

**Chesterfield Cycle Campaign  
Meeting and AGM**

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

**Minutes**

**Present-**Joe Clark, Barry Kay, Ian Openshaw, Megan Cook, Chris Allen, Simon Redding, Charlie Streather, Jennifer Briddon, Barbara Sanome, Julie Moorby.

**Apologies-** Alastair Meikle Pam Kay, Shay Boyle, Paul Wallis.

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

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

**Matters Arising:**

The Green Market/fair that is taking place in Chesterfield Market in September the CBC are organising is going to be on a Sunday, this is due to the market being too busy on a Saturday, it was mentioned that public transport is not as good on a Sunday.

With regard to Nicola Peck's comments last month about the lack of cycle parking in Staveley town centre-a solution was discussed. We agreed to contact the town council and try to get them to fund some Sheffield stands, near the banks/P.O./Library. A member, Ann Frasier, works for the council and would be a good contact. Since Staveley is part of the TPT and Canal route, it was felt cycle parking in the town centre would be very useful. CA will contact the council initially.

**Membership report:**

295 members, we have lost 8 members in the last month.

**Treasurer's report:**

The treasurer was absent. The treasurer needs to attend the meetings as getting access to reimbursements is difficult. It was agreed that Alistair should keep a few cheques.

**Secretary's report:**

**Given by BK**

Carol Parsons of Pedal Peak District sends us thanks to the people trying out some of their proposed routes.

AM is still awaiting a cheque from Phil (treasurer) for £250 so that I can order the sales items. Contact for the bells in Germany says he will supply us direct.

The next EMCF meeting will be in Leicester on March 12th, no firm details as yet.

TPT is closed at Tapton Lock for resurfacing, hopefully it should open later this week. It was reported to be finished. A counter at Tapton Lock was chopped up, accidentally, by the resurfacers. It may be replaced in a different place.

Matalan have finally put in a planning application for their new car park. AM has replied asking for cycle parking and a link to the adjacent shared path.

Lidl, no news of work starting yet.

Old Fabric Warehouse at junction of Wheatbridge Road and Chatsworth Road. AM missed this application! It is being rebuilt as two units, one of which will be a Majestic Wine shop. As always no cycle parking in the plans. AM contacted the planning dept but Simon Redding contacted the developer direct. The developers have agreed to include cycle parking. CBC have replied to say they have no objection!

The pavement has been widened alongside Derby Road between Lord Roberts Road and Redvers Buller Road. This should allow a shared route to be signed from B & Q to the toucan on Derby Road/Jawbones hill.

AM went to at a Co-operative meeting last week. There is a possibility the Co-op might 'sponsor' our newsletter in return for some advertising. Is this something the Campaign would be happy with?

It was generally agreed that this would be ok as Co-Op has a good ethical policy and agrees with our general aims.

This would not be Carte Blanche for other organizations.

Newsletters costs about £42.00 per print. We could print some sponsored issues in colour.

AM received this e-mail, should we buy 50?

*"I'm Secretary of the Derwent Valley Cycleway Group [derwentvalleycycle.org.uk](http://derwentvalleycycle.org.uk)  
I've had some stickers produced to go in the rear window of cars/vans/etc  
and wondered if you would be interested in some?  
You used to be able to get these stickers on the web but the site closed  
down a couple of years ago. Since then I've been trying to organize my own  
and have now bought 1,000 out of my own pocket (must be mad). I'm selling  
them to raise funds for the Derwent Valley etc. Price is £2 each but if you  
wanted a decent number (50 minimum) I could do them for, say, £1.50 and you  
could sell them at £2 to raise funds for yourselves - as well as spreading a  
very important message Size is 12" long by 3" deep"*

We discussed that we need more details as we do not know what the stickers say! We felt they may be hard to sell at that price.

AM emailed the planning department about conditions on planning. This is connected to

the government department circular from November 1995. It relates to six tests that go with each condition which are-is it reasonable? This would be for every commercial planning with public access if planners agree. This will involve cycle parking automatically being a condition of the planning permission. IO will be pushing planners to agree to this. It may just involve a tick box on a planning application for cycle parking. We are quite hopeful this may go ahead.

**Webmaster's report:**

There was a good feedback from the cycle forum about the website.

**Items:**

Chesterfield Cyclists forum:

There were at least 6 of us there.

It was considered to be very successful, with good representation from rangers, DCC and CBC.

The agenda was good and people said what they thought.

The cycle routes that DCC have audited were discussed. DCC have the cycle map on their website, but it is hard to find, so we will put a link to it on our website.

