

Minute of Cycle Chesterfield Monthly Meeting 14/11/23 (held at Chesterfield Community Centre)

Present: Chris Allen (Chair,) Alastair Mickle (Secretary), Martin Farr (Treasurer), Jason Dent (Newsletter), Ian Mateer (Membership), Kathy Farr (minute taker), Joe Clarke, Graeme Challands, Lisa Hopkinson, Alan Ashburner, Tony Ford

Apologies: Dean Sas (social media), Nigel Vernon, Paul Chapman, Laura Eden, Megan Cook, Chris Radcliffe, Tom Hardwick, Celia Hardwick, Barbara Sansome, Sharon Stone

Chris retained the Chair role for this meeting

1.Minutes of previous meeting: approved

2.Update on actions from previous meeting 10/10/23

	ACTION	Progress	Owner
1.	Cycle in Style future plans	To become part of Cycle Festival 2024 with rebranding DISCHARGED	AM/MF/D S
2.	Station display board	AM to give key to DS	AM/DS
3.	Cycle map development and costings	Awaiting EW route confirmations. To be ready for Cycle Festival 2024	AM
4.	Sustrans waymarker adoption	DCC formally notified. Chris is preparing a design and making enquiries about paint options and costs	CA
5.	Objectives for 2024	Email to be drafted to send to members to ask for any further suggestions A set of objectives to be agreed at January meeting	AM/MF
6.	Cycle friendly employers promotional opportunity	For further exploration about opportunities and implications	AM/TF/MF
7.	Book venue for AGM	DISCHARGED	CA
8.	Email members about committee vacancies	DISCHARGED	AM
9.	Purchase new pump head for Hollingwood Hub	Pump fault identified	AM
10	Christmas Social 12 th Dec	Arranging Eventbrite registration (30 places)	AM/MF
11	Review revised Inkersall planning application	TPT link into new housing estate confirmed as still present on plans DISCHARGED	AM/MF

Treasurer Report

Current balance 1/11/23 stands at £3939.46

Income from memberships and expenses paid out for newsletter printing (£103.65)

Membership report: 218

Matters Arising:

Adopting more Sustrans waymarkers:

Graeme suggested to Chris that one of the local councillors in Staveley might be willing to adopt the Staveley milepost and sponsor the cost of buying paint.

New meeting venue:

We have received notification that the Community Centre is to close so we need to identify an alternative meeting venue. There could be 3 or 4 face to face Monthly Meetings in 2024 (eg Feb, May, Sept, Nov AGM) with online meetings in between.

The library meeting room may be available @£9 per hour. Tony said that the Oddfellows Hall on Saltergate might be offered to the group.

It was pointed out that any venue would need cycle parking options.

Cycling Festival 2024 (7th – 16th June to coincide with Bike Week)

The planning group (Alastair, Martin, Dean, Kathy, Sharon) met on 10th Nov to progress.

Alastair provided a run down of some proposed rides/events.

A grant application to cover some costs such as venue hire may be needed.

Lisa suggested that the donations might be requested at rides/events to help towards costs

Promotional stalls at events in 2024

Stalls at events in the town centre have been declining in their success at gaining new members or promoting the group's activities. It would be better to promote Cycle Chesterfield at Dr Bike sessions in Queen's Park or Hollingwood Hub or at events held alongside the TPT where lots of cyclists are passing eg Tapton Lock

Agreed that we should set up a rota of any members who would volunteers to talk to people about Cycle Chesterfield on 4 or 5 dates in 2024, particularly in the lead up to the Cycling Festival.

Dr Bike at QP (1st Saturday each month 9.30 – 1) or HH (2nd Sun each month 10.30 – 2.30)

Martin is costing up for the idea of buying a branded gazebo and folding table to give the group a visible presence. This might require a grant funding application.

Lobbying actions on cycling in run up to East Mids Mayoral Elections

Lisa explained that the D2N2 WACA group (Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Walking And Cycling) is looking to coordinate (through Sustrans & Cycling UK) some lobbying activities in relation to cycling. The new Mayoral Combined Authority will have responsibility for transport. A meeting will take place to discuss and progress any agreed actions.

Alastair will attend to represent Inclusive Pedals.

Lisa will attend to represent Transition Chesterfield.

Martin expressed interest in being involved as a member of Cycle Chesterfield

Chris said that he attends TPT and Sustrans meetings so he will probably be involved in any meetings.

East-West Cycle Route

Progress is now being made on the Chatsworth Road section but we have not been made aware of any timescale for completion. There is still no indication about progress on other parts of the route eg Goytside. Once the Chatsworth Road segregated cycle lane is ready, Cycle Chesterfield should aim to organise some group rides. Graeme suggested that we should try to be involved at any official opening event if one is planned.

Alastair to find out from James Powell (DCC project manager) whether there is a proposed date/event for opening up the route to cyclists.

Cycle path maintenance (station link etc)

There are issues for insurance and permissions about undertaking our own maintenance.

CBC Parks Maintenance Team are contracted to cut back once a year but they tend to do this in the winter months after the worst of the brambles and nettles have died back.

A possible objective for 2024 could be to get our members involved in logging the poorly maintained cycle paths across the area and then to send in a report to the councils.

Affiliated or corporate membership idea

Tony asked whether there is a way for local businesses to become affiliated to Cycle Chesterfield so that their employees gain membership of Cycle Chesterfield through a corporate affiliation package.

Alastair said that affiliation by other community groups had been explored in the past but had led to conflicts of interest so that idea had been discontinued. However, the option to promote Cycle Chesterfield membership as part of Cycle to Work initiatives offered by employers might be a new aspect to explore. Tony had sent some materials to Alastair for consideration.

Chris thanked everyone for attending the AGM/Monthly meeting.

No monthly meeting in December.

Instead Christmas Social Cycle Film Night at Brampton Brewery Tues 12th Dec 7.30pm

Free tickets in advance will be available to members though eventbrite

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8.	Identify and book new meeting venue and agree dates for 2024		committee
9.	CC promotional events at Dr Bike sessions 2024	Needs list of best dates, rota set up for volunteers & message sent out to members to invite their participation	committee
10.	EW route opening event/ride	Find out timescale for completion from James Powell DCC	AM
11.	D2N2 WACA meetings for EM Mayoral Elections	Include MF in meeting notifications	AM/Lisa
12.	Cycle Festival 2024	Awaiting response to enquiries about possible speakers and costings for venues and equipment	AM/MF/D S