



Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2018 at 7:30PM

At the Vat and Fiddle, Queensbridge Road, Nottingham

Present: Hugh McClintock (Meeting Chairman)
Jack Chisholm (Minutes)
Paul Abel
Iain Iane
Susan Young
David Easley
David Rhead
Roland Backhouse
Hilary Backhouse
Larry Nelson
Barbara Stillman

Apologies Andrew Martin
David Lane
Thomas Madar

In attendance Mark Roxburgh Highways England
Dale Swain Highways England

The meeting started at 7:30pm

1 Mark and Dale gave us a presentation on the consultation results of the Clifton Boulevard west side cycle route between the University entrance by Derby Road (and opposite the QMC) to the Dunkirk flyover. This was followed by a brief discussion on the A52 Nottingham Junctions Project.

- The Clifton Boulevard cycle path consultation process was a test using the “Commonplace Web Consultation System” People were asked what the thought about this stretch of the cycle route. The process ran for 3 months and covered 700 metres of this very busy cycle track.
- The total number of entries were as follows:-
 - 1075 entries
 - 191 entries were classed as aware
 - 530 entries were classed as informed visitors
 - 119 entries were classed as engaged
 - The classification was based on the level of personal details they left. With the engaged entries leaving full personal details for follow up.
- Major concerns identified were

- Number of side roads crossing the route
- Narrow parts on the route
- Lots of obstacles to encounter EG Planters and Road signs

Conclusions were

- Look at route width versus width that is available
- Try to establish a segregated cycle route where possible, giving 2.5m cycleway and 1.5m footpath
- Where width was a restriction the a shared section had to remain but improved

The next step is to make improvements along the route, the major work will be as follows:-

- At the University entrance some land was gained from the University to enable widening the cycle entrance and removing the conflict points between cyclist's and pedestrians giving better crossing points.
- The hospital entrance will have a wider cycle path which will be moved to create a smother crossing point. The road entrance will be narrow to try to slow down motorists.
- Other improvements to remove planters, change the line of the route and create better crossing will be carried on the approach road to the university and city road.

The next part of the meeting was a discussion on the A52 Nottingham Junctions Project, though no details or dates were given the following points were covered:-

- Cycle route from Radcliffe-on-Trent to Bingham roundabout is now delayed so that fencing can now be included
- Cropwell Road junction
- Gamston to Radcliffe-on-Trent cycle path improvements
- Gamston roundabout (due to start in 2019)
- Lings Bar road to be dualled
- Nottingham Knight junction
- Wheatcroft roundabout.
- Subway under the A52 south of Sharp Hill.

2 Minutes of the meeting on 19th March were approved with some matters arising.

2.1 We discussed the merits of the proposed cycle through the Myfords site in Beeston, Broxtowe BC planning application 17/00723/FUL. Before we process further with a mock coroner's report or a petition it was felt that we should arrange a meeting with Paul Hillier from Notts CC to take a closer look at this proposal and see what he could do to help achieve some kind of complete route for cyclists away from the tram tracks in the High Road / Chilwell Road area. Hugh

said that we particularly needed a fuller understanding of the various recent planning changes in the vicinity of this site, and including the Barton's Depot site, which seem to have had a bearing on the recent Myford's planning decision and therefore affected the practicality of what we had until recently thought was a fairly straightforward solution.

2.2 The work on Abbey Bridge to move the cycle route to the other side of the road is now complete. Hugh said that feedback on this revised scheme would now be welcome.

2.3 Discuss what we should do with the Pedals CCF books at the next meeting since Andrew Martin could not be present this month.

2.4 We agreed that Pedals should participate at the next Nottingham Green Festival but we should use Facebook to try to solicit more help from members.

3 Report on recent meetings and events

- The EMCF meeting was found to be successful with several other Pedals type groups there. This was followed by a ride around going past the railway station. There was an issue raised that new EMT Cycle Hub fobs cannot be supplied as they have reached their capacity though many fobs issued were apparently not being used. Hugh is trying to get more evidence from other cycling groups in the EMT area to find out the extent of this problem, mentioned to him by one of the Leicester campaigners. We need to see if this could be an issue in Nottingham so local feedback would also be welcome.

4 Forthcoming meetings

4.1 Iain Lane suggested that we should not invite any more speakers this year and focus on the Web site review and look a ways to increase our membership and profile. Current booked speakers will be continue.

4.2 Monday 21st May Pedals meeting and Website Review

- Chair Susan Young
- Minutes Iain Lane

5 Cycle facility and traffic management matters

5.1 Paul Abel to apply for a grant to research cycle storage opportunities in HMOs.

5.2 Pedals to respond to Nottingham City Council air quality consultation, Hugh to follow up.

6 Any other business

6.1 The CycleNation AGM will be held on the 19th May in Birmingham Peter Briggs to attend from Pedals

6.2 The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure (LCWIPs) Stakeholder Consultation Meeting within the D2N2 region (Notts and Derbs) will be held at the Derby Velodrome on 23rd May. Spaces are limited at this event, Hugh McClintock will attend from Pedals

Meeting closed at 10:15pm