

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

Meeting 13th July 2010

Minutes

Present- Joe Clark, Barry Kay, Alastair Meikle, Megan Cook, Jennifer Briddon, Anne Frazer, Phillip Leedham, Paul Balderson, Chris Allen.

Apologies-Pam Kay, Charles Brown, Phil Smith.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

We have not had a reply to our letter from Toby Perkins.

Peak Bikes are reported to be running a two hour ride on Thursdays starting at 6pm.

Membership report:
320 members.

Treasurer's report:

We had £2648.49 on 1st July 2010. With £124.35 still to come out.

Secretary's report:

Chris Allen has reported giving a report on cycling at Tapton and Brimington community forum's annual meeting. He has managed to secure £500 from their action plan. Ways to spend the money were discussed and signage from the TPT to Tapton lock and Brimington centre to the TPT were discussed as well as cycle parking.

Nicola Peck has written an article for the canal newsletter.

AM, BK and PB attended the DCC cycle liason meeting-the only positive thing to come fro it was an agreement to make a continuation of the cycle path from the new B&Q alongside the railway line to the rail station. DCC are looking at plans to make it a safe route (from trains!)

Tesco: A sign stating turn left for cyclist to get them onto a shared path are being move and a drop curb being put in to make it safer. The junction near the new hotel should have a sign saying "cyclists

crossing" and a refuge long enough to fit a bike and trailer. We will be checking to see this is implemented.

Friends of Walton dam have been given £5000 for improvement works. They would like to install litter bins and seats and have asked us if this will impede cyclists.

We have had a request to run our stall on Sunday 15th August at Queen's park to celebrate 100 years of girl guides. Volunteers are required, please reply to AM by 20th July if you can help so we can book our place.

Ray Russell of CBC has asked us to suggest 2-3 points to be included in the new Liberal democrats manifesto. Ideas welcome from members, must be within the council's remit and fairly specific.

Some ideas were:

1. Employ a cycling officer
2. Show an edited film from the cycle shorts day to councillors to try to change their mindset-possibly on 22nd Sept-World Car Free Day.
3. Cycle racks installed in Theatre Yard. We were promised 4, but none have appeared.

Webmaster's report:

Website working fine.

Items:

Reports of events:

1. "Improving working lives" day at the royal Hospital: busy and successful and lots of people asking for leaflets.
2. TPT baton relay: went well.
3. "Cycle Shorts" film festival at the library: also good, approx 60 people came to watch. The Brooke saddle was won by Matt Connely, Polaris glasses won by Robert and Beauty and the bike by Charlie Streather.
4. Polaris, Dronfield-10 mile family ride: reported that it was a bit hilly and 30 people came.
5. Pea and Pie supper at the Crispin: 28 people came.
6. Living Street's "20's Plenty" talk: went well, a good selection of people came, approx 50. Charles Brown wants people to be

involved if they are interested.

7. Inkerman Buzz-approx 800 people came. Our stall was very busy and we gained 2 members. Lots of families came to the stall asking about taking children with them on their bikes. We need some leaflets about the options (Child seats, trailers, trailer bikes etc.). Several people were interested in advice about the type of bike to buy, we suggested they buy hybrid bikes rather than mountain bikes which retailers usually recommend as they are more suitable for road use. Dr Bike was run by Paul Eyre and Martin G and they were very busy fixing bikes.

DCC schemes for 2010-11-Simon Tranter says he has £167,000 for cycling.

These are as follows:

1. Whittington Moor Roundabout – feasibility study - £15,000
2. A61 Derby Road widening between Lord Roberts Road and Redvers Buller to complete link all way to B and Q - £20,000
3. **Path adjacent to A61 Dual Carriageway (Hazelhurst Lane to Hotel Site) – Original Est £40,000 (but now expected to be more like £80,000)**
4. Corporation Street Bridge – Taller Railings – Original Est £30,000 (detailed design completed – new est £95,000)
5. Packers Row / Church Lane / South Street – Feasibility study for dedicated contra flow cycle link - £10,000
6. Church Lane / St Mary's Gate – Advanced Stop Lines - £20,000
7. **Park Road – Traffic Calming Plateau to reduce speeds near cycle crossing - £15,000**
8. Whittington Moor area – BMW to Whittington Moor roundabout – widening existing paths - £30,000 (although £50,000 more realistic)
9. **CFC Feasibility Study / Land Acquisitions? - £15,000 (could be more if held to ransom!)**
10. East Side Road to Brim Road North – Shared cycle paths / refuge island etc - £20,000 (although £40,000 more realistic)
11. Linden Avenue – Adding cycle technology - £3,000 (initial discussions indicate this is not possible)
12. Various – General Improvements to Signage - £20,000
13. Whittington Moor to bottom of Whittington Hill etc – shared paths etc - £30,000
14. Various – Cycle Stands - £2000
15. Morrisons to Walton Road – Land Acquisitions / Missing link -

£5,000?

16. Lordsmill Street to South Street – shared paths etc - £20,000 (although early design estimates indicate this could say double to £40,000)

These were discussed and Nos. 3, 7 and 9 were preferred.

He also told us about 3 schemes that have been funded separately.

1. Make a shared path up from Tapton Rd to Brimington and two Toucan crossings one across Tapton Rd and one at Whitely Rd.
2. The green at Hasland. They will put a toucan crossing outside East wood park and make it possible to cycle in Eastwood park.
3. Newbold road and Littlemoor. Possible replacement of mini roundabout with traffic lights for safety. Could include cycle paths/by pass/other cycle facilities.

Park Rd update: Nothing will happen due to the builders being in receivership. Fence will not be moved.

Clay Cross-JC went to Clay Cross redevelopment meeting. Road plans are not good for cycling. These problems have been acknowledged. Simon Tranter said “cyclist have been considered in the scheme” but we have not been consulted. Whilst the redevelopment is happening roads will be closed even to cyclists.

A.O.B.

None.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th August, 7.30pm at Meeting Room 1, Market Hall, Chesterfield.