

CYCLE FORUM NOTES

Meeting Held on Thursday 18 March 2018

Present: Dick Skelton (SCC) – Chair
Richard Shaw - Councillor
Tom Mutton – British Cycling
John Chapman Cycle Sheffield
Angela Walker–Recycle Bikes
Nat Porter - SCC
Paul Sullivan – SCC
Simon Ogden -SCC
Andrew Marwood -SCC
Helen Webster –British Cycling
Rob Wormald – Sheffrec Cycle club

1. Apologies For Absence

Dick Proctor, Dexter Johnstone

2. Minutes

Agreed. No matters arising.

3. Grey to green Phase 2 (G2G2)

Simon Ogden gave some background and context with regard to the scheme, and the lessons learned around active travel from Grey to Green 1 (G2G1). Particularly as G2G2 sat at the confluence of a number of cycle routes, NCN 627, Upper Don, Five Weirs Walk.

Its aim was to be better than G2G1, to provide an improved environment, link the city into the canal basin and wicker better, provide connecting cycle routes, and improve bus times.

Andrew Marwood explained this was a consultation on the concept not the detail. It involved reclaiming redundant carriageway, to allow some single lane running, junctions would be tightened to slow traffic speed. Castlegate would be closed to through traffic, all non-public transport will be sent along Furnival Road, buses would use Blonk Street in both directions. The signals at Bridge Street will be removed and a segregated cycle route will be built through the area.

In addition to this Snig Hill will be looked at, and the section from Angel Street to Snig Hill is to be worked on.

As part of this there are no plans to revisit G2G1

A number of points were raised and clarification sought on the level of change that could be requested as part of this design:

- Would improvements be made over the Park Square footbridge and into the canal basin/ onto Park Hill?
There is no funding to look at this. No improvements would be made over Park Square, the plan is to build the route to connect to the existing level route on Sheaf Street, but it could be considered as a later phase.
- Could the pinch point on park Square (Canal side) be improved?
This is not part of this project
- Would the shared use bit be removed along Castlegate?
A better facility for cyclists will be built as indicated so yes

The business case is going to Sheffield City Region in June. The detailed design will be brought back to a future Cycle Forum for further comment

4. OFO Update

First 2 months suggest popular trips start and end in the city centre, especially the rail station. Popular locations for trips outside that include Broomhill, Ecclesall Road and Kelham Island/ Neepsend.

Trip numbers are healthy and numbers downloading the app continue to increase from a solid base. Average trip duration is 14 minutes and distance 1.4kms

Popular days are Thursdays and Fridays.

Small morning peak, but significant usage occurs between 2pm and 6pm during the week and at weekends there is quite a lot of activity until 2am Friday night into Saturday morning.

Top Origin-Destination areas:

1. Central Ward-Broomhill
2. Central Ward -Nether Edge
3. Central Ward -Walkley
4. Central Ward -Manor Castle
5. Central Ward -Burngreave

About 75% of the fleet is active

Vandalism is starting to drop off but privatisation of the fleet still an issue. Ofo are working with the police to address this.

1300 bikes on the streets after an initial launch of 500. There will be a gradual expansion of around 50-100 per week to achieve 3000 by the end of summer.

Adam Rose Ofo Operation manager to be invited to the July Forum.

5. Any Other Business

Pinstone Street – contraflow cycle lane, can it be reinforced, issues with pedestrians stepping into the lane without looking.

Magnificent 7 - successfully delivered by Sheffrec cycle club (and Sheffield City Council)

6. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 24th May 2018, at 5pm in the Town Hall

Please note the above change of date

Notes by: Paul Sullivan, January 2018-March 2018