

## **CYCLE FORUM NOTES**

### **Meeting Held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Present:

Cllr Richard Shaw  
Dick Skelton - SCC -Chair  
John Chapman Cycle Sheffield  
Paul Sullivan – SCC  
Rob Wormald – Sheffrec Cycle club  
Dexter Johnstone – Cycle Sheffield  
Guest presenters all SCC  
Lucia Lorente-Arnau  
Duncan Bradbury  
Nat Porter  
Jenny Wood

The running order was altered to allow guest presenters an early departure

#### **1. LCWIP**

Jenny Wood SCR cycle coordinator brought the forum up to speed on LCWIP by initially setting the background.

Developing a network across the county, would need to identify priorities for route development. These priorities would be based on 2011 census, origins and destinations the propensity to cycle tool, development since 2011, and future development.

As the size of the region is significant it has been agreed to identify up to ten routes per authority, taking forward two per authority within the initial plan, though work will continue on the others. To identify the routes we needed to assess the criteria and pick those that created potential for change to active travel, predominantly around journeys to employment, transport hubs and further education. The routes will be based on an initial number of desire lines – desire lines can be altered and added to as work progresses. Once the routes are identified we will also look at feeder zones, and the treatments we can apply to ensure access to the strategic routes. Each authority has gone through this process and in Sheffield we have identified a desire line from the city centre out to Nether Edge as priority one, and a route along Penistone Road as far as Parson Cross as priority two.

Once we have worked the route options up for the full plan we will go out to consultation

There is a walking element being discussed with appropriate forum

The use of the 2011 census data was queried; given there has been some significant development since then, particularly Waverley.

It was considered but didn't make the top 10, however it will be considered again as we continue to develop the project beyond the initial phase.

Why no Abbeydale Road?

We are dealing with a number of the potential journeys by developing routes through Nether Edge. Brincliffe Edge acts as quite a topographical barrier to cycling so we needed to factor this and distance in. Cycle numbers tend to drop off after you pass the Edge.

The forthcoming Inspiration study, being led by cycling UK, will be looking for an area that could be transformed into a place that encourages active travel. Meeting scheduled for October. It was pointed out this work if it is ever to come to fruition must align with the LCWIP

Any scheme must work as well as look pretty.

There is a walking element that is being discussed with the appropriate forum.

## **2. GREY TO GREEN 2**

The project team introduced the latest developments on Grey to Green 2 – a sustainable drainage and transport scheme that would open up the Castlegate area and Canal Basin and complement any proposed development of Castle Hill.

The scheme removes through traffic, removes carriageway and replaces with pedestrianised area, drainage ala G2G1 and a segregated cycle track (it is shared on G2G1. There will be improved access into the Canal Basin area.

The cycle track will link into existing provision in the area – NCN627.

However the Castlegate element was currently subject to a further funding bid, and at this stage it is not guaranteed that it will be improved, though it will be closed to traffic and the area will be available for cycling and walking.

The scheme will take 50 weeks to construct (40 if Castlegate remains unfunded) and should be on site early spring 2019.

If Castle Gate does not receive further funding the highway surface will be improved via the PFI contract with Amey.

Snig Hill will also benefit from improvements to encourage active travel by providing a segregated cycle track up hill, wider footways downhill and removal of the central barrier.

## **3. AOB**

### Transport Strategy

Where are we with consultation?

Cabinet endorsed the strategy in July

Cabinet member is reviewing consultation options. In all likelihood it will be a scaled back targeted approach focusing on relevant groups.

Probably no general consultation.

There is no timeframe for this decision.

Spelling mistakes in the document are being addressed.

Any progress on replacing Ofo

Officers will be talking to three operators over the next month and will report back at the next forum these included docked and dockless operators, providing e bikes and standard bikes

Have we considered a car fee day in line with European mobility week?

No these won't achieve our outcomes and allow some to put a tick in a box that they've promoted sustainable travel

Blake Street bash

Yet another successful event delivered by the partnership of Sheff Rec and SCC

**4. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Agreed as correct.

Matters arising were dealt with in the AOB.

**Date of next meeting**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at 5pm in the Town Hall

Notes by: Paul Sullivan