

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

Meeting

10th May 2011

Minutes

Present-Joe Clark, Barry Kay, Andy Holdaway, Clive Ellis, Megan Cook, Alastair Meikle, Paul Balderson, Anne Frazer.

Apologies- Pam Kay, Charles Brown, Chris Allen, Barbara Sansome, Philip Leedham.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting (April) were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

The Crispin Inn can do pie and pea supper, with chips-see bike week section.

AM will book the Town Hall for our meetings from September, when the Market Hall closes for refurbishment for approx 12 months.

Hollingwood lock-the building will open on 1st June. There is a party in the grounds on 4th June.

The Monsall trail website says the tunnels will be open on 25th May.

Matalan-the planners have received the retrospective planning application for the increase in car park spaces. There will be 5 cycle racks by the corner nearest West Bars, fronting onto Chatsworth Road, with no dropped curb. Their “profit protection department” thinks that another entrance will be unacceptable and they say it is too difficult to make cycle access. AM has commented on the plans.

Still no news on Lidl.

Membership report:

308 members.

Treasurer’s report:

The treasurer was absent.

We made £67 from sales on Mayday. High visibility vests have been ordered but we are awaiting the treasurer paying the pro-forma invoice.

Secretary’s report:

The election questions were sent to 35 candidates in the local elections and Labour and Liberal Democrat HQ for them to distribute. The only replies were from Shirley Niblock, Howard Borrell, Ray Russell, Chris Connelly and Sharon Blank-all replies on the website.

The Bike racks outside Costa Coffee have been moved to the top of South Street (on the bike contra flow)

The Royal Hospital is having a “Healthy Living Day” on 12th July 10am-2pm-we need volunteers to run the stall.

Loundsley Green Fun Day –has been moved from 11th June to 4th June.

We received plans from DCC to replace the roundabout at Hasland (by the shops) with traffic lights. They are going ahead with a partial scheme that will involve moving the pedestrian crossing from Eastwood Park to nearer the junction and changing it to a Toucan crossing.

AM advertised four free bikes by email-all had gone in 2 hours.

The path alongside the A61 from Hazlehurst Avenue to Casa hotel is still being done and it will be a shared path.

AM has been contacted by Kate Adkins from the football club. There will be a mass cycle to a game, next season. There are 28 cycle racks outside the stadium.

A cycle counter has appeared on the footbridge over the A61, by the Chesterfield hotel.

Webmaster’s report:

All working fine.

Items:

Ride leaflets:

We have made maps to be printed in black and white with a map on one side and instructions on the other. There are four routes which are nearly ready- we will print them (approx 50 of each) and give away free on our stall. The routes are:

- 1) Six Parks ride
- 2) Holmebrook Valley Route
- 3) Hipper Valley Route
- 4) Hipper/Ashgate/Holmebrook Triangle

Chesterfield Map:

CA, NP and AM met on Mayday to discuss this. NP will finish the map and a printed version will be done after June's Newsletter. It will hopefully be ready after that-in the summer.

22nd September is "Car Free day"-The Liberal Democrat council said we could have a stall-we are not sure if Labour will let us have one!

Transition Chesterfield Cycle Activity Grant:

Various activities to promote cycling in Chesterfield and training people in cycle riding/mechanics and advocacy (i.e. promoting cycling as a viable transport solution).

- 1) Training 3 people on a 10-day City and Guilds course on cycle mechanics. These will then do skills share workshops to cascade the knowledge to more people.
- 2) Up to 6 people will work with Vernon Barker to build a cargo bike that will be available for anyone to use.
- 3) Up to 72 people can get bikeability training to level 2 or 3 depending on demand.
- 4) Mobile event/unit to go to 6 transition events, taking along different types of bikes including a trailer, and Dr Bike to help people to ride in town.

All projects are to be completed by February 2012. They can start as soon as the documentation is sorted. The funding, £7653, is provided by Groundwork.

The Cycle Campaign will work with them on joint events. We need to co-ordinate our efforts so we don't miss out on events and we will try to advertise the Transition events in our Newsletter.

Bike Week 2011:

June 18th: Country fair at Holmebrook Valley Park. They have asked if the Campaign will have a stall and Dr Bike, but we have heard nothing since. We will have a stall possible near the pavilion.

AM is talking to a Beaver group about bikes on 20th June @ Walton Church

Friday 24th June: Pie and pea supper- BK to book the Crispin and find out prices. There will be a short ride first, leaving the Town Hall at 6.30pm with food at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale in advance.

Saturday 25th June: Ride from Tpton lock along the trans-Pennine trail and stopping at the café (Nonnas) @ Hollingwood hub.

A.O.B.

Saturday 14th May-Transition AGM at the market hall-main hall. Incredible edible form Todmorden will give a talk afterwards. All welcome.

Saturday 21st May-Transition Swish at the Central Methodist Church, Saltergate. Bring up to 5 each of unwanted, good condition; clothes, books, DVD's, games and CD's between 11am-12noon. Swap at noon. FREE

Transition Chesterfield is holding a "Big Lunch" at Queens Park on 5th June for 1-4pm. Bring your own picnic or food to share. Bring outdoor games too.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 14th June, 7.30pm at Meeting Room 1, Market Hall, Chesterfield.