

**Chesterfield Cycle Campaign**  
**Meeting and AGM**  
**9<sup>th</sup> November 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Present-**Barry Kay, Pam Kay Alastair Meikle, Megan Cook, Chris Allen, Paul Balderson, Charles Brown, Phillip Leedham, Charlie Streather, Jennifer Briddon, Barbara Sarderne.

**Apologies-** Joe Clark, Shay Boyle.

In the absence of Joe Clark, Chris Allen stood in as chair.

**Meeting**

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

**Matters Arising:**

Our December social meeting has had to have a date change - it will now be on THURSDAY 16th December at the Crispin on Ashgate Road. From about 7.30pm. There will be sandwiches and the Brampton Community Band will be playing. **Please let AM know** if you are coming so that we can tell the pub how much food we need.

We have not heard yet about the DCC grants “for sustainable transport matters” –believed to be due at the end of the month.

The Trans Pennine Trail has been closed at Hollingwood lock, there is a diversion via Station Road but the signage is not good-there are small yellow arrows that are hard to spot.

**Membership report:**

304 members.

**Treasurer’s report:**

We have £2898.16 in the bank. £106.10 in liabilities. We therefore have a balance of £2792.06 at the end of October.

**Secretary’s report:**

Update on the cycle map- the meeting was shown a mock-up of the proposed new CCC cycle map. It was an A3 double sided map with a large map of Chesterfield and surrounds on one side and on the reverse an “London underground” or stylised style map of Chesterfield, a larger scale map Chesterfield town centre, some information of the CC and cycling in general and a small scale map with approximated journey times, by bike,

shown. The map has been prepared on Open Street Map and therefore there are no copyright problems. At a later date the cycle route will be added as another layer on top of the "open street" map. The campaign will be shown a mock up with this layer added before it gets printed. AM has obtained quotes from printers and it is expected to cost around £400 for 1,000 copies.

Cycle nation newsletter were also made available for reading at the meeting.

Curry's and PC world on Ravenside retail park have merged to form one shop. On their planning permission application they stated they would provide Sheffield stands near to the entrance. AM has checked on the way to the meeting and the shop has reopened, but there is no sign of the cycle parking. AM will send an email to Paul Staniforth at planning.

Industrial units are being built at Lockoford lane and Tapton lock. Gemma Gregory is trying to organise a meeting, which will discuss the increase in traffic and difficulty for cyclists.

Simon Redding has sent in a quote from the highways act 1980:

Prohibition of driving or parking on cycle tracks.

"Subject to the provisions of this section, any person who, without lawful authority, drives or parks a mechanically propelled vehicle wholly or partly on a cycle track is guilty of an offence."

It would appear that the definition of a cycle track is:

"Highways Act 1980 (referred to in this Act as "the 1980 Act"), in the definition of "cycle track" (which defines a cycle track as a way over which the public have a right of way on pedal cycles with or without a right of way on foot) after "pedal cycles" there shall be inserted "(other than pedal cycles which are motor vehicles within the meaning of the Road Traffic Act 1972)".

However the Police are unwilling to do anything about this offence when examples are pointed out to them.

Sainsbury's planning application that was initially turned down has appealed and it has been passed. There will be an increase in cycle parking and it will be under an over hanging roof. The access to the site is not great for cyclists though.

Chesterfield rugby club is moving to Dunston, work has started. A big hole has been dug. The footpath that runs alongside it from Conniston Road to Dunston Road has been ignored by planning-we were hoping for a shared path-AM will send a letter to them again.

A draft of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) has been released. It can be reviewed online. There seems to be no intention to put any modal shift intentions in it. The plan is very general and often fails to implement and good intentions. The cycle campaign will prepare a collective response to it at the January meeting, but individuals are welcome to read and respond to it.

Harold Langley, head ranger, at Tapton Lock visitor's centre is retiring in late February. The rangers on the canal have reminded us that they would appreciate a bell being rung when cycling along the towpath to warn pedestrians of your presence.

Chris Allen vice chair of the Campaign is now a Sustrans ranger.

The Railway station have asked us to remind cyclists using the station to not switch there light on until you are out of the station as this can confuse train drivers (train signals can look similar!)

### **Webmaster's report:**

Website working fine.

### **Items:**

Lidl:

It seems that Lidl put in an application for planning permission and submitted the original 1995 plan for application. The original entrance was to be kept. The amendment did not make anything clear. Under the design and access statement nine Sheffield stands were proposed under the canopy. The Borough Council has replied to the many members who complained about the work that had been done (ramp changed and Sheffield stands replaced by "butterfly" ones). Paul Staniforth has written to Lidl to say that they have not complied with the planning permission. We will await their reply before deciding our next move. The campaign was not informed by the council, as we should have been, of the planning application and the first we knew was when the builders moved in. The plans did not appear online either so there was no informed public consultation.

Matalan:

The change of ownership of the site from B&Q to Matalan does not require planning permission. However, Matalan has added 22 car parking space, which would normally require at least one cycle parking space. Paul Staniforth is going in to talk to them as the reduction in disabled parking and the lack of cycle provision mean they may have required planning permission. The cycle campaign agreed that we would fund the cost of a Sheffield stand, if Matalan would pay for its installation.

### **A.O.B.**

#### **Decembers social has been changed to:**

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Barbara Sarderne has lead a group of young people on an off road cycle of the "Dukeries" which was 32 miles. As part of the funding she received to do it she will produce an A3 double-sided map as a guide to the Dukeries and she will bring some in to the next meeting.

The NEDDC cycle racks that used to be at the front of the building have not been replaced. There are 2 at the back now, but there are no notices to tell you!

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at Meeting Room 1, Market Hall, Chesterfield.