

Minutes of the Pedals Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on Monday 20th June 2016

Present

- Iain Lane
- David Lally
- Hugh McClintock (chair for this meeting)
- Andrew Martin
- Susan Young
- Arthur Williams
- Ben Troth
- Paul Abel
- Thomas Madar

1. Apologies From

Gwyneth McMinn, Network Development Manager, East and West
Midlands, Sustrans
Joanna Ward
Mara Ozolins

2. Minutes of the previous Pedals Meeting (16 May 2016) accepted without comment

3. Matters Arising

Discussed the need to reduce the newsletter cost. Hugh's suggestion that the length of the newsletter is reduced to 8 pages was accepted, subject to further discussion next month when our Treasurer, David Easley, will be back from holiday. Andrew questioned the scale of the deficit per issue. No exact cost available at the moment.

Iain asked whether we could cover the deficit through sponsorship. Hugh thought that would be difficult, judging by our past experience in trying to get sponsors for various activities as well as paid advertising for the newsletter.

Susan showed the meeting a copy of Edinburgh's local cycling magazine (the Spokes bulletin), as an example of using lower cost paper. Meeting agreed that this should be investigated as a source for savings. Going for just black and white photos was not felt to be acceptable.

Hugh and Susan suggested that the Pedals website needed a thorough clean-up and should be revised more regularly if we were having to cut back on the newsletter as a source of latest news. Larry needs to be called in to help do this on a bi-monthly basis, with help from others. Attention needs to be given to the editing of the section on Cycle Ride organisers, removing reference to Rural Rides. We need to ensure that links to the following are included, with contact details:

Travel Rides
Notts CTC
U3A
Sneinton Bikers
Breeze
Skyride
Bread & Bitter

It was agreed that social rides should be run by Pedals.

4. Report on recent meetings / events by people who have attended on behalf of Pedals including

- 18 May West Bridgford Proposed Strategic Cycle Routes meeting: Hugh and Paul reported that cycling infrastructure in West Bridgford was being given the majority of the annual spend for the whole of Nottinghamshire (£250,000). We were happy with the proposals and we expect to be invited to a further meeting.

Andrew raised the point that we need to ensure that such policy is not reversed with a change in power in the Council. Hugh reaffirmed the importance of Councillor Steve Calvert in promoting cycling in the County. Susan suggested we do an event in West Bridgford, and this was well received by meeting.

- 23 May: opening of new EMT Nottingham Station (Queen's Road) Cycle Hub: Paul Abel raise issues concerning signage, station staff training and the difficulties involved in obtaining a fob to gain access to the new Cycle Hub. He agreed to follow this up, and the lack of information on the EMT website with the station manager before we next meet.

Ben reported on the Space for Cycling conference in Leicester. 45 attendees. One of the main issues was the width of road space to be allocated to cycling. There was a split in opinion but there was general support for proposals to accept lanes which are narrower than the standard 1.5 m when overall road widths do not currently allow the adoption of the standard. The conference is to urge the government to allocate 10% of transport spending on cycling.

Ben and Iain felt that it was important for Keith Morgan and John Mann to look at Cycle Scape on a regular basis, and particularly the Go Pro footage relating to the problems on Scotland Road.

5.Planned Events, Guest Speakers and Chairs

July – Hugh to re-invite Gwyneth McMinn from Sustrans. Susan to take minutes and Iain to Chair.

August 15th Arthur to chair.

September was proposed as a “techy evening” regarding the maintenance of the website plus a cyclescape refresher.

October was proposed as a CCTV evening by inviting Chris of the Police camera partnership. Hugh felt that we need to keep up pressure on ring road with John Bann and Keith Morgan but they needn't come to this.

We need to raise the issue of reducing the top speed on the ring road to 30 mph, and enforcing the driving behaviour of motorbikes. Ben will ask Chris for best person to invite as a speaker on enforcement issues. Andrew raised the issue of distractions in cars and Hugh mentioned his understanding that there is a researcher (Caroline Mulvaney) in the Department of Nursing and Community Health at Nottingham University who has experience of work on injuries. Hugh said that he could make contact with a view to asking her to speak at a future meeting.

Hugh reported that he will be attending a meeting with Rushcliffe Borough Property Department concerning the allocation of land on the south bank of the Trent to allow the installation of the proposed pedestrian/cycle bridge. At the moment, however, he understands that the Sustrans feasibility study has been delayed as a result of internal restructuring so we will have to wait for this to be produced for clarity on land ownership issues with regard to the developers of the Park Yacht Club and the bridge can be defined. Pedals hasn't paid anything towards the report yet.

We are expecting clear cost estimates and we want to make sure that sufficient consideration is given to how the bridge links in with the City Council's proposed Eastern Cycle Corridor

David Lalley offered to attend the greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee on 5 July, where there were to be 2 items of particular interest to cyclists; cycle accidents related to the tram and the relevance for the NET of the successful Edinburgh project allowing bike access on trams.

It was agreed to have a stall at the Nottingham Green Festival on Sun 11 September: Andrew, Iain, Thomas, Arthur and Hugh volunteered to man it.

Hugh reported that work has started on the new lighting on the Victoria Embankment.

Pedals comments on the City Council Eastern Cycle Corridor consultation will include the need for Toucan Crossings on Manvers Street and Sneinton Hermitage.

6. Miscellaneous items

Hugh drew the meetings attention to a Nottingham Post item regarding a campaign to stop cyclists using pavements. Susan proposed that we should do a counter-campaign on pavement cycling and raise this with Ridewise.

A proposal from Paul Abel for Pedals stick-on vinyl strips was accepted by the committee. He agreed to contact Keith Morgan to find out if the vinyl strips could be stuck on Sheffield hoops around the city.