

CYCLE FORUM

Meeting held on Thursday, 26th May 2016

MEMBERS (Attended)

Steve Wilson (SW)
Richard Shaw (RW)

- Councillor (chair)
Councillor

Dick Skelton(DS)
Paul Sullivan(PS)
Peter Marsh (PM)
Dexter Johnstone (DJ)
Ian Carey (IC)
Angela Walker(AW)

- Transport Planning
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- University Sheffield
- Cycle Sheffield
- Cycle Sheffield
- Recycle Bikes

GUESTS

OBSERVERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rob Wormald and Dick Proctor

2. Future Dates and Times of Forum Meetings.

Councillor Wilson introduced himself, and gave a little insight into his background both at work and as a cyclist.

Cllr Wilson is the new cycling champion replacing Tim Rippon. He will chair the forum, and will also attend the Cycle Strategy Group.

Due to his work commitments it was requested that the forum be moved to a Thursday, and in order to bolster attendance pushed back to a 5pm start, with a 6.30pm finish.

All on the current distribution list were emailed by DS 02/06/16 – text below

'As you will know there was a single item on the agenda of the last Cycle Forum concerning the Forum's Terms of Reference, bearing in mind the 'advent' of the Cycle Strategy group. I shall be forwarding revised draft terms of reference in due course for your consideration. As well as the ToR, the meeting touched on the issue of how to get more people to attend and amongst other things, the day and time of the meetings was raised. Those present agreed that starting later at 17.00 hours would be helpful in this respect. The meeting also agreed that the day should be changed to Thursday to accommodate the new Chair, Cllr Steve Wilson who is also now the Councillor Cycle Champion following the May local elections.

Your views on the suggested changes to the day and time of the cycle Forum meetings would be appreciated. Please send these to myself.

Closing date for thoughts/ opinions/ suggestions is Wednesday 22 June.'

Only one response was received so the new day and time is now in place.

3. Updating The Cycle Forum Terms of Reference

IC thoughts on terms of reference were circulated and discussed (attached). The general consensus was that the forum needed to be positive, and should see itself as a partnership to take cycling forward, while at the same time addressing the ongoing issues.

PM suggested this could only happen if the forum had an active chair.

SW said that would be his intention, and that issues raised at the forum would be taken to the strategy group.

In order to boost attendance it was suggested that:

It should not be just cycling groups invited
Still need to allow the general public to attend
That we should invite presentations to be made for example from employers undertaking significant steps to increase cycling, and that perhaps each forum have a theme based on this

4. Current issues

a) The relocation of the inappropriately placed Clear Channel display on Hanover Way was due to take place the week after the forum. It was flagged that this took a significant time to resolve, and can the council take steps to make sure this type of thing does not happen again.

In future Cllr Wilson was happy to take on issues raised at the forum and to try and accelerate a resolution / avoid lengthy delays

b) With regard to tram tracks, it was still apparent the Police were not recording accidents involving bikes. Cllr Wilson agreed to contact the police commissioner Alan Billings. Cycle Sheffield will draft a further letter.

5. AOB

Space for Cycling big ride planned for 11/06/16 will be a shortened ride compared to last year; they are expecting at least 500 to ride.

That the forum notes Cllr Peter Price's excellent work with regard to the cycle forum over the last 14 years.

Next meeting dates

- Thurs 21 July at 17.00 **Town Hall**
- Thurs 15 September at 17.00
- Thurs 17 November at 17.00