



**Spring / Summer Newsletter 2017  
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## **Work on West Bridgford Strategic Cycle Network well underway**

As we go to press work is well underway on several of the cycle route improvements forming part of the County Council's West Bridgford Strategic Cycle Network, with some parts due for completion by the end of May we understand.

This will include upgrades to several existing routes including the route connecting the town centre via Chaworth Road to Northwold Avenue, Collington Way and Rushcliffe Arena, as well as further through Compton Acres to the tramside path near the Compton Acres tram stop.



This route connecting to the Rushcliffe Arena, now far busier since the redevelopment of the Leisure Centre and Rushcliffe Borough Council's move of offices from the Civic Centre, will also benefit from

the recently opened toucan crossing on Loughborough Road, between Chaworth Road and Northwold Avenue (see photo).

This should have been installed before the completion of the Arena work last December and we had to do a lot of chasing to get it done, helped by a couple of local Councillors, Rod Jones and Gordon Wheeler, for which we are very grateful.

We are now pressing the County Council for the completion of these new facilities to be followed by a complete revamp of the cycle direction signs in the area, to help publicise them more widely.

## **Pedals lobbying of County Council election candidates and Space for Cycling Campaign local Ride**

In the run-up to the recent County Council elections Pedals carried out extensive lobbying of candidates standing in Rushcliffe and Broxtowe, with a view to helping ensure that the recent useful work in the West Bridgford area was followed up by more cycling investment, and helping to make use of funding from various sources, not just the County Council's own much constrained budget.

The Space for Cycling Ride, organised by Pedals and other local cycling organisations

on Saturday 22 April (see photo), also formed part of our campaign to put the positive case in the elections for specific cycling investment, not just the repair of potholes, vital as that also is. The ride formed part of a series of Space for Cycling Campaign rides organised across the country and coordinated by Cycling UK (the former CTC).



Many thanks to all those who helped to organise the local Ride including David Lally, Iain Lane, Julian Bentley and Susan Young.

### ***Pedals comments on the Western Cycle Corridor and more generally on City cycling policy***

Nottingham City Council Overview and Scrutiny Panel held a special discussion at its meeting on 8 March to review cycling policy in the City and Pedals was one of the local stakeholders invited to make comments, along with Ridewise and Highways England. Here are the Pedals comments:



Pedals welcomes the commitment to higher standards of cycling provision, as in the recently adopted Nottingham Cycling Design Guide, provided that it is kept up to date and reflects the latest developments in best practice.



The Western Cycle Corridor in general is of much higher standard, e.g. wider paths and with more cycle priority at junctions but has some more problematic areas, e.g. at Gregory Street junction, on the Abbey Street cycle path by the QMC, and some issues with the new signals at the Castle Bridge Road junction.

Safer connections at the east end to and past the Broad Marsh area and to and from Nottingham Station are also vital. We much welcome the new connecting route between University Boulevard and Thane Road (Boots Enterprise Zone) including the new bridge over the railway etc.

The Eastern Cycle Corridor is also very welcome but will only achieve its full potential with more links, especially across the Island Site to and from the City Centre, Canal Street and Nottingham Station.

Southern Cycle Corridor. Much reliance on the recently built tramside paths but part of these are distinctly substandard and will need upgrading as part of a higher standard route.

This route would also achieve more with wider links, e.g. to and from the proposed major new housing development S of Clifton and to and from Rushcliffe Country Park,

etc. Needs close collaboration with the County Council and Rushcliffe BC, as well as Highways England.

Close collaboration with the County Council, Rushcliffe BC, and Highways England also needed on the SE side of Nottingham with improved cycle links across the Trent to serve the major new housing developments E and S of West Bridgford, e.g. our proposed new foot-cycle bridge between Trent Lane and The Hook, with upgraded and extended connections on both sides of the river, particularly extended riverside paths between Trent Bridge and Colwick Park, etc.

Such a facility would provide much more attractive cycling conditions than on Trent Bridge and Lady Bay bridges, with their very serious congestion and air pollution problems, and would also do much to help promote cycle tourism, as well as being of great appeal to walkers, especially in terms of providing much better connections between the Colwick Park, Colwick Woods and Holme Pierrepont areas, and other major leisure attractions.

***The full version of Pedals comments, and the draft City Cycling Action Plan, can be found on our website at <http://pedals.org.uk/pedals-comments-to-nottingham-city-council-overview-and-scrutiny-committee-discussion-on-cycling-on-8-march-2017/>***



## **Work nears completion on City N-S route between Castle Boulevard and Canning Circus**

As we go to press work is at last nearing completion on the North-South route between Castle Boulevard and Canning Circus via Castle Hill and The Ropewalk and including contraflow lanes on Postern Road and Friar Lane for which Pedals has long campaigned.



