

CYCLE FORUM NOTES

Meeting Held on Thursday 15th Nov 2018

Present:

Cllr Richard Shaw
Dick Skelton - SCC -Chair
Paul Sullivan – SCC
Rob Wormald – Sheffrec Cycle club
Dexter Johnstone – Cycle Sheffield
Paul Walton – CTC
Simon Geller - Sustrans

1. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

All agreed.
No matters arising.

2. INSPIRATION STUDY

The background to the study was set out. Cycling UK had commissioned Witeveen and Bos (WB) to develop two inspiring concepts based on Dutch best practice to encourage active travel. They have picked Portsmouth and Sheffield.

Two reps from WB visited Sheffield in October. They gave a presentation to an audience made up of Transport Planning, Public Health, Cycle Sheffield and Cycling UK. The group discussed three areas to investigate - Sharrow Vale, Tinsley and the City Centre. Ultimately the group decided on Sharrowvale and there then followed a site visit to determine the exact location.

After walking the area it was decided that WB would look at Sharrow Lane between London Road and Wolstenholme Road, looking to create a concept/ visualisation something along the lines of a cycle street, by removing through traffic and encouraging active travel. They would see this extending through as far as Hunters Bar and into Endcliffe Park

They will also be supplying some visualisations of what London Road could look like if the through traffic was removed base on the project they are working on in Portsmouth.

SCC has supplied base drawings and up to date count data (taking into account recent developments in the area) WB are hoping to turn this around reasonably quickly. There is no funding to build but this complements the LCWIP work currently taking place.

WB expect the final results to be available for the next cycle forum in January.

3. SY ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMISSIONER (ATC)

The Sheffield City Region mayor – Dan Jarvis - is committed to active travel and has seen how successful Manchester and London have been when the mayor has an ATC. He is keen to appoint a high profile ATC, and the region is drawing up a shortlist.

For info there were 152 applicants for the London ATC, Will Norman (Nike director was successful).

The Forum was asked for their ideas given that Boardman is unique and the post isn't going to appeal to every high profile sports person, let alone elite cyclists, but could be someone from a non-sporting field.

Forum suggestions

Guy Martin as he is keen on bikes as well as engines and motorcycles.

Peter Taylor SHU – professor of sports economics.

The Brownlee brothers.

Lizzy Deignan Yorkshire professional cyclist.

4. REQUESTED UPDATES

Darnall

A map was supplied highlighting the missing bits

1. Staniforth Road – not completed due to lack of funds. The route built recently connects NCN627/TPT though top Darnall. Phases 1 and 2 have been complete, phase 3 is the section highlighted. This section will require a segregated cycle lane - cost in the region of £500k. It would link to the existing network and onto the Olympic Legacy Park.
2. Darnall Road, missing section in front of OLP, planners decided not to include a replacement cycle track here, expecting cyclists to use the road. Phase 4 of the route involves redirecting the route along Chippingham Street by potentially taking out through traffic. This would require a crossing of Darnall Road onto the new cycle track.
3. The route parallel to Greenland Road.
The existing route has been subject to some thorough maintenance but there lacks a link into Darnall centre and the rail station.

Chapelton Greenway

This is the last year that funding is available for this scheme. If it doesn't happen this year it won't happen. This is due to a change in priorities re active travel funding. This route is deemed not to be a commuter route sufficient to ease traffic entering Sheffield city centre (the priority for the Transport Strategy). These routes now take priority.

It was pointed out that this was a useful commuter route between Chapelton and Meadowhall.

Post meeting note. We have now received notifications from the Inspectorate which confirm that the referral for the order is going to be decided by Written Representations, and gives deadlines for submissions. These are as follows:-

- 11th December 2018 – Our statement of case (which was submitted by the deadline)
- 22nd January 2019 – Objectors' statement of case, comments from interested parties.
- 5th March 2019 – Comments on statements (from us, the objectors, and anyone interested).

Given these milestones it is unlikely that we will receive a decision from the Inspectorate before July 2019. This would take the construction process into the next financial year (September / October 2019). Please note the first paragraph above.

Oughtibridge to Wharncliffe Woods

Developer of the paper mill site has offered significant funding to meet their obligations of connecting into the adopted network. This involves a level track from the south of the site into Oughtibridge village, this would require a new track north of the river, a bridge across into the sports fields, a new track connecting to the existing access track (which would be resurfaced). The entire route would be lit.

Provisional enquiries have been made into funding the section north of the site into Wharncliffe Woods, but as mentioned previously this does not meet the Transport Strategy's priorities.

The developers will be building a route through the site.

Longer term the plan would be to connect to Beeley Wood via Coronation Park but this requires another bridge and building a track in the park.

Q. Could the track not go under the exiting road bridge

Tricky and if it was possible would get flooded – Coronation Park is earmarked as an emergency flood plain.

Moore Street student flats

Active travel routes required as part of this development will be built but not until the development is complete. This is standard practice

Requested updates at meeting:

Clarkehouse Road.

Will ascertain.

Post meeting note: Council staff are responding to consultation.

Baldwin's Site at Brincliffe Hill;

Useful unofficial cycle route through looks like it might get cut off as part of the new development.

Post meeting note. The Transport Statement submitted as part of this proposal clearly states and shows in the plans in the appendices, that the link to Brincliffe Hill will be maintained for pedestrians, cyclists and emergency service vehicles.

5. Cycle Pumps and monitoring Stations

The Forum was asked to consider locations for monitoring of cycle numbers and public cycle pumps.

The Forum requested no more pumps be installed and instead that the money invested in cycle stands.

Green Lane was suggested as a location for a cycle counter.

6. AOB

Sustrans Review

The review of the network is out. This gave a summary of the state of the network its quality extent and has identified 50 activation projects (significant interventions) that require funding.

It wants to turn network described as poor and very poor into good and very good, increase the number of traffic free miles.

Tram Track Safety

Still a serious problem, still very little being progressed other than warning signs Exacerbated by the poor condition of the road in between the rails.

Was there funding to continue the work

Where has that funding gone?

How much funding is required?

Is there a plan to do more?

The Forum requests that:

1. A letter is written by the Forum to Cllr Jack Scott (Cabinet member for Transport) to express these concerns.
2. Cllr Jack Scott is asked to attend this meeting to explain and give an update on progression of tram track safety work.

Action

Enforcement of parking in cycle lanes

It was raised that there are sections of the city's bike lanes that are constantly abused by parking.

Asline Road is a good example.

Cycle Sheffield have received no response from Parking Services, despite phone calls and emails. It is felt bus corridors are prioritised at the expense of others.

Action

Sweeping Cycle Tracks

Not being undertaken.

Any cleaning issues that need to be undertaken by Amey can be reported via the website

This is being done but response rates are slow.

You should get a reference number in order to chase updates.

Paul to report and monitor response rate.

Action

Shoreham Street lights

#Any progress

Fallen between the contract and SCC responsibilities need to find a budget circa £1500 to alter.

Crossing of Commercial Street at Park Square – lights on red unless pressed, should this at least show green when signals for traffic are red – will query with UTC.

Action

Cycle Parking – concentrate efforts in the City Centre as this has the most need

Action

Action points summary

For Dick

- To contact parking services re cycle lane enforcement.
- To clarify price for work on Shoreham Street lights.
- To ask about the Commercial Street crossing.
- To check planning application re Baldwins Brincliffe Hill.

For Paul

- Report glass in cycle track on route to establish response rate.
- To add city centre cycle parking to parking request list.
- To draft letter to jack re tram track safety.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th January 2018, at 5pm in the Town Hall

Notes by: Paul Sullivan

