

**Chesterfield Cycle Campaign
Meeting and AGM**

11th January 2011

Minutes

Present-Joe Clark, Barry Kay, Alastair Meikle, Megan Cook, Chris Allen, Paul Balderson, Charlie Streather, Jennifer Briddon, Julie Moorby.

Apologies- Pam Kay, Ian Openshaw, Charles Brown, Phillip Leedham, Simon Redding. Charles Brown has been in hospital with suspected appendicitis, he is now out of hospital and feeling better.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He mentioned that Spire Club were pleased by the write up of one of their rides on our website.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting (November) were accepted as a true record. Barbara Sanome's name was spelt wrong, apologies.

Matters Arising:

We did not get DCC grant "for sustainable transport matters".

Lidl:

They have agreed to change the bicycle parking stands and put in Sheffield stands between the trolley park and the wall. This will be out of the way of cars. They will also reinstate the ramp from their car park to the Holmebrook valley trail.

Matalan:

The council have forced them to put in a retrospective planning permission for the car park extension. The council will then ask for them to put in cycle stands.

Curry's and PC world on Ravenside Retail Park:

The planning application to merge the two stores included a travel plan in which they stated they would provide Sheffield stands near to the entrance. However the travel plan is not part of the planning application and can be ignored by the developers especially as the council did not put it in as a condition of the planning application.

Lockoford Lane:

Paul Balderson and Alastair Meikle met the council on site on 20th December 2010. They discussed the new trading estate planning. There should be traffic calming measures with an off road cycle path but only a speed bump will be put in. The developers will only pay for a speed bump, which can't go on or next to the bridge so can't go on TPT crossing. Simon Tranter will try to think of a solution. They will put double yellow lines coming off

the roundabout. Planning professionals do not seem to learn from what has gone before. We need our comments before the application goes in. We will go back to the council and ask what they will do to make the crossing safer.

Chesterfield rugby club is moving to Dunston. We asked for the footpath that runs alongside it from Conniston Road to Dunston Road to be made a shared path. Paul Staniforth claims it needs to be 3.6m wide and surfaced and this would change its character from a rural path. We have argued that it is not rural as there is an office block on one side!

There is no timetable on the cycle map but it should be ready by the spring.

Membership report:

303 members.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer was absent.

Secretary's report:

The path from Hazlehurst lane to the Casa hotel (alongside the A61) was costed at £130,000 and was put into the budget and went to cabinet and accepted. However, the clerk of works at DCC said it would cost an additional £70,000 due to building a retaining wall and close off one lane of the bypass. Simon Tranter will see if he can narrow the path slightly to avoid closing a lane and allow a smaller wall.

Nicola Peck tried to park her bike in Staveley town centre but there are no cycle racks there. She found someone at the town council and asked where she could park. His suggestions were Poolsbrook Country Park, the canal basin and the healthy living centre. The first two are quite a way from the town centre and the healthy living centre across the road. We have no members in Staveley.

Social Evening:

About 45 people went and it was successful. Thanks to Barry Kay for the quiz.

Pedal Peak District emailed the campaign of their routes. Two members cycled the route and reported back on them-pedal peak thanked us.

Webmaster's report:

Nothing to report.

Items:

Chesterfield Cyclists forum:

Chesterfield council have given a committee room at the town hall on Monday 7th February

at 2pm. Since the borough council has not talked to DCC about the cycle audit. We will do a presentation about the audit to get the officers talking to each other. Should go on to 4.30pm. Anyone welcome. Sustrans, DCC, Chesterfield Borough Council and TPT are coming. Sally Ludditt will talk about what the hospital has done to increase cycling. Cycle active will give a talk about the Active Travel Challenge.

Also a discussion period has been built in. We will give a newsletter out and possibly a summary of what we want them to think about.

Campaign calendar for 2011:

Mayday (May 2nd)-we will book a stall

Saturday 18th June-Michael Davy of the PCT has booked the lecture theatre in the library and wants us to have a stall-he will organise the rest.

Bike Week-dates not yet announced, probably 18-26 June.

Car Free Day-the borough council would like us to have a stall aimed mainly at people who work at the town hall.

Inkerman Buzz (Sunday 25th September)-the council would like to run a bigger event in the market with a green theme. We may turf the centre of the market.

Helen Stenton has asked us to do a Dr bike at Tapton lock during one of their events. They are running ones at Easter and 10th and 19th August.

Transition Chesterfield have also asked us to do a Dr bike for them sometime.

No rides planned-we may run one in bike week. We may also do one from TPT to Staveley.

Charlie Streather has agreed to look into a series of rides in the summer with a local theme from 6-18 miles in length. Suggestions for themes include mines, railways and the art trail.

Items for the stall:

We will get some more high visibility jackets in adult and children's sizes. 6 horns, a few UK cycle route planners and a few books about routes in the peak district.

A.O.B.

Potholes:

There are a lot of ones left at the edge of the road where you cycle, especially on Spital lane. You can report any you find to DCC or CTC website (fill that hole). DCC have 2 weeks to do something about it after you have reported it.

Work has started on the driving range at Tapton. The cycle track will be moved further south, but the route should be kept open throughout.

Choose Cycling website (a cycling and green enterprise in Derbyshire) has a cycle map of Ilkeston.

Proposed Traffic lights in Hasland

The meeting about it never happened so plans may not go ahead. They will be discussed at the next community forum meeting.

We will be sending out a list of election questions to council election candidates and putting any answers on our website. The election is in May.

The path by Tesco has had Tarmac put down and has been widened and dropped curbs put in.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 8th February, 7.30pm at Meeting Room 1, Market Hall, Chesterfield.