Although basically a very welcome new quiet route west of the City Centre we have already had some complaints about the dangers to cyclist from motor vehicles approaching on Regent Street and Oxford Street and not expecting cyclists to be 'riding in the wrong direction'.

The City Council are therefore looking at measures to raise awareness of cyclists who are going down the hill and reduce the speed of motor vehicles going up the hill. This will include the introduction of cycle symbols on the carriageway.

They are also looking at upgrading the existing pedestrian crossings on Maid Marian Way to toucans. This will

complement the contra-flow cycling arrangements on Friar Lane, still to be signed as are those on Postern Street.

### **Eastern Cycle Corridor (Daleside Road-Manvers Street)**

Much of the cycle corridor between Sneinton Hermitage and Racecourse Road is now in place. This will now progress to the Racecourse roundabout and the remainder of the route out towards Vale Road. Design work is progressing on upgrading the two stage pedestrian crossing on Manvers Street to a one stage toucan. This will be implemented as soon as design work is complete.

Options are being discussed and worked up to ensure connections to the City Centre. The Council will report on these once agreements and designs are in place.

### **Northern Cycle Corridor**

The City Council is currently looking at options within a transport model to see how effective highway changes will be on the cycle corridor. Once a workable scheme/schemes has been identified they will consult on proposals.

### **Continuing NET-related issues for cyclists including Wilford Lane tramside path crossing**

Following our success last autumn in getting the removal two very awkward barriers along the Clifton NET route tramside path between Coronation Avenue (Wilford) and Wilford Lane, we have recently focused on the dangers to cyclists at the point just south of the nearby tramstop where the tramside path crosses Wilford Lane.

Making use of some video clips from Julian Bentley helped us to persuade the County and City Councils of the continuing dangers to cyclists crossing, aggravated by very awkward angles they are now expected to negotiate.



At a site meeting on 25 April several improvement ideas were discussed and these are now being investigated further by both Councils. (see photos)



The City Council are also very much involved as the tramside path forms part of their proposed Southern Cycle Corridor between the City Centre and Clifton.

The one remaining awkward barrier on this path, just north of the tramstop must be retained, NET are insisting, but this will at least be modified to remove the overlap and make it easier to ride through!

The City Council are planning a new signing scheme for the Southern Corridor route which will include clearer signing of the shared path status of the path between Wilford Lane and Ruddington Lane tramstops, and the County Council's cycle



signing plans for West Bridgford will also help improve signing in this area.

## Other reports in brief:



### EMT Cycle Hub on the Queen's Road side of Nottingham Station

Watch out for some **signing improvements** for this hub due to appear soon but we also want to see much more signing of this, and the older Secure Bike Compound on the north side of the Station, on all the main approach routes.



We also want to see a **new toucan crossing of Queen's Road**, by the Hub and the south pedestrian access to the station (see photo)



We are working closely with Dan Robson, the new EMT Area Station Manager, and Russell Cutts (**on left in the photo above**) of Russell's Bike Shed,

<http://russellsbicycleshed.co.uk/locations> or [nottingham@russellsbicycleshed.co.uk](mailto:nottingham@russellsbicycleshed.co.uk)

We have also passed on to EMT several **ideas for improvements for cyclists at other local stations**, including Beeston, Bulwell, Hucknall and Carlton, arising from focus groups conducted in this area by Peter Atkinson of Leeds University in the course of his PhD work on cycling and public transport.

### Attenborough level crossings closure threat

In January we protested against Network Rail's plan for closure of the level crossings between Attenborough Village and Attenborough Nature Reserve and stressed the importance of preserving good cycle and foot access to the Reserve for people living in Beeston and Chilwell etc.

### Haydn Road cycle lane continuing obstruction issues:

We have had further complaints about obstruction of this cycle lane, near the Fiat Garage, and urged the City Council to take more effective action to address them.

