

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign Meeting

10th January 2012

Minutes

Present- Alastair Meikle , Joe Clark, Barry Kay, Megan Cook, Chris Allen, Jennifer Briddon, Paul Balderson, Paul Wallis, Andy Holdaway, Clive Ellis.

Apologies- Pam Kay, Paul Balderson, Simon Redding.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting (November) were accepted as a true record. The account on 08/11/11 should have been recorded as £2,833.28.

Matters Arising:

Tony Wallace of CBC has £1500 from section 106 money, which he wants to use for cycle racks in the town centre. CBC has contacted DCC as Simon Tranter has said he doesn't want cycle racks on pavements. ST says it is because CBC owns enough land in the town centre for the racks to go on there land, DCC does not want to be responsible for the on-going maintenance for these cycle racks. CDC owns the entrance to the yards (opposite Yeomans) near the "Soulville" restaurant; land on the car park opposite the crooked spire and on Glumangate opposite Halifax Building Society. There is still a stalemate with this situation.

Work has started on Brimington cycle path up to Wikeley way.

The health promotion event at the Chesterfield Hotel was positive and we gained a new member. Three people manned a stall.

Cycle City Guides for Chesterfield is now online.

The new meeting room, in the town hall, is o.k. The meetings now start at 7pm.

To clarify the notes from the Cyclenation report-It will now be easier if a council want to put in a cycle contra-flow land on a one-way street.

Membership report:

293 members. AH offered to put information about the cycle campaign on an email he is sending out through Transition Chesterfield, we agreed.

Treasurer's report:

£2768.50, the costs for the Christmas social and Cyclenation conference have come out.

Secretary's report:

The Christmas social went well, many thanks to Barry for organising this and the excellent quiz. He had to negotiate as the Crispin's music and dancing licence had been revoked. Alternative venues were discussed as we have had several problems with the Crispin recently, Chandler's bar or a Brampton brewery pub were suggested.

Costa coffee wants to put a branch in a site next to the KFC by the football ground. There are lots of cycle racks in the plans, although they are next to the bin store. AM will make a comment that this is not a good place for them.

Jacob Webster of Sustrans has said a new map is to be published for this area. PB suggested looking at open street maps.

The Canal festival on June 30th/July 1st-we will have a stall there. It is due to be resurfaced in the next two weeks.

Jess Parish sent AM an email, she had heard that Staveley police had removed an electric bike from a hedge, due to cycle campaign contacts the bike has been reunited with its owner.

Simon Geller of Cyclenation to come to our meetings and gave a talk about his organisation. This is part of an on going programme to talk to campaign groups around the country. He talked about how cycle nation is the federation of cycle campaign groups across the UK and Dublin. It has been going for 25 years. Many groups across the country are members. They all pay an affiliation fee to Cyclenation, the amount depends on the number of members. They have a board of directors of seven people and executive members. They are doing a tour in 2012 of local groups to raise awareness.

They have some key principles:

- 20mph limits for urban and residential areas
- No fault liability in favour of vulnerable road users
- To increase urban cycle trips to 10% by 2012 and 20% by 2015
- Every cycleable route a cycle route-appropriate for each case.

Cyclenation works at the European level. Cycling is in the up and they are taking advantage of that. They have been trying to get a public liability insurance for events. They are trying to get a cycle campaign in every town over 50,000 inhabitants-not managed it yet. Press coverage not good enough yet. They need money to employ a worker. Bike week 2011 was bigger than ever, no sponsorship for 2012, yet. "Summer of Cycling" will be the theme. Simon Geller explained what Cyclenation felt are the barriers to achieving its goals. They have plenty of ideas but no resources. Uniquely placed to address localism. They are working with CTC (with which they have a memorandum of understanding) to work at a local level and work with local cycle campaigns.

More information can be found at: www.cyclenation.org.uk

Future plans:

Keep growing the network, work with CTC, enhance their strengths and acknowledge weaknesses.

He then asked what we would like Cyclenation doing?

We discussed that we need to change the culture in the U.K. make it more positive to cycle.

He said we can help Cyclenation by sending a delegate to the AGM and join the email forum. We could also suggest where to start new cycle campaigns, e.g. Mansfield.

Webmaster's report: Working O.K.

Items:

Campaign map –It is nearly finished, it needs proof reading which we will do at the February meeting. The Colour-coded routes are on it and it will be printed A2 size.

We need to discuss consistency on the ride leaflets in the February meeting, some have "points of interest on" whilst others have a "breakdown of the route". These will be printed in black & white on coloured paper, a different

colour for each route. We will give these out free at on our stall, at events to school etc.

A.O.B.

None

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 14th February 2012, 7.00pm at Town Hall, Chesterfield.