**Minutes of the Pedals Meeting**

held in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham.

at 7.30pm on **Monday, 21st July, 2014**.

**Present:** Susan Young (chair), Brian Goss (minutes), David Easley, Peter Briggs, Hilary Backhouse, Roland Backhouse, Thomas Madar, Jonathan Avis.

**Apologies from:** Hugh McClintock, Arthur Williams, Andrew Martin, Andrew Houshan,

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

**Finance & membership**

Nothing significant to report.

**External Meetings:**

Roland attended the ‘**Space for cycling’** national meeting. Pedals need to decide if we want to be formally part of the steering group. Considered important national campaign. Not just about meetings – involves lobbying MPs etc. CTC & cyclenation are involved. 350 councillors out of ~10k have signed up. Concluded that Pedals should be involved.

If Pedals members have contacted their councillors regarding ‘space for cycling’ could they tell the CTC the response. For pedals activists who haven’t already contacted councillors, CTC have a standard letter which pedals activists can amend if necessary and send to councillors.

Could pedals activists please email your local councillors and ask if they would sign up for SFC. Please forward comments from councillors to CTC who will follow up, (many councillors have made positive noises but not followed up by signing up). Please go to [www.ctc.org.uk/campaign/space-for-cycling](http://www.ctc.org.uk/campaign/space-for-cycling) and click the [pledge their support](http://www.space4cycling.org.uk/)link in the second paragraph.

Priority goal is to get an active travel act as part of an active health strategy in next parliament has been implemented by Welsh Govt, places statutory duty on developers to include an active travel plan.

Activists or groups of activists could consider visiting **MPs surgerys** post election to ask them in person about what their commitment is.

The Times plan to interview MPs at party conferences about cycle policy. MPs who make positive responses will get a photo with Chris Boardman (apparently).

**Cycle Live**

There was concern that about the layout of the site meant that stalls were in front of the PA of the band and in close proximity making discussions difficult or impossible especially for those with hearing issues.

Concern that the stall lacked focal point to draw people in, needed something to draw people in – interesting bike or kids game or whatever. Could ask people to put post it notes on a map (different theme each event – my route; worst junction;

Map on ground needs a rethink re format & location of.

**Bike Shepherd** not being used by Notts police at present, Paddy Tipping is attending a future pedals meeting.

Next **CDG** 1st August

The City Council are waiting to hear about a large grant application for infrastructure.

**Infrastructure**

Possibility that Sustrans will sign **NCN15** West of Trent Bridge on a future Saturday rangers meet volunteers are always welcome, contact Peterozz@hotmail.co.uk

**New Waitrose** superstore at Edwalton approved by Rushcliffe BC ignoring traffic comments.

Discussion re **Tram works**, unclear if accident frequency has reduced since leaflets were distributed along Net phase 2 route. Broxtowe transport committee will walk the route of the tram in Broxtowe once it’s finished. Chicanes to force cyclists to dismount were installed briefly on Lenton Lane then removed again.

**Events**

There was a fatality on the corner of Parliament St and Penifort St (by Boots research). A Ghost bike has been placed. Our thoughts go out to the friends and family of the cyclist involved

There is a possibility of Nottingham critical mass.

**Media & website**

Andrew asked (by email) that we keep a record of anything we say to press, Roland suggested this could go in members only area of website.

Larry has registered us with **NCVS skills bank** to access professional support.

**Misc cycling matters**

**For discussion at next meeting**

Email from Gary SW re helmet.

**Appendices**