

Pedals Meeting Minutes (taken by Matt Turner)

15th October 2018, Vat and Fiddle Pub, 19:30

Present: Andrew Martin (Chair), Heidi (from a cycling club), Emma, Matt, Gary McMahon (from a cycling club), David, {Paul Matthews, Steve Warren, John Goodman (Nottinghamshire Police)}, Mark Beaven, + others whose names I didn't get.

Apologies: Arthur Williams / Ian Lane / Hugh McClintock

1 – Nottinghamshire Police

Close Pass Work

(Before the meeting Emma gave Paul Matthews a list comments from Pedals' social media of locations/times/comments for Close Pass in Nottingham).

Nottinghamshire Police have a Cycling UK close pass mat. They are copying the West Midlands approach, using plain clothes officers, on a bike with cameras, and pulling over drivers further down the road if they drive badly. They call it operation Yeomanlike. It was trialled last year. However, they said that it was very hard to find space to do it because the mat is so big, they explained that they needed a very large off-road area to pull in drivers and talk to them.

This year, they plan to combine it with/introduce the 'Fatal 4' work, and include close pass.

Gary Smerdon-White had already given list to police of close pass locations some time ago and was unhappy that these locations hadn't been targeted.

Road Safety Week is in November and the officers are trying to encourage each local area to do some close pass work themselves.

The police force has done 'Close Pass' about 30 or 40 times. Mainly at weekends due to a reliance on 'specials' (volunteers) to do the work, and also some reluctance to pull drivers over when they are in a rush because the response would be less positive.

The police plan to produce some 360 VR close pass videos with the fire brigade. They are trying to create their own rather than using Cycling UKs version that they've crowd funded (they were aware of this).

Highway code for cyclists

The police had brought along a document which was titled 'The Highway Code For cyclist'

It was described as being a guide to help cyclists to understand what they can and can't do within the law. It is a work in progress document. Question: Is there an equivalent for drivers? Maybe, not now. Concerns were raised about this document!

Camera footage

The police brought up that they were looking into an IT system to handle the large increase in dash cam/helmet cam footage that was being reported to them They were open that at the moment they don't really have a system or process to deal or process the footage. This resonated with people in the room who reported just that experience trying to report things.

The police are looking at/considering something called Operation Snap. Op Snap is seen as changing things and allowing them to better handle/process reports with footage. One of the officers thought that this could be the biggest rise in reports the force has ever seen when it is launched.

Other

The police said that they had spoken to 320 people at the finish of the Tour of Britain and seemed to be quite proud of this.

The police are trying to get probationary officers to do a cycling awareness course of some kind, before doing their police driver training. We told them that this, would make a very good PR story.

Staffing levels were brought up as being a problem many times.

There was good, in depth discussions about all of these issues

After this item, many people left!

2 – Minutes of last meeting

News – HS2 – There is a new HS2 development corporation to take charge of things around the area of the East Midlands Hub at Toton and the associated Growth Zone.

3 – Recent meetings.

Nottingham Post Newspaper, Pedals gave a comment for an article.

The newsletters have all been posted to the people who still get them in the post.

4 – Finance

Nothing

5 - Website & social Media

New branding has gone live for the social media accounts.

The website is a work in progress. Emma expects to have something to show by the next meeting.

David/Emma discussed concerns about organisation legacy and information being lost through this process (new website).

6 - Future meetings.

At the next meeting, John Bann and Cllr Dave Liversidge are attending from Nottingham Council.

There was a long discussion about what we wanted Dave Liversidge (an important councillor) to take away from the meeting. This is to be discussed more over the next month, so we get a good coherent list of points to raise. Matt to organise.

- *Side roads/ continuous pavements
- *Barriers
- *Broadmarsh stuff (connect North with East/West)
- *When will north south route be finished to same standard as Western Corridor?
- *Road markings – why haven't they been repainted?
- *Gritting/black spots/ice/crashes/A+E. Need to make sure this doesn't happen again this year
- *Flooding & Winter Clearing – Do more
- *When are we going to have cycle network?

- *10 most dangerous locations.
- *Head start lights – we want them

Matt offered to chair the next meeting, will check with Hugh.

7 - Cycle facilities updates

See emails

8 – Any other business

December's meeting to have a very short agenda so we can have a party in the pub afterwards.

Susan to buy a gift for the pub.

Matt to book rooms for next year's meetings this evening.