

Minutes of the Pedals Meeting held at The Vat and Fiddle on Monday 18th September 2017

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Present

Hugh McClintock
Paul Abel
Iain Lane
Jack Chisholm

Susan Young
Thomas Madar
David Wand

Apologies

Andrew Martin
David Lally
Mara Ozolins

Arthur Williams
David Easley

The meeting started at 7:35pm

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Queens Bridge Road Taxi Feeder Lane Facility.

Monitoring to be continued. (Action) Hugh to check the planning and access arrangements for the new office block etc. (Unity Square) developments to be built at the top of Queens Bridge Road developments, following the demolition now well underway.

EMT. Safe Crossing of Queens Rd to/from Nottingham Station

[Action] Hugh to keep the following on the agenda:-

- The need for a safe crossing across Queens Rd between the station and the new cycle storage facility, and also the need for safer cycling conditions to reach it from along Queen's Road.
- The need for more security for the above cycle storage facility. Currently, a key fob for this facility may be purchased by anyone without presenting any form of identity. This should not be the case.

Iain raised the issue of unlocked doors on the North side cycle storage facility on Station Street [Action] Hugh to pester the City Council to put this right, as well as ensuring prompter action when the main gate on Station Street was not working. It was agreed that it would help if the relevant contact details were displayed for people to report any further problems.

3. Report on Recent Meetings

Meeting. 24th August with Cllr Jon Collins to discuss the Trent Lane to The Hook Bridge

Paul discussed this. Cllr. Jon Collins, who said he was not aware of the proposal (for this bridge) wanted us to write a letter of requesting land for the footprint of this bridge, and also letter requesting the allocation of money for this project.

Hugh discussed the shifting of the location of this bridge 100m upstream from the initial planned location. He discussed the applications for finance, and also for the conduct of a feasibility study.

Iain also asked questions about the bridge and its cost.

Meeting. 7th Sept. EMT Franchise Consultation.

This was discussed briefly

Meeting. 12 Sept. Greater Nottingham Light Transit Advisory Committee

Hugh discussed the issue of cycle paths sharing platforms, with particular regard to the situation at the Ruddington Lane tramstop where the tramside path was officially still only a public footpath, despite being part of the City Council's Southern Cycle Corridor route. There was the risk of collisions between cyclists and passengers alighting from or embarking on trams. On this note, Susan discussed issues with the Wilford Lane tram stop, where the agreed modifications to the barriers on the shared path side on the north side of the tram stop still had not taken place.

Susan raised issues about the barriers placed across the tram track side cycle path used to prevent access by motorised vehicles, and to slow cyclists down. They were difficult to negotiate using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and heavy electric bicycles.

There was the issue of local people objecting if the present barriers were removed. Local people were worried about the path being used by motorcyclists.

4. Finance, Membership, Promotion and Publicity

Susan had nothing to report regarding membership

Iain discussed the issue of the bank demanding an annual audit. There were no recent reports to show to the bank.

[Action] Iain to look into any requests for audits made by the bank, and also to look into amending the Pedals constitution, so as not to require a bank approved annual audit.

Next meeting, [Action] Pedals to discuss a resolution to amend the constitution so as not to require a bank approved audit. [Action] Iain to send an e-mail to David (Easley) about this issue.

The advisability to keep Pedals accounts independently verified was briefly discussed.

It was confirmed that cheques for amounts of over £50 required signatures from both the chairman and the treasurer (or another office holder)

Issue! There is no chairman! [Action] Meeting to be arranged to remedy this issue.

5. Forthcoming Meetings and Events

Future Pedals Meetings

[Action] Hugh and Susan to organise meetings

The charring and minute taking arrangements for future pedals meetings are as follows:-

Mon 16 October. Chair: Hugh McClintock Minutes: tbc
Discussion with John Bann/Chris Morgan on the Broad Marsh developments

Mon 20 November. Chair: Susan Young Minutes: Iain Lane
Discussion with Cllr Sally Longford over local transport

Mon 18 December Christmas Social Evening

Monday 15 January 2018 Chair: Paul Abel

Minutes: tbc

Paul raised an issue about the guillotining of interesting discussions in mid-discussion so as to keep to meeting schedules. For example, an interesting debate on the Broad Marsh development was stopped in mid-debate when it should have been allowed to continue to its conclusion.

Iain raised an issue about discussions wandering from the intended topic.

Broad Marsh developments.

Hugh and Iain discussed the development of Canal Street and Collins Street as the Broad Marsh Car Park is demolished. Hugh mentioned that he knew that there had been much pressure from local businesses to modify the plans.

Susan was concerned about the cycle corridor along Castle Boulevard suddenly dumping cyclists into traffic at its Eastern end.

[Action] Hugh to e-mail John and Keith send us an e-mail containing Broad Marsh plans and information at least a week prior to next month's meeting.

Mon 15 February Pedals Meeting

[Action] David Lally to invite the Roasting House company to talk at February's meeting. The company delivers coffee beans by bicycle.

Other forthcoming meetings:

Thursday 28 September. Cycle Development Group Meeting

Agenda item to add to the draft list from Hugh. What cycle hire scheme will succeed City Card Cycles?

Susan suggested a discussion on inclusive cycling (not just for the fit and the young on sports bicycles)

Sunday 30 September. Vintage Cycling Event, Nottingham Industrial Museum

Hugh spoke briefly about this and mentioned that Graham Lansdell would be doing a Doctor Bike session.

Tuesday 3 October. NET related cycle accidents meeting with Andy Holdstock and Steve Tough

Iain stated the requirement to make cyclists aware of the reporting facility for tram accidents on the Pedals website

Paul stated the advantage of having prominent notices warning cyclists of danger near tram tracks, and also for similar notices to warn students.

[Action] Paul to contact the Nottingham Trent University Cycling Officer or the Student Union. The cycling officers of the University of Nottingham and Nottingham NHS Trust may also be contacted.

6. Cycle Facility and Traffic Management Matters

Keyworth Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Paul talked about developing and improving cycle paths between parishes in Rushcliffe Borough, and making new housing estates cycle friendly with cycle paths running between them.

[Action] Hugh to draft letter to parish councils in the Borough of Rushcliffe about proposals for cycle friendliness in their Neighbourhood Plans

[Action] Jack to contact consultants in Chesterfield about the plans mentioned above

It is all about linking parishes and neighbourhoods with cycle paths.

7. Miscellaneous Items

Autumn Newsletter

Hugh discussed a policy for enclosing items for recipients who received their newsletter electronically. Agreed to send printed maps only to those members still wishing to receive printed copies while other members would be encouraged to download the electronic version or to email Tom Humphries at the City Council to be sent a copy.

8. Any Other Business

Paul generated a big discussion on the anti-terrorist barriers keeping pedestrians safe on the pavements of the Trent Bridge. These barriers were preventing cyclists from escaping to the pavement when threatened with dense traffic. These barriers, which narrow the road considerably, are here to stay in some shape or form though the present ones may be replaced by some more permanent ones, Hugh mentioned. Susan maintained that in such situations it was very important for cyclists to take the lane and not ride too close to the gutter.

9. Website

Some sections of the website are still badly out of date and urgently requires updating. [Action] Larry to update, after further discussions at our meetings when time permits.

The meeting ended at 10.10pm.