Photos can be found on our website at: <http://pedals.org.uk/?s=Haydn+Road>

## **New cycle route and bridge between University Boulevard and Thane Road**

Work is likely to start this autumn on the installation of a new cycle route between University Boulevard near the Tennis Centre and Thane Road by the Boots Enterprise Zone and linking to the Big Track. This will include a new cycle bridge over the railway, and the whole route is due for completion by Easter 2018. For more information and a map see

<http://pedals.org.uk/proposed-cycle-route-between-university-boulevard-and-thane-road/>



## **Pedals policy statement on bollards and barriers on off-road paths**

This new Pedals policy statement was agreed at our March meeting and can now be found on our website at [http://pedals.org.uk/pedals\\_policy\\_documents/](http://pedals.org.uk/pedals_policy_documents/)

## **Contacts for traffic signal complaints:**

County Council (VIA EM): Chris Gough,  
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[john.bann@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:john.bann@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

or Keith Morgan:  
[Keith.Morgan@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:Keith.Morgan@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

## **Update info on local bike recycling**

There is now updated information about this on our website including the Nottingham Bike Works scheme, operated at their Ayr Street workshops. See

<http://pedals.org.uk/?s=bike+recycling> and [www.nottinghambikeworks.org.uk](http://www.nottinghambikeworks.org.uk)



## **Broken bike? Take it to Cycle Saviours**

Graham Lansdell has started running the Cycle Saviour scheme, a project hosted by Saviours Church in The Meadows, off Arkwright Walk. It runs in their Church Hall on Thursdays from 9.30-11.30 (school term-time only). (see photo). More information from [grahamlansdell@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamlansdell@hotmail.com)



## **Cycle Live Weekend Festival of Cycling, 24-25 June**

including the Great Notts Bike Ride, first started by Pedals in 1982! (see photo). For more information on the full range of rides see <http://cyclelivenottingham.co.uk/>



## Big support for Sustrans Bennerley Viaduct project funding bid

Sustrans are soon to submit their main funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the restoration of the Viaduct including a walkway-cycleway over the top connecting both sides of the Erewash Valley Trail and other local routes. Their bid has attracted big support from a wide range of groups, which is very encouraging.

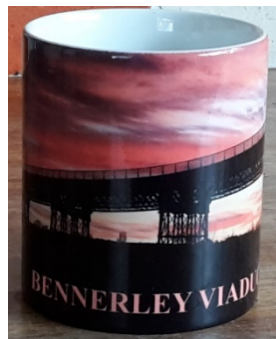


Although the Heritage Lottery Fund is being looked to for most of the funding for the restoration of the funding the HLF require a substantial amount to be raised in match funding.

This can includes a wide variety of contributions, from local authorities and

other organisations, from the many efforts already being made by volunteers, and from membership fees for individuals and organisations forming part of the Friends of Bennerley Viaduct.

To help with this the FOBV, chaired by local Sustrans ranger Jeff Wynch, has now launched its own merchandise in the form of mugs, T-Shirts and postcards.



*For more information on this merchandise see the FOBV website at [www.bennerleyviaduct.org.uk](http://www.bennerleyviaduct.org.uk) or contact Jeff Wynch at [j.wynch@btinternet.com](mailto:j.wynch@btinternet.com)*

*For more information on the project contact Kieran Lee, Community Engagement and Development Officer, [Kieran.Lee@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:Kieran.Lee@sustrans.org.uk)*



## Using the Cyclescape website to discuss local issues

We are now strongly encouraging the use by Pedals members of the Cyclescape website to encourage exchange of views on local issues for cyclists.

- Visit the Pedals section on this national cycle campaigning site at <http://nottingham.cyclescape.org/>
- A User Guide can be downloaded at <http://blog.cyclescape.org/guide/>

## Pothole or other problem reporting

See the 'Report a road, path or cycleway problem or fault' info on the Pedals website for appropriate contact details:

<http://www.pedals.org.uk/>

## Keeping in touch with Pedals – Website and Facebook

To keep in touch with Pedals visit our website, [www.pedals.org.uk](http://www.pedals.org.uk), which is regularly updated.

You can also follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pedalsnottingham>



## Discounts for Pedals members at local bike shops



Don't forget that with your Pedals membership card you can get discount at several local bike shops.

*A full list of local bike shops. Highlighting those offering discounts to members, can be found on the Pedals website at*

[http://www.pedals.org.uk/looking\\_after\\_your\\_bike](http://www.pedals.org.uk/looking_after_your_bike)

## Pedals contacts:

For general enquiries email [contact@pedals.org.uk](mailto:contact@pedals.org.uk)

## Pedals officeholder changes:

At our AGM in March Andrew Martin took over from Peter Osborne as Secretary, Iain Lane took over from David Easley as Treasurer, and David Easley took over from Arthur Williams as Membership Secretary

Contact details are on our website at

[http://www.pedals.org.uk/contacts\\_list](http://www.pedals.org.uk/contacts_list)

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