

Minutes of Pedals Monthly Meeting

Monday 20 August 2018, at the Vat and Fiddle Pub, 12-14 Queensbridge Rd, Nottingham, NG2 1NB at 7:30pm.

Officiation

Hugh McClintock chaired the meeting and Thomas Madar took the minutes.

Attended:-

Hugh McClintock(HMcC), Thomas Madar(TM), David Lully(DL), David Rhead(DR), Paul Abel(PA), Matt Turner(MT), Emma Metcalfe(EM), David Easley(DE) and Jack Chisholm(JC).

Apologies:-

Susan Young, Andrew Martin, Mark Beaven, Iain Lane and Mark Ozolins.

Previous Meeting: Minutes

These minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Previous Meeting: Updates and Matters Arising

The following issues were discussed in this meeting:-

Pedals Website

PA suggested ideas for the landing page of the Pedals website. Should this be a tiled set of images or a more traditional web page?

EM carried out a survey amongst members and suggested a complete overhaul of the website so as to improve the impression given to new viewers. She distributed her suggestion as to how the site should appear in the form of paper mock ups of its principal pages. **HM** suggested that these be converted to electronic documents and distributed to members by e-mail so that we could digest them further and have a more considered discussion at our next meeting when it was likely that more people would be present.

DR volunteered to examine the current website and to highlight useful current information. **DE** then suggested that the existing website be relegated to an archive which could be accessed from the future website. **PA** suggested search facilities which would enable people to search this archive on a given word.

PA suggested future discussion and decisions on the website next meeting.

HMcC suggested that it might be useful to form a Pedals subgroup composed of those with a particular interest in website changes which could discuss these suggestions in more details and then report regularly to future monthly meetings for wider comments and feedback. Agreed to discuss this further in September.

HS (High Speed Line) 2 Toton East Midlands Hub

There were a number of issues, the most burning of which was the implications of HS2's apparent current intention to provide car parking at the EMH for 4,000 vehicles.

DR presented a map of the HS2 hub and the area surrounding it, and commented on plans for an HS2 cycleway being watered down.

HM discussed working together with other groups, especially the Derby Cycling Group, and Sustrans, so as to support the creation of a local network of cycle paths and other cyclists' facilities. This would include access to the station and a crossing over the River Trent between Cranfleet Lock / Long Eaton and Thrumpton / Redhill Marina. The meeting supported the suggestion from DR that we should, with other groups, prepare a detailed

wish list for cycling improvements we wished to see in the whole 'Growth Hub' area around EMH, and that this should be flagged up in our revised submission to the D2N2 area LCWIP Consultation as an area needing a separate more detailed 'wish list'.

Disposal of Pedal's City County Forest (CCF) material

DL discussed the merits of E-Bay on which he has now sold some surplus copies of the book. **HM** reminded the meeting that he still has a small stock of about 35 books, which is now about 10 years old, and which he was given several years ago by the then Membership Secretary to help him respond to urgent orders for the book, e.g. for birthday presents.

Broadmarsh Regeneration Plan

PA talked about pressure groups such as Pedals being ignored in current plans to refurbish the Broadmarsh area, despite the detailed list of our aspirations which we submitted to the City Council earlier this year. He also raised the issue of there being little progress being made on the Broadmarsh building site. **HM** suggested the Pedals meeting with Cllr. Dave Liversidge on 19th November as an opportunity to raise questions on site progress, and the inclusion of cycle friendly measures.

Cycle Parking near Nottingham Station

PA raised the issue of a lack of cycle parking facilities on Canal Street and the area between the Canal and the Magistrates Courts. **HM** later raised this issue with Keith Morgan and John Bann (of Nottingham City Council).

Forthcoming Events and Meetings

Future Pedals Meetings

HM proposed the idea of a visiting speaker to talk on the issue of vehicles passing cyclists very closely. He suggested the October 15 or 18 February 2019 meeting for this talk, and has recently sent an invitation to Paul Matthews of the Nottinghamshire Police. *(PS 15 October now agreed in principle; tbc)*

PA suggested inviting other pressure groups to meetings with invited speakers so as to garner increased support for cycling issues.

