

CYCLE FORUM NOTES

Meeting Held on Tuesday 20 July 2017

Present: Steve Wilson (Councillor) – Chair
Dick Skelton – SCC
Rob Wormald – Sheffrec CC
Richard Shaw – Councillor
Douglas Johnson – Councillor
Dexter Johnstone – Cycle Sheffield
Chris Ware – Cycle Sheffield
Simon Geller – Sustrans
Rupert Douglas – Sustrans
Richard Attwood – self
Ian North – observer
Dick Proctor - SCC

1. Apologies For Absence

Paul Sullivan, Peter Hayward, Peter Marsh, Andy Tickle, Pam Walton, Cllr Magid.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (16 March 2017).

- Nothing new arising, given the 'time-lag' since then.

3. Barrier / Commercial Outlets placing for the Cycling Grand Prix – Richard Attwood

- Prior to and during the event, cycle routes were cut off or positively obstructed by coffee vendors etc – how can awareness of cycling be improved across SCC event management teams?
- RNS thought separate contractor was at fault, bus stops and ped crossings also blocked off. Douglas Johnson stated that it was also an issue for Access Liaison Group, will take it back to his contacts, issue already raised there.

4. NCN Review – Rupert Douglas.

- Rupert introduced himself. Based in Sustrans Leeds office, Rupert is Network Development Manager for Yorkshire. Sustrans have a new Chief Exec (Xavier Bruce) and new national strategy – includes a new Vision and Plan for the NCN.
- Much of NCN in Yorkshire is on-street, so Vision still makes provision for 'traffic-light' roads as well as traffic-free.
- New strategic approach for NCN will look at new strategic investment plan. Funding is tough, ever more reliant on Sustrans Volunteers (coordinated by Simon Geller in Yorkshire).
- Highlighted current areas of work include:
 - Liaison with Paul Sullivan on NCN 6 (Little Don) and the developments there
 - Review of access controls
 - New potential Sheaf Valley route to Dore
 - Keen to engage with local communities.

5. Sustrans Volunteer Group Plan for Sheffield 2017 – Simon Geller

- Simon introduced the Group's annual Plan (circulated), a useful summary of their activities and summary of current activities.
 - See also new proposals for 2017/18, includes new route at Halfway, to be designated as Sustrans Route
 - 'Fits My Street' App – photos and quick link
 - Dronfield – Chesterfield, new route being planned on back of Peak Resort (style of route to be determined). Dronfield Cycle Campaign also keen on links into Sheffield
 - Discussion on how best to resolve access controls.

6. SY Police Close Pass Operations – Dexter

- Birmingham Police have been issuing £1000 fines to inconsiderate drivers. Dexter has been pursuing a similar campaign with SY Police since November 2016; persuaded SYP to assist, Dexter has written to over 100 organisations to raise awareness.
- Dick P highlighted parallel discussions within SY Safer Roads Partnership (chaired by Police) – Joanne Wherle (Safer Roads Manager) is contacting SCC's PR team to work on strong article raising publicity
- Richard Shaw suggested Cllr Jack Scott speaks to SYP on this, Dexter offered to provide draft wording for email (Dick P to share with Joanne W for consistency)
- Agreed to hold back discussions at a South Yorkshire level for now (given complexities across SCR), and focus on continued encouragement to SYP.
- Steve Wilson thanked Dexter for his hard work on this

7. AOB

- Cycle Parking – can we explore greater provision of Sheffield Stands on street, as well as progressing Sheffield Cycle Hubs. Dick S mentioned that Charles Street Hub now due to open on 1st September
- Bike Pumps – out of 10 existing, 5 need replacing. Suggestions for 3 new locations sought – comments back to Paul S or Dick S.
- Data from bike counters – Dick S to ask Paul

8. Date of next meetings: Thursday 21 September 2017
Thursday 16 November 2017

Dick Proctor, August 2017