

CYCLE FORUM NOTES

Meeting Held on Thursday 7th June 2018

Present: Cllr Steve Wilson - Chair
Cllr Richard Shaw
Dick Skelton - SCC
John Chapman Cycle Sheffield
Paul Sullivan – SCC
Rob Wormald – Sheffrec Cycle club
Dexter Johnstone – Cycle Sheffield
Lee Thompson – Sustrans
Peter Haymes – British Cycling
Jenny Wood – SCR cycle coordinator (for item 2)
Greg Challis SCC (for item 4)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dick Proctor, Peter Marsh

2. SHEFFIELD CITY REGION LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN PROGRESS/ ENGAGEMENT

Jenny Wood South Yorkshire Cycling and Active Travel Coordinator gave the forum an update on Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) progress.

LCWIPs are being developed against a back ground of government targets to double cycling and reduce accidents. Support was available from government to develop LCWIPs, around 50% of the bids were awarded. SCR received round 1 support. The plan will put the region in a better position to receive funding in the future, though there is no funding to build anything attached to this work.

We will be receiving technical and strategic support from consultants. The plan will cover priorities for the next 10 years and take into account current and likely future travel patterns and barriers. Due to the size of the region the plan won't be detailed or cover the whole network.

At this stage it is difficult to state what the exact extent of the plan will be, but the areas covered will be led by strategic priorities linked to SCR objectives. The end result will be a cycle and walking plan that will lead to the next stage of identifying infrastructure improvements at a high level. The aim is to consult upon the plan by Christmas with a target to publish in spring 2019.

The first step in the process is to identify information on origins/ destinations and desire lines. Maps showing key origins / destinations that have been identified and priority growth areas were shown to the forum.

The forum was asked to identify any gaps, missing information etc and respond by 22nd June.

The following summarises the points and questions raised by the forum:

The LCWIP will link to the SCR strategy (but will not make changes to it) and will form part of that strategy's implementation plan.

Journeys to employment are the priority consideration.

Work will involve liaising with other departments producing their own plans/ master plans e.g. the City Centre Masterplan.

We will be considering the Sustrans work undertaken on the seven routes as part of the development work, and it relates to priority sites. Those routes were drawn up against a back drop with a different landscape.

The propensity to cycle tool will be used but is not definitive, considering the expansion of e bikes is a scenario that will be considered.

3. NOTES of 15 March 2018 Meeting (accuracy and matters arising)
Agreed. No matters arising.

4. SHEFFIELD TRANSPORT STRATEGY UPDATE

The update follows on from the vision which was presented to the forum last year. The Vision was adopted in Nov 2017. It heralds a new approach based around road classification with a greater priority to the most space efficient modes.

The Vision consultation received 1900 responses, a healthy percentage were cyclists.

In addition 500 face to face surveys were commissioned. The headlines were unsurprising:

Buses - not punctual.

Tram - popular but limited.

Cycling - safety issues.

The Strategy will go to cabinet on 20th June, so will be available for public viewing from 13th June.

In essence, for cycling, the strategy will focus on sustainable safety, safeguarding cycling, determined by traffic levels.

The next stage is consultation ready for approval in 2019. However, it will require resources and funding to deliver.

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There will be a relationship between City Centre plan, Green City Plan and Air Quality Plan. Issues are being discussed that overlap e.g. charging, electric vehicles etc.

As it stands the new mayor doesn't have access to transport funding.

The Transforming Cities Fund bid will be submitted shortly (8th June).

The forum stated that active travel must be a priority.

The Strategy would take a multi modal approach.

5. STEP FUNDED SCHEMES

Blackburn Valley – STEP funded some resurfacing, the refurbishment of Loicher Lane Bridge and the Deep Lane crossing. The majority of Blackburn Valley is complete. However, there is a missing link and a small extension required to run through Chapeltown Park to connect to Cart Road. The missing link is to be funded by the LTP but is still subject to a legal process. The extension is being considered for SCR funding.

Penistone Road – the final section between Herries Road and Leppings Lane built as a stop gap shared use path

Little Don Link - creation of an off road cycle track. Phase 1, Stocksbridge, was completed in Sept 2016. Phase 2, Deepcar, will be complete in August 2018.

Weedon Street/ Colliery Road - installation of cycle and pedestrian crossing at Brightside Lane complete.

Parkway Markets – partly segregated/ partly shared route between NCN 627 and Darnall via Parkway Markets was completed June 2018

Broomhall - predominantly designed to reduce traffic through the area to improve conditions for cycling and walking. Phase complete through Broomhall to ring road. Further phases will be explored through the Transport Strategy and City Centre masterplan.

Meadowhall Area Urban Traffic Management Control Upgrade - was used to provide the new communications systems to facilitate the introduction of new Intelligent Transport Systems in the Meadowhall area.

This has enabled the introduction of bus priority around the Meadowhall area and allowed Sheffield's Urban Traffic Control system to accommodate the addition of new Puffin crossings and also significantly reduced the annual communications costs of operating UTC.

6. AOB

Q. What has happened to the University of Sheffield/ SCC docking bike infrastructure now that we have the dockless OFO bikes?

A. They are in storage

Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th July 2018, at 5pm in the Town Hall

Notes by: Paul Sullivan,