

Minutes of the Pedals Meeting held at The Vat and Fiddle on Monday 16th October 2017

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Present

Hugh McClintock(Chair)

Iain Lane

Paul Abel

Arthur Williams

Susan Young

David Easley

Thomas Madar (Minutes)

Keith Morgan (City Council)

Apologies

Andrew Martin

Jack Chisholm

Mara Ozolins

David Lally

The meeting started at 7:38pm

2. Discussion with Keith Morgan on Provision for Cyclists in the Broad Marsh Re-development.

The purpose of this portion of the meeting was for Pedals to inform Keith of the ways in which the proposed re-development of the Broad Marsh area could be made friendly for cyclists. The current proposals are:-

- Motorised traffic to be constrained to Maid Marian Way
- Collin Street to be pedestrianised
- Canal St to accommodate buses and bikes

There is a consultation event scheduled soon (tbc)

Hugh remarked on how cyclists riding East on the Western Corridor face an abrupt transition to riding in the dense traffic of Canal Street. There followed an animated discussion on the routing of cyclists around Broad Marsh

Susan remarked on the problems faced by the users of recumbent bicycles and mobility scooters if certain types of barriers were installed on city centre cycle paths. There would need to be free movement for everyone throughout the city.

Paul talked about the importance of a good North-South route through the city, and commented on the requirement for cyclists to dismount and wheel their machines through the existing Broad Marsh shopping mall.

Iain commented on the bus traffic in Canal Street, and enquired about the pedestrianisation of Collin Street and Upper Carrington Street.

Susan commented on the downward trend on car use into the city centre. This led to a discussion on the Broad Marsh car park (now being replaced), and on cycle lanes on the Northernmost end of Queens Drive

She further enquired about any plans for the plot of land currently occupied by the Peoples' College (soon to be demolished).

Hugh raised a point about the use of coloured surfaces on the new cycle paths, for example, the use of green to highlight areas of conflict (used on the recently improved existing cycle paths). Keith said that the City Council were reluctant to use coloured surfaces in the city centre, on aesthetic / Streetscape ground and more generally because of the increased maintenance costs they involved at a time when there was severe pressure on maintenance budgets.

Iain made comments on the throughput of cyclists using the Broad Marsh

Arthur discussed the advantages of removing some traffic lights, so as to remove much of the stop-start element of city centre cycling.

The first half of the meeting ended at 8:30pm

Meeting resumed at 8:47pm

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Monday 18th September were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Report on Recent Meetings

Rushcliffe cycle routes

Hugh commented on the cycle routes around the A52, and will write to parish councils in Rushcliffe to push for inter-parish cycle routes. So far only one parish councils (Radcliffe on Trent) had responded.

Meeting . 28 September. Greater Nottingham Cycling Development Group Meeting.

Hugh discussed the proposed code of conduct on which no early progress now seems likely, apart from a comparison with the proposed Movement Code for London.

Meeting. 3 October. City Council NET Project Team to do with tram related cycling accidents.

Hugh talked about the importance of reporting tram related accidents to the police, so that they would be able to maintain the detailed records necessary for a complete picture. There was also an account of a fatality recorded by the Spokes organisation in Edinburgh and Hugh mentioned the proposed new signage Edinburgh to encourage drivers to be more aware of the extra dangers to cyclists near tram tracks when they felt intimidated by drivers passing too close.

Hugh, Iain and Susan had a discussion on the importance of prominent posters reminding cyclists to report accidents as fully as possible.

Action on Iain and Paul to design posters which would make cyclists aware of the importance of reporting tram related accidents as fully as possible. 20 laminated copies to be made for mounting near to tram tracks.

5. Finance, Membership, Promotion and Publicity

Iain proposed amendments to the constitution, so as to make life simpler for Pedals. These were

- Reducing the administration required for the writing of cheques by removing the requirement for the chairman to sign cheques for amounts of over £50. Instead, cheques would be signed by two office holders whose signatures are recorded by the bank.
A good arrangement would be to keep the present procedures, but to raise the chairman sign limit from £50 to £250.
- Removing the requirement for the accounts to be examined each year prior to the AGM. This is because the accounts are available for public scrutiny after the AGM has taken place.

6a. Forthcoming Pedals Meetings

Mon. 20 November.

A variety of members talked about a variety of issues suitable for discussion at this meeting:-

- Paul raised the issue of bridges across the Trent
- Iain raised the issue of cycle paths in Station Street not being totally segregated
- Paul raised the issue of private residential landlords being required to provide parking and storage space for cyclists
- Susan was positive about the simplicity of zebra crossings being used as cycle crossing points, as on Abbey Road, part of the Western Cycle Corridor.
- Paul raised the issue of insufficient cycle parking facilities in Nottingham City Centre, particularly around the Castle and in the Lace Market. Hugh said that he had raised this before with Keith Morgan.

Mon. 18 December.

This meeting is designated for a Christmas Social, after some initial business, to be chaired by Paul Abel.

Mon. 15 December.

David Lally has been appointed to arrange this meeting. An **Action** on David Lully to confirm the proposed speaker.

6b. Other Meetings

Wed. 1 November with Martin Philpotts of Sustrans to discuss the proposed Trent Lane to The Hook foot/cycle bridge.

Hugh said that he and John Rhodes were trying before this meeting to chase Cllr. Jon Collins for a reply to the letter John had sent on 1 September, following the meeting with him on 24 August, to ask formally on behalf of the Bridge Steering Group for the City Council's support for this project.

Sat. 11 November: Cycling UK/Cycle-nation annual campaigns conference at Oxford

Hugh stated that there had so far been very little publicity about this meeting, which he was hoping to attend. No one else showed interest in representing Pedals.

David Easley questioned as to whether our membership of Cyclenation represented good value since we now heard so little from them.

7. Cycle Facility and Traffic Management Matters

There was a short discussion on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans consultancy bid for technical support for the Nottinghamshire and Derby areas, coordinated by D2N2, which had been successful.

Grantham Canal Towpaths

Hugh talked about improvements to the Grantham Canal towpath proposed by the Canal and River Trust in the Gamston area. This included modifications to awkward barriers. There was the issue of a cessation of support from local authorities, as County Council funding now seemed very likely.

Paul shared a concern about the state of the canal and talked about improvements in access to the towpath.

Broxtowe Borough Part Two Local Plan Publication Version Consultation

Various issues were discussed, for example, the continuing Bennerley Viaduct restoration, and access to HS2 at Toton. Hugh said that he was trying to ensure a coordinated response with Sustrans in view of their proposed detailed comments on improving the route through Kimberley and Awsworth to and from the Bennerley Viaduct. Sustrans are hoping by Christmas to know if their major funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been successful.

8. Miscellaneous Items

Hugh asserted the importance of continuing lobbying on the Broad Marsh development and will continue to put pressure on those responsible

Hugh talked about unsold stocks of 'City County Forest', the guidebook to cycling for pleasure in Nottinghamshire. We have 200 copies waiting to be sold. The following actions were suggested to dispose of them, depending on what we agreed at the AGM next March in the light of further updated figures on stocks, sales, including copies sold to new members as part of a joining package.

- Old stock to be sold off for pulping. (quote obtained from pulp plant in London)
- Give away as free gift to new members
- Sell them for a very low price at a high profile event (50p each)

9. Any Other Business

None

The meeting ended at 9:50pm