

Minutes of the Pedals Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on Monday, 19th January, 2015.

Present:

Hugh McClintock, Arthur Williams, David Lally, Andrew Martin (Chair for this meeting), David Easley, Susan Young, Terry Scott, Peter Briggs, Steve Holland, Iain Lane, Keith Morgan (Guest Speaker).

Apologies were received from: Jon Avis, Roy Wilson, Mara Ozolins, Roland & Hilary Backhouse, Thomas Madar.

Keith Morgan explained the City Council's plans for spending the Cycle City Ambition grant money that they have been awarded. This funding is mainly to create four Cycling Corridors connecting the city centre to routes north, south, east and west. The project funding becomes available from April, but he is already working on draft plans which will go to consultation. Where possible these routes will be segregated two-way cycle paths. The western route will follow along south side of Castle Boulevard and then over Abbey Bridge to connect into improved route around the southern boundary of QMC to Dunkirk. The project is known as "Road-space transformation" and will be following Sustrans and TfL guidelines. They are planning to use Sustrans engineers as design consultants for some parts of these routes. The southern route will follow the line of the new tram to Clifton. Shared use of the 3m path through West Bridgford has now been agreed.

Eastern route will follow Daleside Road; Northern route will follow Hucknall Road, but will fit with improvements to Gregory Boulevard/Mansfield Road junction and possible use of old railway alongside Hucknall Road beyond City hospital.

Issues raised by members present included the need for priority for cyclists where there are road junctions and entrances to premises that cut across the cycle route; otherwise the advantage of the segregated route will be lost and cyclists will be better off on the road. Where appropriate, "floating" bus stops could be used. It was stressed the importance of timely and well-publicised communication of the proposals for consultation, which had not occurred with the Ring-Road Major scheme.

There will be a new consultation website for these proposals which will be live soon. Keith will let Hugh know when this is available so that he can circulate information. Members present expressed support for the overall aims of the project and thanks for Keith taking the time to explain the plans.

Minutes of November Meeting were agreed.

Matters Arising and Updates:

Tram line audit of cycle facilities: Appeal for Pedals activists to send in details of points along the routes where there are obvious hazards for cyclists, which could include crossings over the tracks, lighting or power line poles, dropped kerbs, poor alignments, etc. Those within the City should be sent to Keith Morgan and the City Council Tram Team. It would be useful to have feedback from the city about what actions are planned to rectify these.

Reports on recent meetings:

Update on Foot/Cycle bridge (Trent Lane to Ladybay):

Next stage is to look for funding for a feasibility study and further support for this project. This includes persuading Rushcliffe BC to support the plan, as well as the County and City Council who are already being supportive. Potential funding could come through the Bridges fund and through Sustrans.

Sustrans route 6 – bridge over railway at Bulwell. Keith Morgan reported that various

options are being looked at to re-route this to avoid the current bridge. Hugh reported that there may be potential support for further work along this corridor from the planned HS2 parallel route.

Infrastructure updates – Keith offered to set up a meeting to go through the more detailed infrastructure issues that there is not time to deal with during CDG.

Nottm Station cycle hub - A planning application has recently been submitted – **Hugh** will track this down and circulate to active members for comment.

There was detailed discussion of proposals for cycle lanes along Haydn Road between Nottingham Road and Hucknall Road. Particular issues raised were to make sure that there is enough space alongside parked cars and also to design the approach junctions so that they do not encourage cyclists to move to the left where they are at risk.

Hugh and Peter attended a meeting with E Midlands Trains – there is likely to be an upgrade to the “tin bridge” over the railway near Beeston station which will make it better for cyclists.

Canal & River Trust Trustees reception: Hugh & Andrew to attend on 21st – we should prepare a list of detailed issues to raise with Lucie Hoelmer of the CRT on 16 Feb.

In Feb. discuss issues to raise with Paddy Tipping in March – to include cycle security and CTC Road Justice Campaign.

It was agreed that we need to audit the materials for stalls that are held at Wego – including getting up-to-date maps from City council. No-one agreed specifically to take this on – needs raising at next meeting.

Pedals archive – Hugh has a set of scrapbooks and some of the old publicity materials.

Preparation for local election campaigns. Discussion deferred to next month, when this can be linked to Space for Cycling campaign. **Iain** will discuss with Roland and bring ideas to next meeting.

Hugh encouraged people to attend meetings relating to Sustrans plans for redevelopment of Bennerley viaduct, as part of a route from Derby to Nottingham and connecting both sides of the Erewash Valley Trail etc., between Ilkeston and Awsworth.

Peter raised issue of how to influence A-One+ in relation to A52 and other trunk road schemes. Keith agreed that campaigning to get action on Highways Agency roads is not easy. Iain suggested that this could be included on a list of priorities to raise at election time.

Future Pedals Meeting plans:

March meeting Paddy Tipping, Police and Crime Commissioner for Notts as guest speaker.

AGM: Andrew M has booked the Friends Meeting House for the AGM. We need to discuss detailed arrangements for this, including afternoon ride, at our Feb meeting.

Meeting closed at 10 pm.