

**Minutes of Derbyshire Cycling Liaison Group
Held on 16 October 2007 at County Hall, Matlock**

General Strategic Meeting

Present:

Wayne Bexton (DCC Countryside Service) **WB**
Peter Davey (Peak District National Park Authority) **PeD**
Patrick Davis (Sustrans) **PaD**
Harry Gould (Matlock Cycling Group, Derwent Valley Cycle Group) **HG**
Richard Groves (South Derbyshire District Council) **RG**
Irene Hayward (Derwent Valley Cycle Group) **IH**
Barry Kay (Chesterfield Cycle Campaign) **BK**
Alastair Meikle (Chesterfield Cycle Campaign) **AM**
Isobel Mulligan (DCC NW Area Traffic & Safety) **IM**
Rebecca Pennyfather (DCC Public Transport Policy / Accessibility) **RP**
Catherine Rossall (Chesterfield Borough Council – Air Quality) **CR**
Jim Seymour, Chair (DCC Transport Policy and Programmes) **JS**
Les Sims (Sustrans Ranger) **LS**
Philip Smith (DCC Road Safety) **PSm**
Peter Storey (DCC Reclamation) **PS**
Jeremy Taylor (Sustrans Ranger) **JT**
Dave Waldram (Derby Cycling Group) **DW**
John White (CTC Alfreton) **JW**
Terry Williams (CTC Right to Ride) **TW**

1 Apologies for absence:

Dawn Bryan (DCC North Eastern Area Team) **DB**
Angela Carter (Derbyshire Sport) **AC**
Dave Connell (DCC North Eastern Area Team) **DC**
Mike Hase (Derbyshire Dales District Council) **MH**
Mark Shewring (Chesterfield Borough Council) **MS**

JS informed the meeting that Reuben Brown had left the authority to take up a position with the Peak District National Park Authority.

2 Minutes from the last strategic meeting, 18 January 2007 and Matters Arising

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

There were several matters arising

Chesterfield Station Forecourt

Still awaiting a response regarding relocation of cycle lockers.

Bikes on Buses

The carriage of bikes on buses continues to be an issue, especially regarding consistency as carriage is at the driver's discretion. RP agreed to raise the issue with the bus operators **Action: RP**

Cycle Benchmarking

AM commented that there had been no results on the ground since the benchmarking visit to Chesterfield.

RoWIP

WB explained that a vast number of comments were received through the consultation process. Officers are now collating issues.

Rother Washlands

Works on the site are underway. A discussion took place over issues relating to the Donkins site and various access issues.

Longhorse Bridge

A planning application for the trail received objections from the Environment Agency.

Blackwell to Hillcote

PS spoke about the development of an opencast site which will secure the restoration of the cycleway.

Westhouses Sidings Link

PS reported that a contribution of £300,000 was being sought from EMDA to provide this link.

Bike Week 2008

Bike Week is expected to take place between 14th and 22nd June 2008

Accessibility Strategy

RP explained that the strategy will be implemented at a local level through Local Accessibility Partnerships (three will cover the County). Discussions have been held with all district and borough councils to identify issues affecting people's ability to access key services such as healthcare, employment and training, education, food shopping, leisure and culture.

Discussions with Chesterfield BC revealed the need to develop a cycle strategy for the town. This will be progressed over the next few months.

3 Monitoring Update

See note

4 Route Issues/Scheme Progress

Old Whittington

BK expressed disappointment that a suggested link from Old Whittington to the Trail had not been accepted. WB explained that it was legally not possible to upgrade the route.

Boythorpe Road

BK raised concerns that the shared cycle and pedestrian path along Boythorpe Road was not working, and requested that cyclists and pedestrians be segregated. WB thought that this would be possible and agreed to look into it.

Action: WB

Derwent Valley Cycle Route

Although no officer time is dedicated to this route at present, the route is on a list of schemes to be progressed and work will be undertaken when opportunities arise.

Current Schemes 2007/08

WB and PS provided brief details of schemes that are going ahead this year:

Trent Valley Greenway Phase II

5 Highway Cycling & Investment

PD congratulated the County Council for the off highway cycle provision in Derbyshire. However, he expressed his concern over the lack of highway provision. Some authorities produce a highway cycle infrastructure guide and are much more proactive at on highway provision.

JS agreed that highway provision needed to be improved and felt that the development of a cycle infrastructure guide for Derbyshire would be useful. RP added that the development of a cycle strategy for Chesterfield and possible other towns would also offer an opportunity to improve on highway cycle provision.

Action: JS and RP

6 Chesterfield Cycle Campaign Queries & Concerns

Road Safety Booklet

A road safety booklet had been produced by DCC. Although some cycling issues have been addressed, the information could have been much better.

Old Brampton

The traffic calming scheme which has been installed is dangerous to cyclists. This is being rectified.

East Midlands Cycle Forum

This event has been postponed until the Spring

Markham Road

Cycle lights?

7 Round Table – Strategic Issues

Nothing extra

8 Any Other Business

None

9 Date of Future Meeting(s)

2008

Thursday 10 January 2.30pm	NE Area Meeting	Chesterfield Town Hall, CR4
Tuesday 08 April 2.30pm	Strategic Meeting	County Hall Matlock, 166a
Wednesday 16 July 2.30pm	SE Area Meeting	Long Eaton Town Hall
Wednesday 08 October 2.30pm	NW Area Meeting	Matlock Town Hall

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Thursday 15 January 2.30pm	Strategic Meeting	County Hall Matlock, 166a
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