

**Minutes of the Pedals meeting of Monday 16 Jan 2017, at The Vat and Fiddle PH  
12-14 Queensbridge Road, Nottingham NG2 1NB**

**1. Welcome, and apologies for absence, and including brief introductions**

**Apologies for absence from**

Mara Ozolins, Arthur Williams, Paul Abel, Chris Green.

**Present:**

Susan Young (Meeting chair)  
Hugh McClintock (minute-taker)  
Andrew Martin  
Spike Davis  
John Bannister  
Jack Chisholm  
Iain Lane  
David Lally  
David Easley

**2. Discussion with Dave Clasby, Partnerships Development Manager, Sustrans East Midlands**

Dave discussed his changing role within Sustrans, having originally joined Sustrans as one of the first Bike-It Project Officers, to promote cycling in schools, in the Derby and then also Leicester areas. Following the recent restructuring within Sustrans his role had broadened further, as Partnerships Development Manager, working with a range of groups. His current main focus was on supporting Sustrans big forthcoming bid for the Bennerley Viaduct project and helping to ensure that they obtained funding for the proposed walkway-cycleway over the top, and improved links, as well as for the restoration of the viaduct itself.

Dave also discussed Sustrans growing role as a consultant to local authorities etc, helping them to design schemes, though, he also said that their advice was not always taken!

With the DfT due soon to introduce the new system of LCWIFs (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans) it was very important, Dave said, for cyclists (and other stakeholders) to engage with these including developing a local 'tube map' to help highlight aspirations for the future local cycle network they would like to see developed over 25 years. This had been mentioned at the Cycling UK / Cyclenation Campaigners' Conference in St. Albans in November which both he and Hugh had attended.

Dave also emphasised in his talk the need for cycle campaigners to engage fully with the growing interest in the very serious adverse health impacts of air pollution from traffic, and to stress the vital role of active travel (not just cycling) in addressing this, especially in major urban areas like Greater Nottingham.

**3. Minutes of the previous Pedals Meeting (19 Dec 2016) and including checking for accuracy, and matters arising / updates including review of progress with actions agreed**

- Pedals New Year Meal, Encounters Restaurant, 6 Jan:  
Andrew Martin was warmly thanked for organising this very enjoyable evening.
- Attenborough Nature Reserve Level Crossing: Threatened Closure by Network Rail:  
David Lally was thanked for drafting the Pedals response. Hugh had passed this on to several people including Alan Hudson, the Newark-based Sustrans Ranger, who represents cyclists on the County Local Access Forum. He said he would raise it at their next meeting.

- Proposed toucan crossing at the junction of Chaworth Road / Northwold Ave / Loughborough Rd, West Bridgford: update on installation delays  
Now due to be installed in March / April, Hugh reported.
- Western Cycle Corridor (Castle Boulevard-Dunkirk island) – responses to request for feedback.  
Hugh said it was still important to gather user feedback, to pass on to the City Council
- Recording Tram track hazards for cyclists: message of 3 Jan from Jonathan Finglass, GMCC and Chair of Cyclenation  
David Easley said that there might be technical problems in enabling cyclists from other cities with trams to record details of their accidents on the Pedals website, even if this might be desirable in principle. Agreed therefore that the next step was for him to discuss these issues with Larry Neylon and with Jonathan Finglass.
- Proposed Trent Lane to The Hook foot-cycle bridge: update on Sustrans economic impact report  
Now expected on 27 Jan.

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

- Consultation on the Network Rail proposed closure of the level crossings into Attenborough Nature Reserve and report of 5 Jan site meeting with Steve Barber and Anne Sladen and Pedals response sent on 12 Jan  
It was understood that Anne would be able to attend the Network Rail public meeting in Attenborough Village Hall on 8 Feb.

#### **5. Finance, Membership, Promotion and Publicity (David Easley and Arthur Williams to report)**

Agreed that it was important to try to sort out the backlog of membership cards which should really have been sent out at the start of the membership year back in May. Arthur, who was unable to attend the meeting, had emailed to say that he suggested now sending out cards valid until 2018 for all those members paying by standing order, and cards valid to 30 April 2017 for those who pay one year at a time. However, Andrew Martin suggested that we simplify matters by sending out to all members cards valid until 30 April 2018 and this was agreed.

Susan Young suggested that we find ways of streamlining the work of the Membership Secretary and offered to discuss with Arthur how this could be done, before perhaps discussing it further with a subgroup of interested people. Ideally we should then get revised arrangements in place by the time of our AGM in March, when Arthur would be stepping down and we should have a successor in place.

