters arising were discussed:

Western Corridor – Hugh & Iain met John Bann and Keith Morgan; it is unlikely that the left turn at Abbey Bridge Road will be removed, at least until after the development around Broadmarsh.

Spaniel Row – it was agreed that a good response had been put in.

NET – cycle route around new tram lines – difficult to prioritise, but some issues such as the University Boulevard approach to the University Park South Entrance lights are clearly dangerous. Barriers on the Wilford tramside path will not be tackled yet as it is still a construction site, although Councillor Steve Calvert is well aware of the problem with these.

Anna Soubry, MP, is supporting cyclists in looking at alternative routes around NET in Beeston/Chilwell. Peter B is hoping to attend a meeting with her to look at this (date still tbc).

Problems at Wilford Bridge – there is a suggestion from the schools that there should be barriers to protect children from the moving trams. However, this will cause more problems for cyclists. A suggestion is to have further discussion with School governors to improve education of children around the tramlines. Hugh said that a Road Safety Audit on this issue was being carried out.

Highways England (HE) The recent meeting appears to be a step forward to getting them to work more closely with local councils re non-motorised user schemes.

Pedals poster – still awaiting redesign of poster; **Hugh** will follow up. Appeal for newsletter items – to be sent to Hugh.

**Reports from Recent Meetings**. CDG – Positive moves in relation to cycle parking in Beeston and Chilwell; also in relation to area around Sainsbury’s Beeston.

More cycle parking at Beeston station – John suggests double-layer parking, if space is a problem.

Trent Lane – Hook cycle/footbridge – next stage is to approach Sustrans to help with specialist work develop a plausible and detailed economic case for the bridge, using figures from the Diglis Bridge in Worcester, and their other such projects, for detailed predictions of likely usage (and costings). Local architects Adrian Harms and Howard Gill (both Pedals members) have been offering free CGI work to envisage how the north end of the bridge can fit with planned developments. At the south side there are issues of how to fit the bridge around established trees and The Hook, much of which is a local nature reserve. An important point in favour of the bridge is the widespread support in principle from community groups and we must be careful, Hugh said, to ensure, that we maintain and expand this broad support.

**David L**. offered to follow up with the Crime Commissioner regarding police action against cyclists who cycle on pavements, e.g. on London Road. City are aware of need for better links around this area.

**Membership & Finance**: 5 new members in 2015 so far; nothing to report

**Chairing of meetings**: Andrew in September.

October – discussion of Pedals future: Susan Young to chair. Include a discussion of when and where would be a good venue for the AGM.

November – guest speaker Councillor Nick McDonald., City Council Portfolio Holder for Transport, Jobs and Growth. David L to chair. Hugh suggested that we spend some time at our October meeting discussing the most important issues for us to raise.

Suggestion for future meeting would be with bus driver representatives. Hugh suggested to contact Andy Gibbons with idea of having this at February meeting.

**Future events**: (there was a brief discussion of need for more publicity for Pedals, e.g. at cycle problem “hot spots”.)

CRT Canal festival (10th October) Big Wheel will probably have a stall, at which we could have Pedals leaflets.

Susan also raised the proposal to have a workshop on cycle mapping.

CDG – Hugh asked for any further points to raise – Andrew raised the general point that the City Cycle team should be checking all new developments to ensure that cyclists’ interests are taken into account. Also that CDG should have more public profile – e.g. in council produced newspapers.

**Hugh** will attend Regional Canal & Rivers Trust meeting in Lincoln next month; One issue to raise (again) is the need to remove barriers, which prevent cyclists and disabled users from accessing towpaths, e.g. on Grantham Canal. New K-frame barrier has recently been installed. Suggestion for as many cyclists as possible to write to Lucy Hoelmer.

Cyclenation conference, 24th October in Liverpool. **Andrew M**. will contact Peter B. and arrange who will attend.

East Midlands Cycle Forum – nothing will happen this Autumn.

Space for Cycling meeting in Newcastle in November. **Roland** to forward details.

EM Trains – Stakeholder meeting … Hugh hopes there will be more news about the stalled Station Cycle hub.

**Facilities:**

City Road Beeston; problems with new layout and also with bollards on north side. Paul Hillier is aware, but needs following up.

Tram extension to Kimberley – now unlikely to go ahead due to lack of political support in Broxtowe.

20 mph in Lady Bay area – advisory scheme will become mandatory.

**Website Updates: Roland** offered to edit – he will contact Larry for rights.

Andrew and Roland offer to check the site and make a note of items that are out-of-date, etc.

Bike lights as part of police action – suggest that they are passed on to CPSOs to pass on to cyclists stopped without lights;

Notts County Council Asset management consultation – led to a discussion of need to repair potholes that may not be significant to motor vehicle users, but dangerous to cyclists; David L gave an example of a narrow rut that was repaired soon after being informed. Other problems appear to have been ignored, even though they will be more expensive to repair once they deteriorate further.

**Iain** suggested that we should respond to House of Commons Transport Select committee consultation on how police deal with road offences – he would like to collect examples of poor practice relating to cyclists and put these on Cyclescape.

The main part of the meeting concluded at 9.35 pm.

For the final part of the meeting, David and Iain presented use of Cyclescape. It was agreed for other members to sign up and give it a go and also for **Iain** to put together information for the next Newsletter. This part of the meeting closed at 10.00pm.