

Minutes of the Pedals Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on **Monday, 15th February, 2016**.

Present: Hugh McClintock (Chair for this meeting), Susan Young, Andrew Martin, David Lally, Michael Howard, Arthur Williams, Roland & Hilary Backhouse, Iain Lane, David Easley, Paul Abel, Dave Miller, Ben Troth

Apologies: Mara Ozolins, Ben Troth, John Bannister, Peter Briggs, Ann Sladen.

Guest speaker - Dave Astill from NCT regarding buses; Dave gave an overview of NCT and issues relating to cycling. Although NCT deal with complaints from the public, very few relate to cycling. Discussion focussed around the complaints procedure and how it might be made clearer how an issue is processed; also, encouragement for NCT drivers to undertake cycle awareness training such as offered by Ridewise to HGV drivers. Another interesting issue for cyclists is that buses have many cameras around them, although most drivers will default to the view from the top of the stairs (for passenger safety reasons). There are some significant blind spots around the front of the bus (on both off-side and nearside) which are blocked from the drivers view. It would be useful for cyclists to be aware of these.

Minutes of the January meeting were agreed. Issues raised were: It was agreed to use Cyclescape to put together comments on the response to Southern Cycle Corridor. Pedals Policy Workshop will take place at Rosy Lee's on 24th February

Recording of tram track incidents – Julian Bentley is keen to support on-line recording of incidents. Since the Sheffield website is put together manually it would require a dedicated volunteer to get this to work – but it would be possible to put on previous incidents. **Andrew** offered to contact Thomas Madar to see if he would be willing to put together a website.

Anna Soubry MP has taken up the issue of cycle accidents on tram tracks. In response to an article in the Nottingham Post, Hugh has emailed to make clear that cyclists will not accept “cyclist dismount” signs along the tram route. Development of Barton quarter may enable a parallel route, but is likely to be 2 years in the future. **All** members are encouraged to send in responses to the plans for the Barton's Quarter proposals.

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.

Recent Meetings:

There was a meeting with Keith Morgan about the proposals for extension of Western Corridor to Woodside Road.

CDG – Cycling Action Plan is now in draft form and has just been circulated to CDG members as it is not yet approved. Hugh reported on progress on the Trent Lane - Hook bridge, that they are waiting for a costing for the specialist feasibility work to be undertaken by Sustrans.

Hugh will co-ordinate a response to the City Local Plan (deadline 11th March) and Rushcliffe Local Plan (deadline 24th March).

Membership & Finance: David E. had nothing new to report on finance. Hilary has contacted people who are paying into the TSB account, and has got 7 to change standing orders over to the Co-op account. **Hilary** to send remaining names to Susan who can know which ones have already been contacted in the past.

Future Meetings: Councillor Nick MacDonald will meet a group from Pedals on Tuesday 16th Feb (tomorrow). Hugh, Paul, Iain and David Lally to attend. Agreed that three main issues should be raised – inclusive cycling facilities; continuity of new cycle facilities; building good cycle infrastructure into all new developments.

March will be AGM. There are at least three vacancies for key roles. Andrew will chair; it was agreed that there should be 1.5 hours for AGM before moving on to general monthly business.

Steve Calvert (County Councillor) will attend the April meeting. He is also chair of GNLRT. David Lally will chair.

In May there will be no speaker.

CycleNation AGM will be on 12th March. Peter Briggs cannot attend this year. Iain may be able to attend.

19th March there will be a Sustrans event for E. Midlands at Edwinstowe, which will include an opportunity for campaigners to meet.

Facilities:

Southern Corridor consultation – open for comments up to 20th February. It was agreed that we need to highlight the limitations of the route if it does not meet national cycle standards.

Valley Road – Andrew highlighted the new “green crossings” on side roads, but the lead-ins are not long enough.

Update on Pontoon proposal for Colwick (Paul Abel) – Outright purchase of a pontoon could be around £75,000, but hire might be £20,000. Agreed to have a discussion next month although it will clearly take a longer time to put a proposal together, which will require liaison with Environment Agency and other relevant bodies.

Meeting closed at 10 pm.