

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign
Meeting and AGM
12th October 2010
Minutes

Present- Joe Clark, Barry Kay, Alastair Meikle, Megan Cook, Chris Allen, Paul Wallis, Ian Openshaw, Charles Brown, Philip Smith, Charlie Streater, Steve Bright.

Apologies-Pam Kay, Phillip Leedham, Simon Redding, Anne Frazer, Jennifer Briddon, John Pratt, Paul Eyre.

AGM

Nominations and elections were held for the committee members. All those that stood were duly elected unopposed and a list follows:

Nicola Peck-Newsletter Editor

Robert Kirby-Webmaster

Alistair Meikle-Secretary

Pam Kay-Membership secretary-Pam wishes to step down next year.

Jo Clark-Chair

Chris Allen-Vice Chair

Phil Leedham-Treasurer

Megan Cook-Minutes Secretary

Simon Redding-Press Secretary-he says he would be happy to continue in the role but would like a discussion as to how to develop the role to promote the campaign

Barry Kay is a fifth member of the committee and signs cheques etc.

Peter Corke-Sustainability

Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting accepted as a true record, it was noted that the date at the top was that of the previous minutes and that Shay Boyle's name was spelt incorrectly.

Matters Arising:

The Christmas meeting is booked in at the Crispin Inn and the Brampton Community Band has also been booked. It will be on Tuesday 14th December from 7.30pm. We will need to take bookings soon to get an idea of numbers.

We will be re-stocking of items for sale soon, but there is no rush as we sell most stuff in the summer.

The Applications for DCC grants "for sustainable transport matters" have gone in.

Membership report:

304 members. This time last year it was at 319, we have had less new recruitment this year.

Standing Orders/Direct Debits have gone up to 23 (14%).

Treasurer's report:

In the absence of the treasurer we were presented with a balance sheet showing a profit of £1048.21 for the year.

Secretary's report:

Summary of 2009-2010

The main event was a cycle audit of Chesterfield, taking 5-6 days. This involved Alastair Meikle, Barry Kay, Pip and Paul, DCC and CBC officers and Philip Smith. It was a very useful exercise and mapped the routes on a huge map. Simon Tranter has started to do some cycle schemes.

The main push for next year is the North/South route.

The path from Hazlehurst Avenue, Stonegravel to the Casa Hotel will be upgraded to a cycle path.

There will be a new BMW/Mini Garage on the old Pearson site. This will produce a shared path along the river from Pottery lane along the River Rother to Lockoford Lane.

Maintenance of cycle paths has and remains a problem. We need to identify problem areas and deal with them. The area under the A61/Whittington Moor Roundabout is bad. DCC have said it is their responsibility and we may get it cleared now. Problems include broken glass, litter and Dog mess.

An agreement has been made on the Hiper Valley trail, at the other end of the route to the station, at Holymoorside-but no money is left. A bridge has been found that may complete it. Rail track are happy for the route to go along the track at Hollis Lane. It will need some sort of fence to keep people off the mainline train line.

Park Road to B&Q remains a problem with the path not adopted until finished and developers are in receivership. The surface is breaking up and covered in glass.

There are two solutions:

If the track to the railway line goes ahead any spare cash could be used to finish it
CBC could add a planning condition to any planning permission for the remaining land plot.

Tesco Site

Simon Tranter has been meeting with them and Tesco have signed an additional route as a shared path and moved a dropped curb. Despite this it was a bad example of planning.

Toucan across Lockoford Lane and hope the fence will be moved back.

The Slip road is now steeper to slow traffic down and a refuge in the middle of the road is wide enough for a bike and trailer.

TPT at Hollingwood is now closed, but the bypass was reported as being quite easy. From the end of November work will start at Staveley.

The Royal Hospital has put a shared path across the site and tree sets of cycle stands.

Events:

Christmas social was enjoyed by about 40 people, including the band.

Rides-about 30 people came to each ride-we did about the right number.

Mayday Stall was fairly successful. The weather was not great and we will do it again next year.

Bike Week

Film Festival was enjoyed by those who went, the Pea and Pie supper was well attended. We sold some items at the stalls.

