

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign
Meeting and AGM
8th March 2011
Minutes

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

Apologies- Pam Kay, Charles Brown, Jason Lennon, Ruth Lennon, Julie Moorby, Charlie Streater.

Minutes of the last meeting:

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

Two spelling mistakes were noted, Barbara Sanome should have been Sansome and Ann Frasier should have been Frazer, apologies.

Matters Arising:

The Green Market/fair that is taking place in Chesterfield Market in September the CBC has been changed to Saturday 24th September.

Nicola Peck has been in touch to say that it was Staveley Hall that had no cycle parking. She has talked to Simon Tranter about it.

Phillip Leedham has now paid AM for the items we have bought to sell on the stall.

The East Midlands Cycle Forum will go ahead on Saturday, not much is going on and there is no ride. AM will attend.

The TPT is now open at Tapton Lock, there are many diversions to Staveley. Hollingwood should be finished in April.

The pavement along Derby Road is now signed as a shared path.

The proposed sponsorship by the Co-operative is not going ahead.

Membership report:

300 members.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer was absent. We took £34.80 at the fire station opening.

Secretary's report:

The path alongside the A61 from Hazlehurst Avenue to Casa hotel starts in April, it will cost an extra £15,000, but the money has been found. One lane of the dual carriageway will have to be closed for 14 weeks to complete it.

Paul Staniforth reported that he did not like the wording on the “cycle standards letter” AM produced so AM has re-worded it and hopes it will be adopted at the next transport users group meeting, which is due this month.

It contains standard stuff-mostly about cycle parking. If adopted it would mean automatic inclusion of cycle parking in work place/public planning applications. It was discussed that the planning form needs a tick box relevant to cycle parking (a minimum of 5% of car parking).

The pavement from Pottery Rd East towards the BMW garage has shared use signs, but further along they vanish. It was believed, from the plans, they would run from the roundabout to the river.

AM reported that someone from the council had dumped Tarmac scrapings along the Hipper valley trail in Sommersal Park. He spoke to Wayne Bexhill who said someone from the Borough Council had done it. Since they should only be laid in summer and rolled heavily, not next to a watercourse and a foundation should be laid and all these were ignored the officer responsible will be required to write a report and will probably be told that he shouldn't have done it. The park and Holmebrook Valley Trail are in general very muddy.

AM received an email from Graham Cooper about cycle racks disappearing at the railway station. The racks by the taxi rank have been removed and replaced by seats. These were part of the planning permission to expand the car park. East Midlands trains have said they will install cycle pods which will increase the amount of cycle parking.

We have been invited to join the “greenfinch” website which is run by Chris Connely-after looking at the website it was decided that it is too political and we have declined.

The local sustainable travel fund (LSTF) was discussed at the last DCC cycle liaison meeting. DCC are putting in a bid to LSTF (a government organization). There are three bids, one for Chesterfield, one for Erewash and one for High Peak. Chesterfield is the preferred bid. AM will talk to DCC about it. The fund is worth £5 million over 3 years. It could include cycle measures such as electric bike recharging points and a route from the Hipper valley trail, through town, to the railway station and bus measures.

Webmaster's report:

All working fine.

Items:

Cycle map and route signing.

Nicola Peck has done a draft of the new cycle map (information side), which will be A2, one side map and the other information related to cycling.

Simon Tranter has made some signs, which we can put up ourselves (they are sticky back plastic). They are based on the “London underground” style maps, which will be reproduced on our map. Samples were shown at the meeting-it was suggested that the route, as well as being colour-coded, have a name (e.g. Hipper Valley trail) and this is shown on the signs too.

We are waiting on Simon Redding to finish the maps. We need the maps doing to coincide with the DCC signs going up. We just need open street maps and to add the routes and colours onto it.

We also need copies of the underground style maps put up at strategic points for people to follow. Also metal sign posts at hubs (where 2 or more routes intersect)-it was requested that they be put up so they can't be turned around.

Cycle Sport Network have offered to pay for the map printing. We could do 2,000 for not much more than 1,000 and we could give some away to schools. We will get a quote for a larger quantity.

Potential cycle route publications.

NP and CA have done some route maps to give out on the stall. These are: Monsall trail, Hipper Valley trail, Carsington Water, Holmebrook Valley trail, Sherwood pines and the Trans Pennine Trail, we will print out 100 of each. They are mostly linear routes.

Ca has also designed 7 circular routes and picked out 3
Chesterfield/TPT route

Tapon Lock to Linacre along Hipper Valley trail and Holmebrook.

Grassmore county park to 5 pits trail, Silverhill trail, Hardwick hall or Sutton Scarsdale.

We need to do simplistic route maps to help people follow them. Rangers will cycle the routes to test them. They can be added to or we can add complexity at a later date and we can put them on our website. The countryside service will be encouraging rangers to encourage cyclists. It may be possible to get them on GPS so people can download them to GPS/satnavs. Nicola Peck will work with Chris Allen to get the map done.

Ian Openshaw may help to get local hotels to pay to print it. We may get camping and caravanning site to do this too.

AM has bought some items to sell on our stall (with selling price):

Horns for £5.00

Bells £4.00

High Visibility Vests £6.50

Button Badges £0.50

Small lights (pair) £2.50

Mugs £5.00

Cutting car use books £1.00 donation

Route planner maps £7.50

Reflective Slap bands £1.00

Campaign calendar for 2011:

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.

A.O.B.

Simon Tranter has said he will be putting in a dropped curb on Park Road, B&Q side. The site is not good, moving the bus stop may help.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 12th April, 7.30pm at Meeting Room 1, Market Hall, Chesterfield.