

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

CYCLE FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th October

at 5.00 p.m. online

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/ATTENDANCE

Apologies Paul Sullivan, Yvonne Witter

In attendance: Cllr Peter Price (Chair), Cllr Ruth Mersereau, Cllr Richard Shaw, Paul Sullivan, Simon Ogden, Simon Geller, Colin McCulloch, Insp Kevin Smith, David Bamford, David Holmes, David Whitley, John Kirkwood, Tom Collister, Cllr Julie Grocutt, Cllr Mahzer Iqbal, Helen Brown, The Lane Campaign

2. TRANSPORT COMMITTEE Q and A

Cllr Price opened the meeting and invited questions from the forum members for the Committee.

i) Barriers

First question about the potentially discriminatory and dangerous barrier at Forge Dam. – a K frame with adjacent horse hop. Do the councillors agree that the present situation is unacceptable, that the barriers should be removed and that the following that it should be resurfaced so that it provides access for everybody?

Councillors need to inspect and understand its history, but if able bodied are struggling then it does need looking at.

The Issue has been ongoing for a while, there has been a site consultation this year, with an even split on removal and keeping The decision at the time to leave the frame in place until the end of its lifetime. We could then replace with barrier we are trialling on NCN 627 in the next year.

It was raised that Forge Dam situation is not acceptable, clear barrier, not sure of the advantage of leaving this one in place. **ACTION PAUL S to investigate options**

Where are we more generally with are barrier replacement? The Five weirs walk has been cleared of restrictions, Netherthorpe subway, how is the programme progressing? Why are we not upgrading as Amey resurface?

We do not have a specific programme, though we can use and are using Local Transport Plan Cycle small scheme allocations to remove those barriers that have been requested.

Barriers are awful for not just bike riders but, mobility users, those on crutches etc.

Antisocial behaviour should be dealt with by enforcement not barriers.

Please can we look at options for the barriers at Beeley Wood and Clubmill Road.

It has been (barrier installation) council policy to deal with trails and quad bikes, do the police have a view as they don't appear to work in quite a few cases.

The Police reported that Barnsley have a massive issue. In Sheffield there are issues on Blackburn Valley route. The police welcome some strategically placed barriers as they do

help with crime prevention, as a minimum we should be looking to prevent cars accessing these routes.

Sheffield Wheels 4 all lends trikes out, they have asked for evidence from their participants to send on to transport to deal with barriers Could funding be diverted to enforcement rather than barriers?

We need an action plan on barriers? Council in the process of being sued.

We do need to address frames and other barriers but we need to balance issues with livestock, anti-social behaviour damaging local habitat as well as impacting on legitimate users.

The best solution is more users on trails.

Police looking to get a drone to work in Deepcar to help.

ii) Southwest Active Travel Routes

We need safe cycle routes in the SW of Sheffield particularly need something between Banner Cross and Knowle Lane.

This will not be happening in the short term. the Transforming Cities Fund programme is set, starting in the city centre and working out from there. We are trialling other ways to make local neighbourhoods safer to walk and cycle – Low Traffic neighbourhoods such as Crookes, Walkley and Nether Edge, and making improvements on existing routes.

It will take some time to build a network for the city only then will we see a return in numbers.

There was a recommendation to use the network of side streets to avoid busier roads, while we wait for segregation, this could be supplemented with more safe crossings. Sustrans can sign to help.

Side streets don't always work depending on origin and destination, and drivers sometimes drive at cyclists on quieter road

iii) Active Travel Forum

Can the forum become an Active Travel Forum?

This has been discussed before and it was agreed to have representation between cycling and walking forums. Unfortunately, since that decision there has only been one walking forum.

There is support for an Active Travel Forum.

Please can we have an active travel forum on the agenda at the next cycle forum

It was suggested that creating a Councillor led active travel forum to cover all active travel projects may help to push them along - given some schemes are half delivered, and some not started, yet Leeds are delivering as councillors there lead on the forum, may help with accountability, and demonstrate leadership.

All we know is that Leeds started a bit before us on transformational projects

In terms of the walking forum which has not met for some time this is with the new Road Safety Manager to take up.

iv) Cllr Grocutt, do you cycle in Sheffield, and which major road would you like to see improved for cycling

Cllr Grocutt has an e bike for journeys around Stocksbridge, I don't ride it into Sheffield though.