Four people have volunteered to be "bike buddies" Shay Boyle is the co-ordinator. Indo. On website.

Members of the committee are active in other groups:

Transport users group

DCC external cycle liason meeting

Community sport network and cycling sub-group

Chesterfield and Bolsover countryside access meetings

Community Forums

East Midlands Cycle Forum

Co-op Meeting about cycle racks outside supermarket. They have offered to let us have a stall in their shop if we would like.

We would like more consultation with East Midlands trains. Philip Smith said there is a DCC officer who deals with trains and he will pass the name on to AM.

The Newsletter has got bigger and is, usually, on time. Nicola Peck does a good job. It is delivered to 170 households and AM sends out a monthly email update to 113 members.

We send newsletter to various counsellors and Toby Perkins, M.P.

The Website is a good source of information-thanks to Robert.

Current report:

We looked at a plan of a shared path along Derby road between Redvers Buller road and Lord Roberts Road. The whole of Derby Road would be signed from B&Q to Redvers Buller Rd. It has already been re surfaced. The path will be widened and road narrowed and is happening soon!

A plan of the town centre was looked at. There are currently different traffic regulations around different parts of town. These include: No waiting at any time, Prohibition of motor vehicles 10am-4pm and No loading 10am-4pm.

The police are not enforcing the no waiting signs and this can cause a hazard.

Changes mean we should be able to cycle in the market area and including South Street in this was discussed. "A boards" put on cycle paths were mentioned as a danger to cyclists.

An ex-offenders hostel (on Chatsworth road, near Nonna's) will be built on the site of an old pub/Falcon house. It will be a modern building and cycle lockers may be built at the back of it.

EM cycle forum was 10 days ago. AM and CA attended. It followed the usual format with two talks in the morning, one for the PCT and one from Sustrans. Derbyshire was hardly mentioned-cities in the East Midlands tend to dominate as they have cycling officers. Matt Easter from Sustrans was asked about this and he agreed.

The afternoon was taken up with a pleasant ride on the "big track" a mainly off road route around Nottingham. Hugh McLintock, who currently runs the forum, would like to step down and has asked for a successor to volunteer.

The Next one will be held in Leicester and the Leicester cycling officer will run it, it will be on 12th March 2011.

Anne Fraser has sent the campaign an email about Bolsover and District cycle club-they are selling locks and security marking at cost. Steve Cropper says we can go to a meeting and have it done. We wondered if we could roll it out in Chesterfield, the P.C.S.O.s may help-AM will contact. Some cash may be available for "target hardening" and we may be able to get bikes "smart water" marked.

Webmaster's report:

Website working fine. The difficulty in finding non-current minutes was mentioned and we will try to simplify it.

Open Forum-Thought for the coming year

The short film "Beauty and the bike" -shown at the film festival was discussed.

It was summed up by a councillor saying, "We are doing more for cycling,"

And a reply by one of the girls in the film "... but, the cycle paths don't go where we want

to go". They do not go past the shops, P.O. youth club and library.
This was felt to be true in Chesterfield.
How can we change this?

IO suggested attending the Transition Town Chesterfield talk/workshop run by PlaningAid on "Influencing the planning process" on 18th October at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Cyclists are not taken into account and many highways engineers think that cyclists are in the way.

There was a discussion about having separate paths for cyclists Vs. cycle paths on the road. Pros for the first option include new users, learners and Children getting confidence. Pros for the second include making cars aware of cyclists and us not being marginalized.

We could campaign for:

Reducing car speeds to 20m.p.h. in residential areas

Not allowing parking in cycle lanes and painting them a different colour to distinguish them.

It was stated that the county can't designate cycle lanes as "no parking" as it is not national policy.

Cycle paths need to be kept clean from glass etc. AM to write to the lead member for the environment at the council and invite him to a meeting.

A.O.B.

We are ready to move forward in the setting up of a CBC cycling forum, suggested 1 year ago, which will be held at the Town Hall. AM to meet Ray Russell to discuss it.

Date of Next Meeting including AGM

Tuesday 9th November, 7.30pm at Meeting Room 1, Market Hall, Chesterfield.