HM suggested that it was not a good idea to have visiting speakers over the Christmas season or in January when we always tended to find a greater need for a general 'business catch-up' after the Christmas /New Year break.

DL discussed the issue of speakers cancelling their engagements at short notice.

Other Meetings and Events

Saturday 8 September. Nottinghamshire Stage of UK Road Race

HM and **PA** discussed the positioning and erection of a stall at the start of this stage at Central Avenue, West Bridgford on Saturday 8 September. This ideally be erected on the Bowling Green, near the start, and close to the extra Free Bike Parking to be provided on the Bridgford Park Tennis Courts. **PA** was discussing this with Rushcliffe Borough Council

There was a substantial discussion on a side issue, namely gaining the interest of prospective members by organising public petitions on issues of interest. **PA** said he proposed to focus on getting people to sign a petition in favour of the proposed Trent Basin-Lady Bay foot-cycle bridge, and that he and **HMcC** would very much welcome further offers of help on the day.

Sunday 16 September. Nottingham Green Festival

HMcC will book a place for a stall at the Nottingham Green Festival at the Arboretum. Evidence of our Public Liability Insurance will be required, as well as payment, and he would pursue this with our Treasurer, Iain Lane, when he was back from holiday. He would also contact Chris Beattie at Wego to arrange for the delivery of our marquee and other display material, and draw up a suggested rota for staffing the stall, as well as putting it up and taking it down, in consultation with the 6 people who had now offered to help. He would also obtain a fresh supply of the latest edition of the Nottingham Cycle Maps.

Wednesday 19 to Monday 24 September. Bicycle Advocacy Group of Malta visit to Nottingham.

HMcC is arranging for Matthew Farrugia of the above mentioned group to visit Pedals so that he could glean ideas for campaigning for cyclists in Malta. Apart from **HMcC**, no one else present expressed an interest in this meeting, so **HMcC** said he would get back to Matthew to fix a date and time to meet.

Saturday 13 October. Stop Killing Cyclists Ride to Parliament in London.

DL suggested that we put Pedals down as a supporter of this protest ride. He suggested publicising this ride on the website or social media, and for Pedals to hire a minibus to take supporters to it.

Cycle Facility and Traffic Management Matters

HMcC raised issues about cycle parking at the Queen's Medical Centre. There is a Cycle Hub enclosure there, but to access it, the cyclist would need to purchase a City-Card from the Russell's Bike Shed shop located under the Multi-storey Car Park to the South of Nottingham Station. So this enclosure remains, almost empty, and with bicycles chained to the outside of it.

PA commented on the inconvenience to cyclists caused by City-Cards only being available at Russell's at its out-of-the-way location, and suggested that cards could be ordered remotely and sent to cyclists through the post. **HMcC** later sent an e-mail to Russ Morton of Nottingham City Council asking him to comment on this issue, the apparent inconvenience of the new arrangements, and whether or not the cards could be issued by post so that people did not have to call in in person at the Russell's Bike Shed at the Station hub.

HMcC discussed the latest delays in introducing a new (Dockless) cycle hire scheme for Nottingham (to replace the existing and moribund City-Card Cycle Scheme). He said that he understood that there had been further delays in agreeing details of this, apparently related to the recent reports of several (Chinese) Dockless Bike Hire scheme operators recently threatening to pull out of several places, including Manchester.

Miscellaneous Items

The next Pedals Newsletter was discussed. The issue of limited space being available for all the material being sent in was discussed. **HMcC** said he intended to get the next issue to press soon after our September meeting (and the 26 September CDG meeting) and to get at least the pdf copies finalised and distributed before early October, as he would be away from 7-23 October. Depending on the exact timing distribution of printed copies might have to wait until after his return.

Any Other Business

There was none.

Meeting Closure

The meeting ended at 9:30pm.