

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

Present: David Lally (Chair for this meeting), Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, Andrew Martin, Arthur Williams, Iain Lane, David Easley, Paul Abel, David Miller, Ben Troth, Ros Pither, Kevin Tedds, Paul Marwood, Peter Atkinson (visiting).

Apologies: Mara Ozolins, John Bannister, Thomas Madar, Ann Sladen.

Guest speaker – Councillor Steve Calvert Vice-chair of Transport at Notts Co. Council.

Main points of the discussion included:

- The usefulness of Cycle Maps – in pdf format on the website would be a low cost option.
- The recently completed cycling strategy document has been a useful exercise – it shows the interest of the Council when applying for funding (eg. from Central Govt.)
- The council will be submitting a response to the govt consultation – Pedals members suggested they should put the case for more funding.
- Barriers – along many cycle routes, especially those alongside NET, but also on canal towpaths (responsibility of Canals & Rivers Trust (CRT); Steve reported that NET cycling facilities will be handed back to the Council at the end of the initial contract period (12 mths?) but County Co. have little input in Net operation – e.g. issue of bikes on trams
- Pontoon bridge – support in principle, but maybe some issues, no funding likely.
- Cycling design guide – the current revision could be a chance to change policy about barriers
- Sherwood forest visitor centre – there are ideas for more cycle routes, but they don't appear in plans for the new centre
- New housing developments come under borough council control, but Co Co have influence on transport issues, and their suggestions are usually taken up. Steve is keen to promote sustainable transport issues for these new developments. Health, Air quality, transport poverty are all good reasons to promote cycling.
- Integration of public transport and cycling – no specific projects, but Robin Hood line useful (esp. Sundays for leisure cyclists); cycle hubs connected to city cycle hire scheme.

Minutes of the March meeting were agreed. Issues raised were:

One correction from Iain. Website for recording tram track accidents - Larry has set something up, which David said should not need much administration. Hugh will check with Larry before including this in the newsletter.

Hilary has set up a meeting with Sue Chambers from HA to look at problem with cycle path on A52 where it passes the old filling station (between Gamston and Ratcliffe).

Proposal to cover the role of minutes sec. – it was agreed to have a pool of people -

including Hugh, Andrew, Paul A, Iain, Thomas, Arthur.

Greater Nottingham Cycling Development Group (CDG) – is now producing a newsletter with updates on cycle schemes, etc. This can also go to attendees of Cycle forum. **Hugh** to ask at next meeting if we can publish this on Pedals website – or if it can be published on City Council website.

Opening of Broxtowe Trail – Peter Briggs will attend.

Meeting on roadshow regarding the government cycling consultation (26th April at Council House) Hugh plans to attend. Others encouraged to attend.

Policy meeting – in the end only Paul and Roland could attend, so no real conclusions - they had a discussion of cycling in Netherlands.

Iain suggests first week in May to reconvene.

Meeting on Ring Road looking at new facilities with Keith Morgan. David, Susan and Adrian Just attended and showed the problem of angles, visibility and poles. Keith is now going to be looking at the plans. A few improvements, e.g. moving street furniture, may be possible to those junctions already implemented.

Membership & Finance: **Arthur** is to set up a meeting with Hilary for handover in time to send out the next membership reminders. Also to follow up. David E. had nothing new to report on finance. **Andrew** offered to contact old members paying into the wrong account by phone

Future Meetings:

In May there will be no speaker. Andrew to chair. Iain to take minutes.

June: Hugh to chair. Gwyneth McMinn (Sustrans)

July: Susan to chair. Hugh to invite Keith and/or John Bann

David chair august

Hugh September

Other meetings: Tom Guha, the new Space for Cycling officer at CTC (now Cycling UK) is organizing a meeting (in Leicester on 21 May). Suggestion to run “Space for Cycling” rides included a “Missed Opportunity Ride” or one using the new Western corridor and off the end towards Bramcote.

Discussion of issues relating to Police commissioner election. Iain raised the problem that cycle issues are not considered unless there is a collision or an incident is witnessed by a police officer.

Peter Atkinson: Is carrying out research including a survey about integration of cycling and public transport. He is keen to involve families, and is planning to run workshops to find out the influence of the tram. Asked for help with publicising the survey and this research work.

Facilities:

CRT – new signs on towpath to encourage cyclists to slow down. Welcome as they give a sensible message without asking for cyclists to dismount. **Arthur** to follow up idea to put a mirror to aid visibility under London Road.

Govt cycle strategy – comments should be sent in, but document is very unambitious, and specifically misses any reference to cycle routes parallel to HS2. It was agreed to compile a Pedals response, publish it on the web site and encourage all members to respond, too.

AOB. 30th April Allotment party in Carrington (Andrew invites) + ride to Newark on bank holiday Monday 2nd May. Andrew also showed his 75 blood donations award!

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm.