

Sheffield Cycle Forum

Sheffield Town Hall

DRAFT NOTES of meeting held

Thursday 18 July, 2019 at 5pm

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
<p>1. Attendance and apologies</p>	<p>In attendance: Paul Sullivan, Rob Wormald and Greg Challis (Sheffield City Council); Simon Geller (Sustrans), Cllr Ruth Mersereau (City Ward), Pete Marsh (University of Sheffield / Broomhill Neighbourhood Planning Forum), Dexter Johnstone and Emily Griffiths (Cycle Sheffield), Cllr Bob Johnson (Cabinet Member for Transport) Cllr Richard Shaw (Beauchief and Greenhill Ward)</p> <p>Apologies: Rupert Douglas, Cllr Peter Price</p> <p>Forum Chair Paul Sullivan welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. New Cabinet Member intro</p>	<p>a) Cllr Bob Johnson (Cllr BJ) introduced himself as Cabinet Member for Transport and Development. He was new to the role but had already had involvement with key policy areas including the emerging Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) bid being led by Sheffield City Region (SCR), the proposed Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and the Sheffield Transport Strategy.</p> <p>b) Cllr BJ was keen on promoting cycling more in the city and as part of his commitment was currently trialling an electric bike, which was good way of learning directly about issues faced for cyclists on the highway, including tram tracks in the Hillsborough area where he was a local councillor.</p> <p>c) Commenting on the “close pass” initiative, Cllr BJ said that more education was required for “fleet” drivers such as buses and taxis and that this should form part of training. He noted that the West Midlands road harm reduction team had adopted a successful approach to driver education and road safety given KSI stats.</p> <p>d) For Cycle Sheffield, Emily Griffiths said that in the past there had been attempt to work with South Yorkshire Police (SYP) along similar lines, but that this had ceased as a result of lack of police</p>	<p>July/19/2c ACTION: (DJ) Find out more from West Midlands third party reporting</p> <p>July/19/2e ACTION: (Cllr BJ) Invite SY Police and Crime Commission to a future Forum</p>

	<p>resources. Cllr BJ added that moving traffic violations were a police responsibility to enforce; the Council's parking services being responsible for such as taxis (but not ordinary private motor vehicles) blocking cycle lanes. People were often unsure who to report infringements to.</p> <p>e) He said that SCC had a camera enforcement car and that this could be used in conjunction with SYP around cycle lane parking enforcement as part of a tougher approach. Again the West Midlands was considered a good example of how third party reporting of such infringements were handled.</p>	
<p>3. Notes of the meeting held 21 March, 2019</p>	<p>a) The notes of the July meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>b) Matters arising: Paul Sullivan (PS), recapping on tram track safety, said that five hotspots had been identified on the network by Cycle Sheffield. Two locations (White Lane and Holme Lane) had been considered for possible treatment and feasibility work had been started, detailed design being subject to securing funding.</p> <p>c) The recent court case where Edinburgh Council was taken to court by two cyclists who had accidents on their tram tracks was discussed. Further information would be brought to a future Forum.</p> <p>d) Transforming Cities Fund, tranche 1 schemes were in progress (Charter Row to Broomhall, Portobello Street and Holly Street/West Street crossing).</p> <p>e) There was also funding for the purchase of 200 E-bikes, with SCC looking at options for scheme delivery. A battery life of 3-4 years was expected.</p>	<p>ACTION: July/19/3c More information to be presented to future Forum on Edinburgh tram related court case</p>
<p>4. Cycle Sheffield matters raised</p>	<p>a) SCR attendance at Forum. Pete Zanzoterra, SCR, Active Travel Commissioner would be invited to the September Forum.</p> <p>b) Suffolk Lane: cycle route blocking – double yellow lines were present and an historic TRO dating to 1983, but it may have been revoked. Keep Cllr BJ updated.</p> <p>c) Cycle/ tram track action plan: see above. Warning signs had been erected.</p> <p>d) Netherthorpe underpass: a small fund was available to remove barriers but because of the interaction with pedestrians at this location design work was required for which funding was not available for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>e) Current Council cycling champions: these were Labour Group – Cllr Bob Johnson Forum Chair – Cllr Peter Price Interim Officer Champion – Tom Finnegan-Smith</p>	<p>ACTION: July/19/4a Pete Zanzoterra to be invited to September Forum</p> <p>ACTION: July/19/4b Check on status of TRO</p> <p>ACTION: July/19/4f Upper Allen Street bollards</p>

	<p>f) Upper Allen Street – needs bollards relocating and/or adding to prevent obstruction of cycle lane</p> <p>g) Transforming Cities Fund: for Tranche 2a) SCR had submitted to DfT with three cost scenarios – £85m being the maximum ask, some £60m of which was earmarked for active travel. Public engagement was pending. Works would be carried out by Amey. The SCR active travel guidelines were largely in accord with SCC’s Strategy.</p> <p>Active travel interventions were being informed by the Cycling Propensity tool and the LCWIP, which had been completed in March and was now with SCR for approval. The proposal was for core cycling routes on key corridors supported by area-wide treatments. There would be engagement in localities around the proposals and consultation on schemes as they were finalised.</p> <p>Responding to a question as to how the “Mini-Holland” approach had influenced TCF schemes, PS said that filtering traffic and overall vision (city centre focus) had been the key to an active travel heavy influenced bid.</p>	<p>(PS)</p>
<p>5. Roadworks -- closures</p>	<p>a) PS reported a pending four week closure on Portobello Street starting in August, for Yorkshire Water works. He was considering the best location for diversion notices and whether these should be accompanied by maps.</p> <p>There was an absence of signs at the Alma Street crossing diversion required as a result of the remodelling of Bridgehouses. Cllr BJ reported that he was meeting with Highways Co-ordination to discuss the best available wording for signs and would also pick up this issue.</p>	<p>ACTION: July/19/5a Cllr BJ to pursue Bridgehouses signing</p>
<p>6. Any other business</p>	<p>a) PS said that the Sheffield Cycle Map (2017) was due for an update and an online interactive map, similar to that used in Stoke, was under consideration.</p> <p>b) PS reported that the Upper Don Chapelton Greenway (linking Blackburn Valley, Meadowall and Chapelton) was now largely complete except for a short section. The legal order backed the route as originally proposed in 2002 which was now ready for build and completion this financial year.</p> <p>c) The gap through Chapelton Park on Cart Road had been suggested to Sustrans as subject for a potential funding bid. Developer funding was unlikely to be forthcoming for the link around Smithywood, so the Council would look to fund that at some future point.</p>	

- d) Dexter Johnson suggested that cycle “hanger” style parking was worth considering in space constrained location and that conversion of car parking bays offered an opportunity to show how highway space could be better used. PS said that such proposals could be carried forward by residents who would need to do the work in their locality. There was a small cycle parking budget available although TCF would need to consider more significant investment for such.
- e) **Dates and times of meetings in 2019**
19 September, 21 November

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