

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

Meeting

12th April 2011

Minutes

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

Apologies- Pam Kay, Charles Brown, Charlie Streather.

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Matters Arising:

The dropped curbs on Park road have not been done yet.

Cycle pods at the railway station have not appeared yet,

Nicola Peck, Simon Tranter and Ann Frazer have been in discussions about cycle parking in Staveley. DCC say they will put cycle parking at the top of Constitution hill and make the existing racks in the town centre more obvious.

The East Midlands Cycle Forum-AM couldn't attend. The next one is in Derby on 8th October.

The path alongside the A61 from Hazlehurst Avenue to Casa hotel has been started and closing one lane of the dual carriageway has caused traffic chaos.

The fencing and tarmac outside the Casa hotel has been finished.

Tarmac scrapings in Somersall Park. The Mayor, Keith Morgan, says the Borough Council should not have done it. The friends' of Somersall Park are meeting to apply for funds to improve the paths.

The local sustainable travel fund (LSTF) –we are encouraged to send an email to support the bid using words such as “any measures that improve cycling would be great”, by the 15th April.

Membership report:

302 members.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer was absent. The chair will write to him to ask him to supply a copy of the bank statement if he can't attend a meeting and to supply a number of cheques. Our bank balance on the 1st April was £2783.79 but we have £2498.90 left once a few uncleared cheques and £5 in cash have been taken into account.

Secretary's report:

From September the market hall is being refurbished and we can't hold our meetings here. We have the option to move our meetings to the Town Hall or Loundsley Green community centre. It was agreed we would book the Town Hall as it is more central. The work will last about 12 months.

DCC, Matlock cycle liaison meeting, AM and BK went, the sustainable travel fund was discussed. DCC have bought the track bed of the old Clowne to Cresswell goods line with the long-term intention to turn it into a cycle path. A lady from Derby council said that Derby was scrapping its bus lanes to make room for traffic. This means many cycle lanes will be lost. This is despite Derby being a cycle demonstration town.

Hollingwood lock-the building is nearly finished. 13&14th August is the official opening weekend. The Cycle Campaign have been invited to have a stall, so we need volunteers.

The Monsall trail tunnels should be open in June.

The Rother-Washlands route where it goes over the river has tight barriers, ST said he will change them. It can also be hard to see in the dark and there is always glass on it., Report any to Spire Pride.

The PCT have booked the library for 18th June. AM received an email from the organizer and he will bring up the plans at the community sport meeting at the end of May. If this does not leave enough time to organize the event then it will be deferred until June 2012.

Matalan-the planners have got Matalan to put in a retrospective planning application for the increase in car park spaces. CBC have put in a condition on the planning application that Matalan will put in cycle racks and make a link to the cycle path that passes it. They have been given 56 days to come up with the plans.

Still no news on Lidl.

The planning application for the old football ground has gone in and there are no cycle measures at all. ST is against what they want to do on traffic issue grounds. There is no access to the site except on Cross Street, which is one-way. We suggest a contra-flow cycle lane on Cross Street.

“Focus/Do it all” is going to be split into two units and a further unit is to be built on the car park next to Park Road. The plans include cycle racks at the front of each store and staff cycle racks at the back. AM has responded that the cycle parking is good.

Webmaster’s report:

All working fine.

Items:

Nicola Peck is taking over the production of the cycle map, there will be a separate map meeting to help her get it done. She has also re-drawn the DCC underground style map to make it clearer. DCC have re done it and its now much clearer.

Ride leaflets will be printed in black and white with a map on one side and instructions on the other. There should be four routes available for May day and we will print out 100 of each to give away free. The routes re:

- 1) Six Parks
- 2) Holmebrook Valley Route

- 3) Hipper Valley Route
- 4) Hipper/Ashgate/Holmebrook Triangle

The election questions to be sent to candidates in the local elections and any answers posted on our website are to be:

- 1) **Would you and your family find it safe and convenient to use a bicycle to get around in Chesterfield? If not, why not?**
- 2) **Do you support the creation of a cycle network in Chesterfield as outlined in the recently completed DCC Cycle Audit of Chesterfield?**
- 3) What are your views on vehicles obstructing cycle facilities (legitimately or otherwise) effectively rendering them useless? i.e. car parking on shared-use pavements, which is also a problem for pedestrians, and cars parking in on-road cycle lanes.

AM to fine tune the wording and send out to candidates.

Campaign calendar for 2011:

2nd My 10-3 or 4pm Mayday Stall. The march is at 11am.

11th June: Loundsley Green Fun Day –Simon Redding is running this. We hope to launch the new map there.

June 18th: Country fair at Holmebrook Valley Park. They have asked if the Campaign will have a stall and Dr Bike.

Friday 24th June Charlie Streather is supposed to be organizing an evening ride and it may still go ahead,

We may have a pea and pie supper on 25th June-possible at the Crispin-although it may have been taken over.

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None,

Date of Next Meeting:

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