

MINUTES OF PEDALS MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 16 July 2018

Meeting Chair: Andrew Martin, **Minutes:** Paul Abel

Attendees: Hugh McClintock, Peter Briggs, David Rhead, Jack Chisholm, Hilary Backhouse, Roland Backhouse, Iain Lane, Emma Metcalfe, Matt Turner, Mark Beavan

Apologies for absence: Arthur Williams, David Easley, Mara Ozolins

Minutes of the previous Pedals Meeting 21 May 2018 were accepted.

First review of the new **Pedals Slack communication channel**: no clear consensus on how we should handle it in the future. We should keep it under review, and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Disposing of the **Pedals CCF stocks** David Lally is apparently selling these off through eBay.

Proposed meeting to explore further the remaining options for a complete cycle route avoiding the tram tracks in the High Road (Beeston) – Chilwell Road area: this was to be discussed later in the meeting.

Revising the Pedals website: In response to a question from David Easley, it was decided to archive all older items at the discretion of David Rhead, David Easley and Larry, or whoever wrote the piece.

Dispute over cyclists' use of the riverside path between The Hook and Holme Pierrepont; Hugh reported that there had been a very good attendance at a meeting organised by the Lady Bay Community Association with a healthy number of people submitting testimonies as to its long-term use by cyclists.

Nottingham Green Festival on Sunday 16th September 2018; Sustrans are having a stall and we have been invited to join one with Graham Lansdell who will be running a Doctor Bike Clinic. We will make a final decision on this at the August meeting.

Proposed foot-cycle bridge over the Trent between Trent basin and Lady Bay

Waiting for a response from County Cllr Kay Cutts to letter on behalf of the Steering Group from Tom Huggon asking for support in principle. Trent Basin Residents' Association are strongly in support of proposed foot-cycle bridge from Trent Basin to Lady Bay and have invited Hugh McClintock to their next meeting.

Cycle-Rail Bid - Nottingham Station: Peter Briggs offered to make contact with Dan Robson and try to arrange a meeting, or find out the date of the next User's Group.

Hugh provided updates on the following:

Rushcliffe Arena car park expansion and completion of cycle route between Compton Acres and Loughborough Rd toucan etc.

Iain Lane commented on the message of 20 June from Russ Morton, City Council regarding the **Sheffield stands at John Lewis Milton St** which have apparently been removed by Intu. The City Council say that the hoops are not on their land and they have no plans to replace them. Hugh said that he would raise this as a request from Pedals at the next CDG meeting. We may need to press for alternative provision.

Hugh to invite **Cllr Dave Liversidge, the new Nottingham City Council Local Transport portfolio holder** to a meeting in November (*since confirmed*)

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) D2N2 area
Stakeholder event in Derby including follow-up on 'gaps' / missing links in the network. News of date for this awaited.

Discussion about producing a network of routes throughout the Derbs and Notts: a lot of user groups attended. This is being pursued as a potential funding source for the F/ Cycle Bridge. Some Sustrans routes are very poorly maintained (esp Route 15) and there needs to be more emphasis on off-road sections.

Finance, Membership, Promotion and Publicity (Iain Lane & David Easley to report) - Discussion of future membership of Cycle Nation. PB informed the meeting that they now seem to be a moribund organisation.

Decision: Iain to withhold future membership payments.

6. Forthcoming events / meetings

20th August is planned but there could be a number of absences. Hugh to chair and Thomas Madar to take minutes

17th September Paul Abel to chair; Thomas or Jack Chisholm may be available to take the minutes.

Matt Turner is arranging various speakers from other parts of the country, and is looking for advice on venues. He will open up a discussion on Slack about it.

Hugh informed us about Tour of Britain Stage on September 8th, which starts in West Bridgford. The County Council expect 6 - 8,000 people to attend.

Review of ideas for marking Pedals 40th anniversary in 2019: He suggested Paul Abel contacts Carlton Reid in Waltham Forest.

Review of speed limit on the A52 (Gamston to Radcliffe on Trent): we agreed that the maximum speed should be no more than 50 mph if the cycleway is not moved further away from the dual carriageway.

Trent Valley Recway: Regatta Way proposed speed limit reduction to 40mph is still too fast in places. It needs to be 20mph between Holme Cut to Green Lane where there is no satisfactory footpaths. This bit apparently includes a private road. Roland Backhouse drafting a response on behalf of Pedals.

Hilary Backhouse raised the issue of the state of the vegetation on A52 cycle path. Hugh offered to raise it with Mark Roxburgh when he meets with him shortly.

Discussion about Gedling Country Park led to suggestion by Roland that more needs to be done to promote and hire out ebikes in such a hilly area.

8. Miscellaneous items

Comments from Roland Backhouse on sale of ebikes without lights: he feels that the lack of integral lights encourages criticism from pedestrians and Motorists. And that we should write to the cycling safety group to make this point. Paul Abel felt that integral lights are too vulnerable to breakages on folding e-bikes to make them compulsory. A vote on the issue failed to support Roland's motion.

The main business of the meeting finished at 9 p.m.

9. Any other business

Review of Pedals organisation and handling of business and communications

Started discussion with views on the purpose of Pedals. Iain propose that we should concentrate on "improving the cycling experience in Nottingham". Hugh said the focus is quite simply "getting more people on bikes". PB defined 4 top-level objectives:

- 1) increasing utility/ leisure cycling
- 2) to provide a user-voice for utility/ leisure cyclists
- 3) to comment on new infrastructure proposals from a cycling perspective
- 4) to make existing road infrastructure less difficult for cyclists to use.

Iain and PB agreed that we should focus on the Broad Marsh Regeneration scheme and the City Centre. Emma later supported this.

Matt wants us to simplify the way we get campaigners involved in cycling issues without having to get involved in lobbying at a City Council level.

Iain wants us to discuss next time "Ways of making the monthly meeting more compelling, more enjoyable / inclusive" than we currently achieve.