

# Minutes of the Pedals Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## Present

- Susan Young (chairing)
- Russell Cutts (guest from Russell's Bike Shed)
- Jack Chisholm
- David Lally
- Hugh McClintock
- David Easley
- Iain Lane

## Apologies

- Andrew Martin
- Arthur Williams
- Paul Abel
- Chris Green
- Mara Ozolins

## Discussion with Russell Cutts

The first half of the meeting was a discussion between the attendees and Russell Cutts, who has opened a bike shop as part of Nottingham Station (Queen's Road). The discussion mainly focused on cycling in Sheffield – Russell has another shop in Sheffield station – compared to Nottingham, various schemes that the shops have tried (hiring, repair contracts, ...) and members' suggestions for potential business avenues to investigate.

## Main business

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Some corrections were suggested to the minutes of the AGM held in March 2017

- The minutes say "Andrew, Hugh and Susan agreed to act as media contacts, given the continued reluctance of any one person to stand as Press and Publicity Officer." - it was felt that this is slightly negative. **Susan** agreed to contact Thomas to suggest wording.
- It was thought that a vote of thanks to Larry Neylon for maintaining the website should be included.

The recent (22<sup>nd</sup> April) Space 4 Cycling ride was discussed. David Lally reported that the ride was a success, but it would have been nicer to have more attendees. There was a suggestion to organise a similar ride yearly. **David Lally** will contact Cycling UK to see if there is a national campaign we could get involved with.

There was a recent email thread initiated by Julian Bentley about demand cancelling devices on road crossings. These are devices that detect when the person who pressed the button is no longer there and cancel the request, so the crossing doesn't change to green. The complaint is that these sometimes inappropriately activate, for example when a person using a bike backs away from the road to avoid traffic. Chris Gough was suggested as a local engineer who may have knowledge of such devices and might be able to have a discussion with us. **Hugh** to invite Chris Gough and Julian to the May or June meetings.

Bennerley Viaduct is soliciting affiliated organisations as part of their fundraising efforts. Hugh suggested that Pedals could be such an organisation – a nominal fee of £5 was mentioned. It was **agreed in principle** that this would be acceptable, but **Hugh** will find out the details for certain.

A brief discussion on cycle parking at Nottingham Station. There is some talk about EMT taking over the City Council's "hub" on Station Street. The meeting felt that we weren't concerned about who operates the hub, as long as it remains **free and secure**.

As Iain Lane is taking over from David Easley as treasurer, we need to update the signatories on the bank accounts. The Co-op asks that the meeting formally record that we have agreed their terms and conditions and to hold an account with the co-op. Iain presented these to the meeting and they were **agreed** (proposer: Susan Young, seconder: David Easley).

There will be another session to review the contents of the Pedals website in either May or June's meeting, whichever the meeting with Chris Gough and Julian Bentley (above) doesn't take place in.

**David Easley** agreed to take minutes at May's meeting.