

CYCLE FORUM NOTES

Meeting Held on Thursday 21 Sept 2017

Present: Steve Wilson (Councillor) – Chair
Richard Shaw – Councillor
Dick Skelton – SCC
Dexter Johnstone – Cycle Sheffield
Chris Ware – Cycle Sheffield
Dick Proctor – SCC
Nat Porter – SCC
Paul Walton – Cycling UK
John Chapman – Cycle Sheffield
Ian Carey – Cycle Sheffield
Paul Sullivan – SCC
Duncan McIntyre – SCC

1. Apologies For Absence

Pam Walton, Rob Wormald

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (July 2017).

- Page 2 point 5 typo – “Fits My Street” should be ‘Fix My Street’.
- Has Jack or Steve contacted SYP re close pass – yes (Steve Wilson) and SYP are already undertaking.

3. Tram/Cycle Safety report

Based on the Cycle Sheffield survey on tram track related incidents SCC have drawn up an action plan with a range of measures to be investigated and where possible implemented.

Short term this involved warning signs at the top 20 locations.

SCC now investigating options to improve cycling at the top 5 locations

Example options at Primrose View tram stop – taking cyclists around the back of the stops, where to bring them back on the carriageway, looking at the wider picture.

No identified funding to build as it currently stands.

Detailed design to start in October, once resource secured.

Longer term looking at parallel routes as ultimately not all stops/locations can be treated – Hillsborough Corner for example.

Interim solution suggested that cyclists get their own set of signals through that junction.

- White lane was raised as another problematic area, there is a parallel road but this has its own issues.

4. Transport Strategy.

Suite of documents going to cabinet in November

- Growth Plan
- City Centre masterplan
- Transport Strategy for Sheffield - Vision and approaches

The transport strategy will set out what we need to make the city work, identify some early interventions. Overview of issues to factor in:

- Growth of homes and jobs
- Northern powerhouse leading to more travel in the region.

If interventions are minimal there will be massive implications. Need to free up existing highway space tackling local journeys and moving them onto sustainable journeys.

Consultation is expected in the New Year.

Work to be done on testing the interventions. There are four things we need to understand through the consultation:

- Do the public accept the challenge?
- Do they accept there is a need for change?
- What are the current barriers to people travelling (sustainably)?
- Where are the barriers that stop people travelling sustainably?

Officers posed the question; how you would suggest we go about this?

Question back from the Forum was how does this link with the clean air strategy?

There is an alignment. Discussions around the 2040 ban on petrol and diesel cars – EVs are not going to help solve congestion.

Communication strategy is one key to success.

Park and ride is on the radar.

Is there scope to undertake demonstration schemes?

There is no time to do this given the challenges the city faces.

The strategy will be a 20 year plan.

The Forum think there are mixed messages; on one hand we are saying encourage sustainable travel and on the other we are building capacity into the ring road.

The strategy will tackle local journeys and will have conditional outputs but no targets.

Forum felt the NHS needed to do more.

5. LCWIP

SCR have secured 80 days support to develop a local cycling and walking infrastructure plan. This will fit with the strategy, masterplan and growth plan.

6. Dockless wonders

Sheffield will be going dockless, up to 1000 bikes placed on the streets for short term hire. There will be hubs, the area of operation will be geo fenced, but can be expanded in a short time. The plan will be to add to the fleet and increase the area covered over time.

Bikes can be parked anywhere within reason – ideally in or close to hubs, or on cycle parking, or at very least out of the way. SCC will be looking to increase cycle parking in all areas but specifically around dockless hotspots.

Decision on the operator will be made shortly. They will be invited to next Forum.

7. AOB

Will proper cycle infrastructure be installed as part of the Bridgehouses scheme, and how does that scheme fit with the Transport Strategy?

Primarily this is a scheme to allow the ring road to flow better and to enable development of the West Bar scheme.

All motorised transport including public will grind to a halt if we do not keep the ring road flowing.

Is anything being done re tackling parking in cycle lanes on Clarkehouse Road?

Yes this is now being looked at as part of the Broomhall cycle route.

8. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 16 November 2017

Paul Sullivan, October 2017