**Minutes of the Pedals Meeting** held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on **Monday, 17th August 2015**.

**Present:** David Lally (Chair for this meeting), Susan Young, Bob Harvey, Roland & Hilary Backhouse, Terry Scott, Arthur Williams, Ben Troth.

**Apologies**: Iain Lane, Andrew Martin, David Easley, Hugh McClintock.

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

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

NET – cycle route around Chilwell Road tram stop – **David** L will be following up; Susan mentioned poor on-road facilities around Clifton. Barriers along Wilford section have been poorly implemented. Suggestion to highlight this to the press and show how they prevent access for less-able users and those using mobility scooters. Agreed to circulate Pedals members to bring together people with bikes, child attachments etc. to highlight the problem.

Cycle Ambition proposals – Roland highlights the need to know what design guidelines they are using. The consultation documents are unclear, for example how junctions will work, particularly having trees that block clear view for drivers and cyclists. It is also unclear how the route will cross from one side to the other at Abbey Bridge Road. There are consultation buses where feedback can be given this week, but the timescale is tight. A Pedals consultation should be compiled and fed through **Hugh**, including a comment that the consultation is too short to give reasonable feedback.

The Gregory Street junction has already been modified and it is confusing for car drivers and cyclists. This should be improved in any case.

There is also a question of the priority for spending, given that much of the route is currently to a reasonable standard, whereas there are other places where there are greater problems for cyclists and pedestrians, e.g. crossing the ring-road and crossing the city centre.

A453 – limited knowledge of the details, but there are some known problems for cyclists.

**Reports from Recent Meetings**. Meeting with representatives of Highways England on 15th July. HE agreed to consult more about non-motorised user schemes. Funding is often limited unless local authority or developers are contributing. Quality of work along Clifton Boulevard is generally very poor where new tactile paving has been installed.

**Finance**: nothing to report

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

**Future events**:

Canal and Rivers Trust East Midlands Partnership AGM, Lincoln, Thurs 24 September – no-one at the meeting could commit to going to this

Canal festival (10th October) – information to be circulated to all Pedals members to see if anyone wants to run a stall at this event.

**Facilities:**

Police have been out targeting cycling on pavements, which raises question as to why, and whether there is a more balanced way to educate cyclists not to cycle on the pavement, also balanced with targeting car drivers who break basic rules of the road, eg. using mobile phones. **David** **L** to put together a letter to Crime Commissioner.

A suitable solution to the problem on London Road would be to create a cycle route from the City Link road to Great Northern Close. It was agreed to put together a plan for a route and if necessary contact Virgin for support to get this implemented across their land if necessary.

Gedling Country Park – not enough local knowledge to be able to comment on this issue.

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.