The forum gave people a good overall understanding of Chesterfield Cycle Campaign. We are now an official sub-group of the borough council's "transport users group" which gives us some weight.

A good mix of representatives were there and it could have introduced a sea change in attitudes

The next one is due to be on week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May, subject to confirmation.

IO mentioned that Simon Tranter of DCC was quite clear that since the forum means there is a partnership going on we are more likely to succeed with bids e.g. sustainable local transport funding.

Park Road crossing-Simon Tranter is not sure what to do as the developers went bust and the surface is breaking up. We need to come up with a solution and present it to ST IO suggested moving the junction for cars further back and putting lights in with a left filter.

It was noted that in Copenhagen, cyclists are automatically catered for during road works, but that does not happen here.

Paul Staniforth, head of development control-he does not like a "must" being put into planning. ST said that the police have the attitude that they must keep traffic moving-which can deny other possibilities.

Ramblers Vs. cyclists

Many paths are joint use and some friction occurs between these two groups, it was suggested that this was often caused by antisocial behaviour and we should try to

encourage social behaviour, but not denying people, who want to behave well, access to the countryside. We need to aim for shared routes, where appropriate, it does not have to be tarmaced, top track is fine. There are plenty of route locally.

The police were invited to the forum but did not come. It was felt that they have the attitude that they have to keep traffic moving and to get cyclists out of the way. How they interpret the Highway Code was asked, it was felt we need to ask them to get some answers. A future forum meeting could look at police attitudes to cycling. We will write a list of questions and give them to the police community safety officer based at the town all and ask him to the meeting to answer these questions.

It was felt we need to invite parking enforcement too (APCOA), they are now a private company, to ask them about parking enforcement-we will need to contact DCC's contract manager as they have a contract with DCC. SR and AM to discuss the appropriate questions.

The police will not do anything about cars and vans parked on a pavement or cycle path. APCOA can issue tickets if someone is parked on a white line by a dropped curb, but they sometimes don't. We could get a list off them as to which rules they will enforce.

A new Traffic Regulation Order in the town centre started today (8<sup>th</sup> February) in three stages. No waiting signs and "A" boards removal can now be enforced.

CA reported on the Countryside Access Network, which he attends for cycling. The ramblers have had training to put in infrastructure by themselves. CA asked what about cyclists, we could do cutting back vegetation and putting up signs. He took in some examples of cycling leaflets e.g. TPT 5 pits trail etc. Met with enthusiasm and he brought in 7 maps of possible routes. We may be able to council to sponsor them, we could do the route using open street maps and they could be available via the CBC website. Each route needs Unique Selling Point(s). These could be used in bike week. We also need to think how to train rangers to promote cycling to visitors. The rangers need training and be able to get feedback from cyclists about where signs are missing, vegetation need cutting back and surfacing needs fixing etc. There will be a follow up meeting in March.

### **Campaign calendar for 2011:**

May 2nd – May Day stall and march.

11<sup>th</sup> June (TBC) Loundsley Green Fun Day –We could have a stall.

Bike Week-18-26 June.

June 18th - Michael Davie (PCT) has supposedly booked the library lecture theatre and adjoining rooms again, don't know his plans but assume he wants us involved. I have had no contact with him since November and have recently heard he is long term sick. Have

tried to contact someone else at PCT who may know what is happening but without success.

June 18<sup>th</sup> - country fair at Holmebrook Valley Park. They have asked if the Campaign will have a stall and Dr Bike.

Unless we hear from Michael Davie in the next week we shall plump for Holmebrook. If necessary we could run a stall at the library too, it would only need two people. Only problem is I suspect Davie will need the Campaign to do more.

Friday June 24th 'Friday Night Ride' organized by CS-it will be a ride with a theme and visiting a pub or two, if we make them "real ale" ones we can advertise through CAMRA.

Saturday (25th) or Sunday (26th) -Circuit of the Trans Pennine Trail or Dr Bike at Tapton Lock.

Does anyone have any other ideas for Bike Week?

Sunday July 24th - Inkerman Buzz/Lunch-we need a campaign stall & Dr Bike.

Thursday September 22nd - Campaign stall at town hall aimed mainly at people who work at the town hall for European Car Free Day

Sunday September 25th - green market/fair in town, Campaign stall.

AM thinking about organising a folding bike ride/tour of Chesterfield using public transport.

Could anybody else organise and publicise one of our short 4 mile trips from the Queen's Park and back? We could possible do a quiz ride. We could do one at the end of March.

At some point this year the canal trust are going to have an opening of the new Hollingwood Centre. They will be asking the Campaign to go along.

**A.O.B.**

**None**

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Meeting Room 1, Market Hall, Chesterfield.