

Minutes of the Pedals Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on **Monday, 20th April, 2015.**

Present: Andrew Martin (Chair for this meeting), Hugh McClintock, Arthur Williams, David Easley, Susan Young, Terry Scott, David Miller, Peter Briggs.

Apologies were received from: Roland & Hilary Backhouse, Iain Lane, Roy Wilson, Mara Ozolins.

Guest speaker Lucie Hoelmer:

Lucie is the Enterprise Manager for the Canal & Rivers Trust (CRT) covering the East Midlands region. She described the work of the CRT and its approach to improving use of the waterways for a range of users, including cyclists. She has been involved in successful funding bids for improvements to towpaths on the Erewash canal in Ilkeston and on the Grantham canal around Cotgrave. CRT are concentrating efforts where improvements can benefit a significant local population using the towpath for utility journeys as well as for leisure. They are also working on a research project with Nottingham Trent University to investigate ways to reduce conflict between various towpath users on particularly busy stretches of the Big Track. This is linked to the initiative called "Sharing the Space". She asked for feedback on the proposed signage to encourage cyclists to give way to other users. There was some discussion about the need for dog walkers to take more responsibility in controlling their dogs on towpaths as these can cause a serious nuisance for cyclists and other pedestrians.

Minutes of March Meeting were agreed.

Matters Arising:

Susan will send another email regarding the Aspley Road cycle lane.

David Lally suggested a follow up for Cyclescape development would be better at June meeting. Susan suggested to have an extra meeting for a skills share with other activities as well as looking at Cyclescape.

Iain has requested help in transcribing responses from election candidates. Andrew and David L. offered to help with this.

Follow up from AGM:

- There is still no-one willing to act as chair, which raises the question as to whether we want to change the way we organize ourselves so that we do not need such a role in

future.

- Idea for a poster: to be discussed further next time; Hugh offered to contact Barbara Strang to see if any volunteer help could be available for this.

Finance/Membership/Promotion: Hugh raised an issue that we need a supply of membership forms for distribution at stalls and via Big Wheel.

Future Pedals Meeting plans:

Andrew will chair meeting in May, Hugh in June, Susan will chair in July, David L in August.

May: someone from Ridewise + a tramlink driver will be invited for a discussion of cycle safety and tramlines.

June: John Bann – cycling and public space transformation manager at City council.

Bicycle documentary film – suggest to show this in collaboration with CTC and Sustrans, but to delay this until Autumn.

Facilities:

Hugh is waiting for plans for station cycle hub to be published; he will circulate as soon as he has information.

Station Street pedestrianization – it is unclear how the proposals fit in with changes on Queen's Road on the other side of the station.

Hugh raised issues of poles for overhead lines that have not been moved; also raised kerbs; despite raising these at snagging meeting, they have not yet been corrected.

Update on HS2 parallel cycle route; need a response to ideas for developments linking to route between Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Long Eaton. Please check the document and send comments to Hugh, who will co-ordinate. Brian Goss had been following this, but has now moved to Loughborough, so it would be good if other Pedals members could take an active interest.

Heathcote Street: Hugh will ask Keith to check the plans for current improvement works.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.