

**Minutes of Derbyshire Cycling Liaison Group**  
Held on 18 October 2006 at Chesterfield Borough Council Offices, Chesterfield

**North East Area Meeting**

**Present:**

John White (Alfreton CTC)	<b>JW</b>
Jeremy Taylor (Sustrans)	<b>JT</b>
Patrick Davis (Sustrans)	<b>PD</b>
Barry Kay (Chesterfield Cycle Campaign)	<b>BK</b>
Alastair Meikle (Chesterfield Cycle Campaign)	<b>AM</b>
David Waldram (Derby Cycling Group)	<b>DW</b>
Mark Shewring (Chesterfield Borough Council)	<b>MS</b>
Catherine Rossall (Chesterfield Borough Council, Air Quality)	<b>CR</b>
Richard Bennett (Bolsover District Council)	<b>RBt</b>
Matthew Connley (Bolsover District Council)	<b>MC</b>
Dawn Bryan (DCC, NE area Traffic & Safety)	<b>DB</b>
Philip Smith (Derbyshire CC, Road Safety NE)	<b>PS</b>
Wayne Bexton (Derbyshire County Council, Countryside Service)	<b>WB</b>
Marc Owen (Derbyshire CC, Policy & Programmes)	<b>MO</b>
Jim Seymour, Chair (Derbyshire CC, Policy & programmes)	<b>JS</b>
Reuben Brown, Minutes (Derbyshire CC, Policy & Programmes)	<b>RBn</b>

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Terry Williams (CTC Right to Ride)	<b>TW</b>
Dave Connell (DCC, NE area Traffic & Safety)	<b>DC</b>
Helen Fairfax (North East Derbyshire DC)	<b>HF</b>
Liz Pasteur (Derwent Valley Cycle Group)	<b>LP</b>
Lyndsay Jones (Local Access Forum)	<b>LJ</b>

**1. Minutes from the last NE area meeting, 19 January 2006, for accuracy**

The minutes were accepted as being a correct record of the meeting.

**1. Matters arising from above meeting not on agenda**

Cycle Lockers - Chesterfield Station

BK told the group that Chesterfield BC and the Chesterfield Cycle Campaign were taking action to move the law court cycle lockers to the train station. As Midland Mainline had made no comment, the group were unsure of the likelihood of this move taking place.

Bike Week

AM asked whether Judith Laverty (recently returned to DCC) is still the contact for inclusion of Bike Week events in DCC promotional materials. JS explained that this had to be considered, and agreed to report back. RBt also asked for a deadline date to be circulated early. **Action: JS/DCC**

Bowshaw Roundabout

DC reported (via DB) that this link is now in place.

Tibshelf Ponds

PD said that work here has started, and that a link into the Silverhill Line is expected.

Bolsover Loop Greenway

WB told the group that work behind the Model Village is going ahead this year, and in Creswell next year.

#### Markland Grips / Connect2

PD introduced the potential Connect2 funding source (see minutes of 12/07/06), and noted that a bid for funding for Markland Grips has been supported by John Grimshaw, Head of Sustrans. Comments on the scheme were made, which PD agreed to forward to WB. **Action: PD**

Later in the meeting, members of the group questioned the approval process for Connect2. PD said that this involved a television vote, with a single winner. However, he noted that the Sustrans bid was the only national project, and hoped this might encourage more votes.

#### Loundsley Green – Highfield Lane

AM told the group of conflict between bikes and buses using the bus lay-by at this site. DB agreed to follow up. **Action: DB**

#### Creswell – Clowne

RBt/MC said that linking these two towns is being considered increasingly important, and so Bolsover DC are now pursuing a possible link from Creswell Junction to Seymour Junction (nr. Poolsbrook, Staveley).

#### Service Plan

JS said that, although three-year Service Plans have still not been introduced, forward planning of schemes is taking place to enable effective action in the first quarter of the financial year.