#### **6. Forthcoming events / meetings**

**Pedals meetings including invitations to visiting speakers, review of the agenda layout, chairing and taking minutes at future meetings and the need to contact The Vat and Fiddle for preparing (e.g. heating) the room.**

**Future Pedals meetings**, including Chairing and Minute-taking arrangements, and possible speakers to invite:-

20 Feb: Andrew Martin to chair this meeting focusing on revisions to the Pedals website. It would help a lot if people before the meeting could take a look at what is there now and what

most needs revising / updating / adding to, Hugh suggested.

20 March (AGM): Andrew Martin to chair. Hugh would email all members in early February to give plenty of notice of the AGM and would emphasise the need for us to fill several vacant posts, including Chair, Membership Secretary and Publicity Officer.

Susan suggested that we always publicise the AGM date in the preceding (Autumn) Newsletter.

24 April (not 17th, because of Easter): Hugh to chair this meeting which would focus on a discussion with Russell of Russell's Bike Shed. Thomas Madar to take the minutes.

Details of other meetings to be agreed later but leaving May without a speaker, to give more time for our internal discussions.

No offers were made to take the minutes at any of these meetings so it was agreed that Hugh should email all those who have helped recently, i.e. Iain, Thomas and Paul Abel, to see which if any of the next few meetings they could help do this at.

**Other meetings / events:**

- Friends of Bennerley Viaduct Meeting at the Dewdrop Inn, Ilkeston, Tues 17 Feb  
Hugh unable to go and no one else offered to go instead.
- Nottingham's Cycle Super Highways –2018 and beyond : 20 Jan Cycle Forum  
Several people indicated that they intended to go and could then report back at the next Pedals meeting.
- 25 Jan meeting with Highways England re local trunk road schemes  
Hugh and Peter Briggs to attend.
- 26 Jan: Pedals suggested agenda items for the Greater Nottm Cycling Development Group:-
- Further detailed information on the proposed route between University Boulevard and Thane Road via the Boots Enterprise Zone and the new foot-cycle bridge over the Midland Main Line
- Updates on the Southern, Eastern and Northern Cycle Corridor work / proposals including signing proposals and links to and from new major housing developments.
- Improvements to signing of local Sustrans NCN Routes, especially NCN Route 15.
- Update on the EMT Cycle Hub at Nottingham Station (Queen's Road) including access improvements and reasons for EMT citing poor ground conditions as a reason for relocating the Hub from the north to the south side of the Station
- The need for a toucan crossing on Queen's Road near the Cycle Hub and the south end of the public footpath across Nottingham Station
- Plans to re-establish the direct route for cyclists and pedestrians on the full length of Arkwright Walk
- Review of 25 Jan meeting with Highways England to discuss local trunk road cycling issues (A52 and A453) and follow-up
- Involvement with the East Midlands Air Quality Network
- Feedback from the 20 Jan Cycle Forum, and following up issues raised

- Update on suggestions for locations where A-frame barriers are still a problem, as raised with Cllr. Nick McDonald last February
- The need for a review of existing substandard cycle lanes with regard to widths and enforcement, especially those on Woodborough Road, Haydn Road. Robin Hood Way and Wollaton Vale, and allowing for differences on hillier and flatter roads.

## **7. Cycle facility and traffic management matters including**

- Towards a complete cycle route away from the tram tracks in the Beeston / Chilwell High Road area: Broxtowe BC planning application 16/00859: Bartons Land Between High Road And Queens Road West High Road Chilwell Nottinghamshire NG9 4AJ  
Hugh to send in response.
- Tram track inserts - Dutch proposal to help cyclists: message of 7 Jan from Adrian Juffs Hugh, Anne and Peter Briggs to raise this at the next meeting with Steve Tough about tram-related issues for cyclists.
- Proliferation of Crossing Detectors - City and County wide: message of 10 Jan from Julian Bentley  
Agreed that it was important to encourage people to report details of the particular issues at different crossings.
- Draft Pedals policy on barriers: draft of 11 Jan from Susan Young  
Susan would now do a revised draft, taking account of comments from several other people, the earlier Pedals comments to the City and County Councils on such issues, and other relevant policy documents such as the City Council's Review of Access Controls on Off-road paths, prepared by John Lee,

## **8. Miscellaneous items**

- Citi Bike's New Safety Feature: Bike-Shaped Laser Projections: something worth trying in Nottingham?  
Varying opinions on the value of such devices, as demonstrated at the meeting by David Lally.

## **9. Any other business**

Cycling UK Space for Cycling Campaign meeting in London on 28 Jan with an emphasis on discussing plans for coordinating lobbying of candidates standing in the local authority elections in May.

Noone able to represent Pedals. *(PS to meeting: Paul Abel may be able to go)*