

Minutes of the Pedals Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on **Monday, 18th January, 2016**.

Present: Andrew Martin (Chair for this meeting), Susan Young, David Lally, Ann Sladen, Arthur Williams, Hugh McClintock, Iain Lane, David Easley, Ellie Mitchell, Paul Abel, Dave Miller, Tony Eyres (Sustrans ranger from Newark) (for first part of meeting).

Apologies: Roland & Hilary Backhouse, Mara Ozolins, Ben Troth, John Bannister.

Minutes of the Dec meeting were agreed. It was agreed to include a standard item of discussion of Cyclescape at least for the next few months. Relating to this there was a brief discussion of barriers that have been re-installed at Dunkirk – with HA money and due to local pressure.

Actions from last meeting – David L met Lawrence Geary, and he is willing to take on role as signatory of the CCF account (see later). **Hugh** to deliver card and gift.

Jo Jackson from Experian (Community Involvement Scheme) has produced **new Pedals recruitment posters**. Now they need distribution to cycle shops. Hugh has produced a sign-up sheet. **Volunteers** needed.

Cyclescape – it was agreed that **active members** need to use it in order to be able to give further feedback.

Paul reported on **Colwick Park-Holme Pierrepont pontoon idea**. Previous contractor has too many commitments due to floods and cannot commit at present – he has contacted another contractor, who has quoted a much higher figure for temporary use but quotes £90k for complete purchase. He is now reckoning that the project will take much longer to implement.

Recent Meetings:

Greater Nottm LRT Advisory Committee – Hugh attended meeting. Issues raised include Wilford bridge tramside path peak hour conflicts complaints – appears to be less problem than anticipated, but if this becomes part of Southern corridor the level of cycling could be much higher. Cycling accidents were also highlighted.

Cycling Sheffield have a website for reporting tram track accidents. In Nottingham, accidents should be reported to Tramlink and info about this is on their leaflet for cyclists. It was agreed that Hugh should reply to Dexter Johnstone in Sheffield to ask how easy it would be to add Nottingham to their existing reporting site.

Ann and Hugh will attend next meeting on 28th Jan to discuss the comprehensive Pedals list of tram related issues for cyclists.

Steering group of Trent Lane to Hook Bridge. The next stage is to commission the specialist work from Sustrans on usage predictions and the economic justification for the bridge, in parallel with some further internal work on the a feasibility study, taking into account comments from the City and County Councils and recently collected information on other similar bridges already built. Funding for the specialist work is mainly coming from Nottingham Civic Society, with contributions from other groups including Pedals, and the City and County Councils

Membership & Finance: David E. proposed that David Lally should replace Lawrence Geary as signatory on the account that covers the CCF book funds. This was agreed by the meeting. Hilary has checked how many people are paying into the TSB account, which is still more than £100, a significant amount, so we are not in a position to close it yet. Hilary has decided to stand down as membership secretary from the AGM.

Future Meetings: Councillor Nick MacDonald has offered to meet a group from Pedals on Tuesday 16th Feb at 18.30. February meeting (15th) will be Dave Astill regarding bus drivers and cyclists. Hugh will chair.

March will be AGM. There are at least three vacancies for key roles. Hugh raised the issue of the

committee structure. It was agreed that there should be an agenda item at monthly meeting for committee issues. Iain also raised that sometimes email discussion of cycle facilities and campaigning issues doesn't always include all relevant members – using CycleScape could avoid this.

Steve Calvert (County councillor) will attend the April meeting. David Lally will chair.

Susan is still interested to get a workshop together on cycle mapping. Agreed to leave this on agenda for future.

Other people that it would be worth inviting would be someone from Sustrans – Dave Clasby or Gwyneth McMinn. Hugh to approach Gwyneth for our June meeting.

Facilities:

Next CDG (Cycling Development Group meeting (suggested issues)

Broadmarsh, Island Site, consultations to be discussed. Especially how these fit with the new corridors. Funding for these has come with support of D2N2 – it would be useful to know what claims are being made in the funding proposals relating to cycling provision. There is currently very little detail, but ideas about where the main routes will be.

Also Hugh raised last time the issue of lack of communication about the Station Cycle Hub – EM Trains have not given any further information about plans.

Other issues to raise are E-bikes (since a previous funding bid failed – charging points would be useful) and the installation of a cycle counter. **Hugh** to raise whether the East and North corridors will actually be implemented.

12th Feb – **Beeston Civic Society - transport discussion** (19.30). Hugh has been invited.

Improvements to Hucknall Road off-road route – needs to be designed to allow all cycle/tricycle users.

Sneinton Greenway has been improved, with improvements to access, based on developer contribution from Aldi on Daleside Road

Friar Lane – supposed to be two-way cycling, but signs appear to contradict this. Now that this is possible – it should be changed on the other side of MMW to allow two-way cycling across both sides.

Riverside path south of Clifton Bridge – John Lee is looking to fund improvements to the surface.

Sam Jones – CTC – has written to Pedals to make us aware of **air pollution measures** proposed for Nottingham since it has been singled out as one of the 5 worst cities in England for air pollution; this should create opportunities for campaigning for better cycling facilities as part of “clean air zones”.

Andrew encouraged us to report problems, such as taxis parked with engines running, which can be reported to relevant local council as a licensing issue.

City budget proposals include increasing price of park & ride for those who live outside the city, which is likely to increase car use in the city. There may still be an opportunity to respond to this.

Island site proposals – although the idea is to link to the towpath, this is not practical with the current blind bend on the towpath. This should be brought up with Lucy Hoelmer.

Arthur raised issue of “improvements” at **Sneinton Market**. He will email Hugh to raise at CDG.

Susan raised poor quality of parts of **Sustrans NCN Route 6**, which is liable to flooding and has poor barriers.

Iain raised the issue of **cycle station hub on the south side of the station** which will be alongside the southern relief road, which is planned as the major through route for traffic. Hugh to raise this at the next CDG meeting.

Woodside Road Western Corridor proposals – proposal does not meet national or city design

guidelines – better to do nothing otherwise cycling money is being spent on expanding parking bays.
Special meeting to discuss this with Keith Morgan has been fixed for 6.30pm on Monday 25 January.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.