#### Queens Park Bridge

BK told the group of bridges in Derby where cycling is permitted with parapets lower than the 1.22m of the Queens Park Bridge. He asked whether this might form a precedent. DB said that the situation is being looked at in isolation, and said that there is currently an investigation into legal/litigation issues surrounding the marked cycle route over the bridge. BK and AM reinforced the importance of the bridge as a link south out of the town.

#### Chesterfield Borough Council Transport Group

CR asked about this proposed group; nobody present had been supplied new information since the last meeting.

#### Walton Works

BK was keen that this route should be enhanced along with development of the works site. MS said that a draft brief for the site was being prepared, and he was sure route options were being considered, including links to Chatsworth Rd.

#### Glenhyrst Nurseries

PS said that travel plans were being developed for Brookfield and Westfield schools, with one for Old Hall school planned for the future. PD provided more information on uses of Safe Routes to Schools funding, relating to primary schools in particular.

#### Stockley Hill

MC asked about a link in the Stockley Hill area which was originally suggested some time ago. WB said that the link appeared in the current East Derbyshire Greenways Strategy, but that it was not on the current agenda.

#### Cycle Benchmarking – Midlands Region

DW asked whether the visit to Derbyshire had taken place. He was told that it had, and that it had generally been a positive experience, which DCC is still following-up from. There was some further discussion of the visit's outputs.

### **1. Cycle Schemes 2006/2007**

#### Chesterfield Cycle Schemes

DB told the group that there are no specific cycle schemes in Chesterfield this financial year. JS explained that this was partially due to the impact on DCC budgets of changes to Central Government secured borrowing procedures,

which have significantly reduced all budgets except for road safety. Asked by JW whether this would affect RoWIP budgets, JS confirmed that this would be the case, but that it was thought next year's budgets would be unaffected.

#### Greenways

WB reported on progress to Ironville – Golden Valley, and Creswell North, both of which are set for greenways work to begin during the financial year.

#### Hipper Valley Corridor

BK asked whether there had been progress with Phase 3. WB reported that it remained in the hands of Gemma Gregory, although obstructive landowners and financial issues (as described by JS above) were causing delays to progress. WB was keen to make clear that the scheme is still on the agenda. BK asked about a Chatsworth Rd alternative, although WB had not investigated this, particularly as he seeks to accommodate horse riders. An analysis of the issues developed into a discussion of the means for dealing with landowners' concerns.

#### Air Quality – Chatsworth/Derby Roads

Relating to the last discussion, CR asked about possibilities for the development of cycle tracks on both Derby Rd and Chatsworth Rd, which have emerging air quality problems. DB told her that road space on the former is too limited, but that a Chatsworth Rd cycle lane may be a possibility. WB told CR of the East Derbyshire Greenways Strategy, which provides information on actual/proposed alternative routes. He promised to supply CR with a copy.

**Action: WB**

There was further discussion between BK and DB about the specifics of road hatching, road safety, and cycle routes at the two locations.

#### Cycleway Strategy

JS noted that beyond greenways, strategic cycle planning is not a strength of DCC, although this is something the authority is working towards. PD reinforced the importance of a cycle network development plan, especially for getting the most out of developers using the planning system. PD offered to lend examples from other authorities.

**Action: PD**

(Some further discussion of the Connect2/Markland Grips bid then occurred, recorded under item 3)

### **1. Issues in the North East area**

#### Derby Road Crossing

AM asked about a scheme in the Derby Rd area, asking whether a toucan crossing might be used to connect the Trans-Pennine Trail and the 5-Pits Trail. DB said that this was hopefully going ahead and informed the group of details.

#### Bridge to Railway Station

AM asked whether replacement of the bridge between Chesterfield and the railway station was being investigated. DB confirmed that it was.

#### Tapton – Trans-Pennine Trail

AM queried signing of the Trans-Pennine Trail link near Tapton House. WB was unfamiliar with the situation and agreed to investigate.

**Action: WB**

#### Holmebrook Greenway Extension

AM asked whether the Holmebrook Valley Greenway would be extended to Old Brampton. WB said that the area team are speaking to landowners; he agreed to ask them for an update on progress and report back.

