

CYCLE FORUM NOTES

Meeting held on Thursday, 16 March 2017

PRESENT	Majid Majid (councillor)	(pp chair)
	Angela Walker	- Recycle Bikes
	Paul Walton	- CTC
	Paul Sullivan	- SCC
	Dick Skelton	- SCC
	Rob Wormald	- Sheffrec
	Richard Shaw	Councillor
	Pam Walton	Pedal Ready
	Simon Geller	Sustrans
	Richard Attwood	Cycle Sheffield

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dexter Johnstone Peter Hayward, Peter Marsh,

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Jan 2017)

Noted that the Sheffield Cycle Champion and forum chair Steve Wilson was not in attendance. The group asked if councillors and officers could raise this with him.

Item 4 Kelham Island and Inner Ring Road proposals.

A request to close Alma Street to through traffic.

Item 5 Ideas for Access Fund.

Introduction of e bikes into the cycle boost fleet and the public bike hire scheme. Plus expansion of the bike hire scheme.

2 docking stations have recently been installed in the city centre at Barkers Pool and Howard Street/ Sheaf Street. The next phase would see stations installed on Portobello and West One. Other areas being looked at – Collegiate and City Campus, Sheffield Town Hall, The Light cinema, The Moor Market and Kelham island. Kelham Island would probably see the introduction of e bikes if feasible. The key now for the bike hire scheme is promotion.

The council will consider introducing a small number of e bikes into the Cycleboost fleet for the next 3 years

Item 6 Cycle Awareness Training for Bus Drivers

Responses have been forthcoming from both stagecoach and first and have been forwarded on to Cycle Sheffield

3. Cycle Strategy/Cycle Forum relationship

The strategy group had not met since the last forum.

However the idea is that the strategy group deals with strategy and involves delivery partners, oversees the progress of the recommendations of the cycle inquiry, steers any cycle related strategy work but does not get involved in any detail other than scheme updates/progress.

The Purpose of the Cycle Forum, while not getting into the fine detail, is to provide comment and discuss ideas, initiatives, schemes planned and on-going including schemes that may not be cycle related but have an impact on cycling. It is also for the Forum to bring up issues. It was agreed at a previous forum, that the cycle champion and chair would deal with the 3 most pressing issues as agreed by the Forum. The remaining issues (if any) would be dealt with a later date, or if possible by officers.

4. AOB

Five items were discussed within AOB

a) Tram/ Cycle Safety Report

The group noted that the recent report did not mention *compressible inserts* it was made clear that these do not work – a number of studies have been undertaken which came to the same conclusion.

The forum were concerned no measures were being taken in conjunction with the pedestrian safety work at Hillsborough corner. There was disappointment in the lack of progress, it had been 2 years since the first meeting on this subject.

It was explained this was a resource issue. However sites are being investigated to create diversions around tram stops. It will take at least 15-18 months to produce a solution and then that will be subject to funding and relevant approvals.

Bordeaux appears to have solved the cycle vs tram conflict. This should be investigated. RW to provide additional information (web links, etc.).

With regard to the proposed warning signs they are likely to be installed in the next 2 months. The relevant approval board determines the outcome.

The forum asked about the relationship between the Boards and councillor decisions. It was explained that the Board is an impartial control on councillor decisions.

b) Recent Amey work at Attercliffe

The recent refresh work in Attercliffe has thrown up a rather strange arrangement of the cycle lanes on Bold Street. Dick Skelton to investigate.



:) Air quality issues

A number of questions were raised

Do we have any up to date data? Has the 20mph zones /speed reduction associated with them helped with air quality? Ogo Osammor to be invited to attend or provide information at a future forum.

Discussion on particles from braking being worse than diesel emissions.

Are there any hotspots in Sheffield? Is there likely to be a potential ban on diesel vehicles?

The clean air zones will make things a little clearer when announced in April (now May)

!) Clarkehouse Road

This issue which is a cycling and a road safety issue and needs to go to Cllr Steve Wilson as cycle champion. The issue continues and the following was suggested:

Camera car enforcement - It was pointed out that camera cars cannot be used for situations like Clarkehouse Road and can only be used in certain circumstances e.g. zig-zag lines outside schools. This was a

decision taken by Central Government following consultation.

Alter the hours of the clearway.

Take out the cycle lanes.

Take away the car parking completely.

Asline Road

The issue of parking on the cycle path at Asline Road had resurfaced; it appeared to be related to the school. It was advised that parking services need to be contacted to deal with the issue. The forum suggested a hearts and minds campaign to make drivers aware of what issues they were causing, obstruction and air quality

5. FUTURE ITEMS

Update on monitoring, could the forum see some of the data from the recently installed cycle counters

Next meeting:

Thurs 18th May 2017 5pm