

Derby Cycling Group

Minutes of the meeting at 19.30 hours Tuesday September 7 2010 at The Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby DE1 2RU

Present:

Tony Roelich (TR Chair) John Palmer (JP.Treasurer) Martin Aldred (MA) Les Sims (LS) Nigel Aspdin (NA) Ian Alexander (IA) Martin Quarton (MQ) Derek Smith (DS) Jean Baird (JB) Ian Care (IC)

Apologies:

Ian Dent (ID) Dave Waldram (DW), Dave Clasby (DC)

1. The minutes of the meeting of August 3 were circulated.

Minutes agreed..

2. Update on actions arising from the August 3 meeting:

Canal Path

LS has made contact with the canal society, but as on a previous occasion, has had no reply from them. LS also reported that British Waterways were very interested in upgrading the towpath between Swarkestone and Burton and Sustrans were engaged in planning work, but funding is an issue. LS noted that even if the Derby canal is rebuilt, and we successfully campaign to have wide paths under the old bridges, there are many many other towpaths where narrow paths would remain. TR added that on the "canal path" cyclists do not have any restrictions today, so where we are preventing the loss of an existing facility. A further attempt will be made to contact the canal society.

Local Transport Plan/Meeting

All consultation responses for DCG have been submitted. During September there is public consultation. ID has sent e-mail to members asking everyone to contribute to the consultation.

Action: ALL to complete LTP consultation.

Darley Park Path

Members urged to visit council web site and support the proposed cycle path through Darley Park as a matter of some urgency as this has already been turned down once and we won't get the chance to have this route again. **Action:** All to respond to application

(**Note:** since the meeting the Planning Committee have again rejected this application)

Meeting with East Midlands Trains

MA is arranging meeting with city council (Andy Smart) to view and comment on station forecourt plans. MA asked if group if they thought requesting cycle parking on platform again

was a reasonable idea. There was general agreement because platforms are now safer due to ticket barriers having been installed since old racks were removed. **Action:** MA to arrange meeting

City Centre permeability

This subject came up during other discussions. There was concern that people wheeling bikes were stopped as well as those riding them. Various suggestions were raised how to gain public acceptance of cycling in the pedestrian areas, including the use of “pedestrian priority” signage. IA said he knows someone who was interested in the issues and would DCG like to see if he was prepared to get involved to help us take the issue forward. The meeting asked IA if he would do that. As the subject was large and not on the agenda, TR asked if the meeting would allow conversation to be continued in more detail at the next meeting, which was agreed.

Action: IA to talk to CTC member

3. Campaigns:

Newtons Walk

To be opened up as a cycle through route to allow school children to use their bikes to get to school. Note to support pedestrian priority on the walk.

6 Vernon St, planning application for use of building for 40 students/training

TR reported that he has written to the planners requesting the incorporation of cycle parking facilities at this site .

(Note: since the meeting the Planning Committee has approved this application taking into account the DCG representations, with the following condition:

“The development shall not be taken into use until details of cycle parking provision have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and until such provision has been implemented.”)

Cycle route along A61 Sir Frank Whittle Road

Derek Smith contacted DCG via campaigns e-mail to raise the issue of the missing cycle route along Sir Frank Whittle Way, with suggestions for how to fill this gap and provide links with nearby routes (eg route 54 at Pektron Island, the Racecourse paths and Breadsall Greenway). DS attended the meeting and explained his concerns and brought a useful map he has drawn up showing his suggested solutions. The meeting discussed the subject. JB emphasized the importance of making something coherent from this route for cyclists who wish to use the Meteor Centre and have a more direct route through the area. Although there are cycle paths in the vicinity these involve unpalatable detours (steep climbs, darkness). Important route to encourage very practical access between housing developments and local facilities. LS pointed out that Breadsall Greenway is not far from this route, but others pointed out the crossing of A61 to get to Breadsall is dangerous and the detour has significant gradient. LS also suggested a link from Mansfield Road into Meteor Centre near Lidl (ramp required alongside existing steps). TR intends to incorporate these ideas into DCG response to planning application for Meteor Centre redevelopment with view to section 106 funding allocation. **Action:** TR to formulate

response for planning application and City Council.

3. Events

British Heart Foundation ride

This ride was mentioned but not much was known about it, Sunday 03 October 2010
Starting at Elvaston Castle , Derby. (**Note:** This ride was cancelled on the day due to weather
and no repeat date has been announced)

East Midlands Cycle Forum

The forum will be on Saturday 2nd October, 10.00am Globe Public House. Contact Hugh
McClintock of Pedals for more

4 Agenda Item for next meeting

“City centre cycling, how we tackle it.”

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6. Next Meeting

19.30 hours Tuesday October 5 2010 at The Brunswick Inn, Railway Terrace, Derby DE1 2RU.