Need a good route between Stocksbridge and Sheffield, the current layout does not feel safe to cycle.

Related to that can we have an update on the scheme at Bridge Hill Oughtibridge,

This has been an issue a long time. 70% ignore the mandatory right turn that was put in place. Could police enforce? Resources are limited. The plan is to now build the junction up so vehicles must physically stop and the straight across is not so easy to do. Work to start in the new year.

As well as road safety issue its also has crime prevention connotations as this is a route often used by criminals, so anything to make it less attractive is welcome.

v) Ringinglow Road

The Lane campaign - group of family and friends of Adrian lane recently killed on Ringinglow Road asked Are there plans afoot to improve safety on Ringinglow Road?

Councillors are in discussion with transport about the road and options.

The Lane campaign would like feedback on any discussion.

They would like to see a reduction in speed limit, cycle lanes, stop it being a racetrack and ultimately create a better route out to the Peak District.

Was there not a petition to create a safe cycle route along Ringinglow Road, where did that go? **ACTION PS to investigate.**

We should be doing something here given its status and the space available - Treat the junctions, narrow them down and look at the speed limits.

Any proposal to reroute NCN 6 would need to be better than current situation. Need to consider all users not just cyclists.

Lane campaign can we find out how many people have been killed on this stretch of road, as it has a reputation from users public and insurance company. **ACTION PS**

Is there opportunities here to transform motorists attitude toward cyclists?

We have a 3 E's approach - engineering, education enforcement, accident stats drive where we invest, and we've undertaken a lot of work with young drivers

The council need to focus on the source of danger i.e driver behaviour

vi) Upper Don Trail

Where are we at with the Upper Don trail at Oughtibridge -the route from trail from paper mill site to village centre.

Delayed by a resource issues, we have just engaged a project manager.

vii) Sheaf Valley Route

Little London Road has been transformative, notice a petition to reopen, what's happening with that?

We've had positive and negative comments and seen a healthy increase in cycling along that route.

There is ongoing data collection, counts in and around the area, and we will be undertaking some attitudinal type work, trying to bring in a wider audience, than you would normally get.

The Trial will go beyond six months, but consultation closes after 6 months. Scheme will stay in place until members decide.

Request to share the stats provided by transport on the route.

ACTION PS

viii) Carbon Neutral

Why are we building schemes like the Shalesmoor gateway which will increase road capacity by 20% in that area. Should we not be building more schemes like Little London Road?

Shalesmoor is needed to improve conditions for all users, and to release housing sites to be developed in the area.

Biggest challenge to get to net zero is public transport, system is broken, working with the mayor on franchising. The capped fare might help, but buses are not reliable. We are reliant on central government funding.

ix) Cycle Parking

Can we get a commitment to install bikes parking at all shopping areas?

Ambition is to do that and to install better cycle parking, in the shape of hangars. The committee is pushing that along, but still requires considerable funding and the cuts are not helping.

The committee being relatively new, realise we need to improve consultation, and information awareness.

Cycle parking for all needs to be installed.

The trials in Crookes and Walkley will help us shape installation for the rest of the city. We need the press on side as with all these schemes they haven't been helpful

Need an update on cycle parking at next forum. **ACTION Paul S**

Need to encourage district centres to apply for funding for storage £2million in the pot.

3. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING, MATTERS ARISING

Colleagues are aware of funding **Fox Valley signing** as part Stocksbridge town fund. This needs to include wider signing of bridle way where cars parked.

Introducing a **Red route Glover Road** – not an appropriate location for red route.

Residential cycle parking – criteria being developed.

August Notes Agreed

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jaguar have submitted a new proposal for the Charlie Browns site on Penistone Road Herries Road junction which respects the highway improvement line to the land.

For the for the junction improvement, the application hasn't yet been yet determined, but we'd still need to find funding though to improve the route in that particular area, and we are looking at undertaking traffic modelling to see to see whether that means that we'd have to include some extra stacking space on Penistone Rd northbound .

Date of next meeting: Online 5pm 15 Dec 2022
