

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL
CYCLE FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2022
at 5.00 p.m. online

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Insp Kevin Smith (South Yorkshire Police), Yvonne Witter (Darnall Wellbeing), Rob Wormald (Sheff rec cycle club)

In attendance: Cllr Peter Price (Chair), Andrew Rodgers, Cllr Ruth Mersereau, Paul Sullivan, Simon Ogden, Simon Geller, Peter Marsh, Emily Griffiths, Rosemary Hill, Colin McCulloch, James Walker

2. NOTES OF FEBRUARY FORUM

The notes of Cycle Forum meeting held 17th February 2022 were reviewed and agreed as correct.

Question about the absence of Insp Kevin Smith two forums in a row - nothing untoward, holidays, other commitments.

Brief discussion around Shalesmoor Gateway scheme.

Park Hill uprise delayed from May to September.

3. SCHEMES UPDATE

Matter arising

Woofindin Road – The route through the residential area has never been a right of way, though it has been used. More recently there has been some interaction between cyclists and residents, as a result residents put up signs to discourage use. Given it's a private road it is Difficult for the council to do anything at this stage Alternative route to be added to feasibility for small schemes, progression does depend on scale of intervention -something for 23/24

One complication maybe the planning application in for Fulwood NHS site, the same residents lobbying for further diversion of footpath/cycle route as part of the application.

Fox valley signing – no update from Highways
ACTION PS to chase

Exchange Street -scheme still not ready for public consumption, still requires funding, client wants to wait while funding agreed.

Transport Planning resources Two new staff members one starting in May, one in September, still a significant number of schemes/projects to progress (not just active travel)

School streets :

Seven in operation,
Athelstan school launched in April,
Westways part of the Crookes ATN,
Bradway and Dobcroft 2 week trial starting in May/June, could then become permanent

There are issues around Traffic Regulations due to resources. Programme beyond the above is unknown.

Darnall mini holland, working on feasibility study, study due back to the DfT in March. Hoping for some further confirmation/public announcement from DfT. Scheme will be looking at barriers (Ring road, rail track), access to employment, district centre improvements, increase in LTNs and routes in and out of the area

City centre Bike hub quotes out, deadline end of April, site visits being arranged located in telephone house. Will be looking at smaller satellites once the fit out of the CC hub starts. Basic fit out process to start in advance, operator to advise on detail later down the line

Cycle hub at the OLP Business cases being prepared, more than storage, base for training and rides, looking at smaller storage locations in the area

Some interest in site visits to CC hub

ACTION PS to arrange

Question Which cycle parking has CCTV? unsure but nothing focussed on cycle parking

A lot of the city centre has CCTV so parking will be covered, does depend on direction of camera at the time of any incident.

Comment on the difficulty in requesting CCTV, could an easy process be set up. Other Issues raised about quality of footage and difficulty to identify perpetrators.

ACTION PS to investigate.

Active Travel/Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. Postcards dropped, significant interest 100+ emails, mostly negative. Several concerns. Consultation starts when temp interventions are installed through May. Both schemes will be constantly reviewed.

Several requests for cycle parking which we can progress.

How many calls have we had? not many. What do we say on the end of the line when people call in?

There are a lot of misconceptions, worry about size, chaos that will occur hills petitions being organised significant backlash.

Have the emergency services informed? (YES)

Most of the points raised have been covered by FAQ and the website is being updated, all points raised expected. local MP getting interest from outside the area to expand People don't like change.

Sheaf valley temporary measures to be installed in May, this includes closures Little London Road bridge and Cherry Street.

Shoreham Street permanent measure to be installed in the summer.

Pond hill section goes ahead after electric works complete.

Broadfield Road/Wolsley separate scheme sign al controlled crossing running slightly behind Sheaf Valley.

Connecting Sheffield

Kelham/Neepsend – contractor discussions on phasing, Traffic management , some slight design changes. Looking at using cargo bikes to move materials, be interesting to see if that happens and if it does how it pans out.

City centre/Nether edge – tended together as one scheme, evaluation of tenders in June

Work continues around the bus route around the city centre.