**Action: WB**

#### Chesterfield – Derby

AM asked PD about a possible link between Chesterfield and Derby. PD replied that the Silverhill Line was the next important link between these two places. WB mentioned that the Ripley Greenway southern extension would also help. A further discussion into this area then took place, which resulted in PD requesting an update from RBt, MC, and WB on activities and aspirations in the area.

**Action: RBt, MC, WB**

### Conflict in Parks

AM told the group of a situation in Hasland where he had been told by a park warden, apparently wrongly, that no cycling is allowed on roads within the park. MS recommended that he speaks to Andy Pashley and Ron Barker at CBC.

**Action: AM**

### Killamarsh Link

WB introduced a regeneration project in Killamarsh that includes a cycling/walking link between the Trans-Pennine Trail and the Rother Valley Country Park along an old canal. A further discussion of the canal took place.

### Segregated Path Symbols

BK expressed the opinion that there are too few cycle symbols marked on segregated routes, saying that this was leading to conflict. DB was not aware of a standard frequency for these symbols, and agreed to find out more.

**Action: DB**

### Route Maintenance

BK spoke of areas where cycle routes are obstructed by vegetation. DB replied that there was a shortage of staff that are able to operate cutting equipment. DB agreed to investigate the specific situations if BK passed on details.

**Action: BK, DB**

BK went on to ask who maintains off-road routes. MS & WB said that this varies. DB said that the situation was not perfect and that the public are relied upon to notify of problem sites. WB noted that strategic rural routes tend to have a more coherent maintenance regime.

BK informed DB about white lining that needs renewing. DB to check.

**Action: DB**

### Sustrans Route Signs

AM asked whether these signs were being considered by DCC. DB explained that there were a number of issues to be looked at including the situation surrounding DfT approval. PD provided a few examples of other East Midlands authorities that are using the signs, and provided contact names to RB for consultation. He also agreed to forward examples of the signs to WB that include cycle symbols (the absence of these had been a cause for concern). WB & DB to consider.

**Action: PD & DCC**

BK and AM were keen to assist with implementation of the signs and PD agreed to speak to AM about the situation elsewhere.

**Action: PD, AM**

### CCC Cycling Map of Chesterfield

AM asked RB whether any assistance from DCC was likely for production of a new map. RB had investigated internally, and said there was some possibility of help with mapping information, but that full details of the situation were not known. RB to report back.

**Action: RB**

## **1. AOB**

### Cycle Derbyshire Update

WB told the group that any final suggestions for improvement of the Cycle Derbyshire map should be provided immediately. A few were forthcoming, and WB noted these. (A discussion of the Trent Valley Greenway resulted in PD noting an aspiration to move Sustrans Route 6 to this trail)

### Conferences/Events

DW told the group to expect a spring conference in Derby, linked with their designation as a Cycle Demonstration Town.

DW also noted that a meeting of East Midlands Cycle Campaigners was due for 11 November 2006.

WB told the group that he and Peter Storey had made a presentation to the Bolton University conference on linking cycling and tourism. This had been well received.

PD recommended group members support the “Stop Climate Chaos” demonstration in London on 4 November 2006.

### Manifold – Ashbourne Link

BK asked whether the creation of a Manifold-Ashbourne link was a possibility. PD said that it was, and that the Peak District National Park Authority were examining it.

### High Peak Trail – Buxton

PD said that Sustrans are very keen to see a link introduced between the High Peak Trail and Buxton, and are willing to provide some funding. WB agreed to arrange a meeting between all relevant promoters. **Action: WB**

### **1. Date of Next Meeting**

Future meetings are organised as follows:

18/01/07	Thursday	2.30pm	Strategic Meeting	County Hall, Matlock
18/04/07	Wednesday	2.30pm	SE Area Meeting	Long Eaton Town Hall
11/07/07	Wednesday	2.30pm	NW Area Meeting	Matlock Town Hall
16/10/07	Tuesday	2.30pm	Strategic Meeting	County Hall, Matlock