Comms being progressed, going large because of the impact, billboards, walk throughs, using retail space.

Billboard a great idea, comms is important, need to tell people that disruption worth it and demonstrate the end product is much better.

Darnall Attercliffe – just about to go out to tender, tenders staggered to aid contractors, this scheme being the longest will start last finish last.

Magna Tinsley will be issued to Amey – start last finish first.

Are there any changes to any of the schemes? only changes for the city centre will be around interaction between active travel and bus route.

ACTION Matt Reynolds to cover at future meeting

City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement. New starter in the team will take on the northern communities' active travel proposals.

Active Travel Fund 3 a number of schemes submitted, the only one that is to be funded is East Bank Road, Darnall proposals will be incorporated into the Mini Holland Expression of Interest, Abbey Lane and Crookes Valley crossings to be delivered by other funding source.

Five Weirs Walk – Amey working up several options, different prices, there is still a possibility do nothing option. Still need to find funding.

Could we get a protected diversion, need to find the funding, the emergency active travel route was removed as it ran out of funding to maintain any new diversion would need to have a lower ongoing cost.

As an interim can we add signing on the gate and make the diversion more obvious.

On the plus side some resurfacing has taken place on the roads the diversion runs along.

Small Schemes

Netherthorpe Road underpass barrier removal in design, cleaned and lighting improved, price due in May.

Removing the barriers will make a big difference to access for nonstandard bikes

Prince of Wales Road removing the raised section of cycle lane -being replaced with wand protected lane not to LTN1/20 standard, waiting on price.

Sandford Grove – marked out, barriered, should be on site shortly.

Blackburn valley/Smithywood access improvements – work is imminent 2-3 months.

Detail this scheme aims to improve access, where the trail enters Smithywood, Current situation is massive concrete blocks, access 1m wide, not great, metal framed fence damaged taken down - fence will be replaced, protected by barriers, digging out ditch, creating access 1.5m wide.

Some improvements have taken place on the Chapeltown greenway, is it being improved further?

The landowner has implemented a temporary measure over the boggiest part of that route, no intention to go further from what we know.

Can we get the latest on the Upper Don Trail at Oughtibridge as proposed consultation date has been and gone.

ACTION – Paul S to follow up

Clubmill Road – update from Simon Ogden – issues over the first alignment electric and gas mains, meant section not progressed, Upper Don Trail Trust have met Mondelez, and they have offered up some land to connect Livesey and Herries Road. Looking into the feasibility of that section. Avoids all the mains, level route.

Some land being dedicated by silver mills to help at the other end.

Interest from the grind café in the old silver mills site to convert to café.

Can wheels for all get involved in the design of the access for this route?

Query on where to send requests -these should go to Transport@sheffield.gov.uk

Likely that smaller schemes have potential to be included, larger schemes committed to 2027

Query on Deep Lane – bollards installed, so why does the gate remain issues with M/C, something to be investigated

5WW shared use path Sussex/Furnival Road – blind corner, can this be changed, could cyclists be directed onto the road at Sussex Street?
will investigate as part of small schemes

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Weedon/Carbrook crossing

British Land application discussions on going between BL/MH, 2 options being considered – signalised, or parallel (zebra alongside a segregated cycle crossing) being assessed on Road Safety grounds, any objectors should get detail from the planning officer in the next few weeks.

Crossing of Penistone Road/Herries road

Developers not playing ball and don't want to give up the land. Additional access road planned not safe. Discussions are still ongoing

Ozmens – submit another planning condition application, enforcement suspended re lack of cycle parking

Derbyshire Lane conditioned to put 3 in have put 2 planning not enforcing

Sheaf and Porter, developer agreed to build a new section of route but highways reluctant to adopt as not up to standard adopting.

ACTION Cllr Price to investigate

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Big ride being organised Saturday 23rd April, inclusive, campaign to make safer routes for cycling 11am Devonshire green, with feeder rides

Request to investigate why other areas of Sheffield in terms of police are not as proactive as NW area.

Request for forum agenda items.

Date of next meeting:**June 16th 2022 5pm**
