

# Cycle Chesterfield's monthly meeting

Held online on 09/01/2024

**Present:** Alastair Mickle (Secretary), Tony Ford, Chris Allen, Martin Farr (Treasurer), Kathy Farr, Tom Hardwick, Nigel Vernon, Joe Clarke, Graeme Challands, Dean Sas (minute taker, social media)

**Apologies:** Lisa Hopkinson, Jason Dent (newsletter)

**Meeting chair:** Alastair Mickle

## Minutes of previous meeting

Previous meeting was held 14/11/23, as the December meeting was a social. Minutes approved.

## Updates on actions

	ACTION	Progress	Owner
1.	Station display board	AM to give key to DS	AM/DS
2.	Cycle map development and costings	AM emailed DCC re EW route, awaiting response. Holymoorside Toucan in place. Roadworks due to be complete by April.	AM
3.	Sustrans waymarker adoption	DCC formally notified & happy Chris proposed a design using hammerite paint. Full costing TBC but guess at less than £150	CA
4.	Objectives for 2024	Agreed on proposed objectives. Need to ask members for further input.	AM/MF
5.	Cycle friendly employers promotional opportunity	AM/TF/MF met to discuss. TF drafted booklet to share with employees.	AM/TF/MF
6.	Purchase new pump head for Hollingwood Hub	Part purchased and faulty pump fixed by CA. Problem appears to be wear & tear, annual maintenance possibly required. Canal trust is happy it is fixed. DISCHARGED	AM
7.	Christmas Social 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	A good time was had by all. Thanks given to organisers. DISCHARGED.	AM/MF
8.	Identify and book new meeting venue and agree dates for 2024	Agreed venue needed for March, May, September & AGM.	committee

9.	CC promotional events at Dr Bike sessions 2024	Initial dates are first Saturdays of April & May - runs up to festival & Dr Bike will be busier	committee
10.	EW route opening event/ride	AM contacted James Powell & Simon Tranter of DCC to find out timescales. Awaiting response.	AM
11.	D2N2 WACA meetings for EM Mayoral Elections	MF details passed on but no invite received. AM attended December meeting, LH attending tonight. It's very much in the early stages - choosing name etc.	AM/LH

## Treasurer Report

### November

Opened at £3939, closed at £3931, decrease of £8.

Received £92 in memberships subs

Outgoings were £100:

- £50 xmas social
- £13 on the Hollingwood Hub pump parts
- £30 postage
- £7.90 internet services

### December

Opened at £3931, closed at £3919, decrease of £12.

Outgoings were £11.40 on internet services.

### January

Opened at £3919, closed at £4218.

Received £335 in membership subs

Outgoing so far, £36 on postage.

## Membership report

Ian not present so a full report wasn't given.

Around a third of members have renewed in as of the first week in Jan.

Ian has been training MF in some membership admin tasks, with more to follow.

## Secretary report

Four planning applications:

- Conversion of mines rescue station off infirmary road to be turned to flats. Will suggest cycle parking.
- Chesterfield canal extension in Staveley. New bridges, and access to TPT to Rother Valley. Looks good. Already responded with no objection.
- Care Home on Factory Street, Brampton - Cycle parking already in plan
- New housing development on the Avenue site - paths linking to cycle path through the Avenue are marked as footpaths, will suggest 3m wide cycle paths.

## Social media report

Posted a round-up of 2023 on the website and shared via social media

Updated the website to include a renewal reminder on each page

## Discussion items

### Sustrans mileposts

CA put forward an outline proposal for works, probably £150ish budget but it hasn't been completely added up. We need a small working party of maybe 3-5 people to do the work. We think we'll get this done before summer.

It was pointed out that this could be a good social media story. It'd be good perhaps if there was a permanent reminder that the milepost was updated and is looked after by Cycle Chesterfield.

### Objectives for 2024

MF put forward three objectives, it was agreed they were good aims and are within reach.

- Organising and running a summer Cycling Festival which will include a week of rides and activities for the whole family
- Working with local businesses and organisations to encourage them to adopt cycle friendly policies for their employees
- Carrying out a member led review of Chesterfield's cycle infrastructure focussing on maintenance and renewal priorities for local councils.

We will share with members before adopting.

# AoB

## Cycle festival 2024

MF has continued to work on the talk event. CyclingUK & Sustrans will send speakers in return for expenses. Contact has been made with other speakers to find someone engaging at an affordable rate.

MF asked that the budget for the festival was put on a more formal footing. A budget of £500 was approved, though we will look to recoup as much as possible from funders.

## Chesterfield BMX support

Chesterfield BMX are looking for funding to improve the track at Ringwood Park. We wrote a letter in support of their bid, which they were happy to receive. They also have a petition, and we'll happily share that on social media.

## Constitution

A copy of our constitution is likely to be required for any funding bids. It's ready for an update to use our new name and reflect the way that we operate in practice. The constitution can only be amended via a two thirds majority vote at an AGM or an EGM. If the secretary receives six written requests for an EGM, then one can be called.

## Newsletter

The next newsletter deadline will likely be mid-Feb.

KF reminded us that anyone can submit articles, and we should remind members of this.

TH is drafting an article.

## Chesterfield climate forum

KF informed us that CBC is reinstating its climate forum, which is to meet quarterly. Groups can send two representatives to the meeting and individuals are also welcome to attend. TF volunteered to attend on our behalf to promote cycling.

## Outstanding actions

	ACTION	Next steps	Owner
1.	Station display board	AM to give key to DS	AM/DS
2.	Cycle map development and costings	Awaiting EW route confirmations. To be ready for Cycle Festival 2024	AM
3.	Sustrans waymarker adoption	Email members to see if anyone wants to join small working party	AM

4.	2024 objectives	Email to be drafted to send to members to ask for any further suggestions for discussion in Feb meeting.	MF/AM
5.	Cycle friendly employers promotional opportunity	TF to share booklet draft. Another working group meeting required to review & discuss tiers and rates.	AM/TF/MF
6.	Identify and book new meeting venue	Check community centre is available in March under our existing membership. Contact library to book other dates.	MF
7.	CC promotional events at Dr Bike sessions 2024	Send message out to members to invite their participation in April & May	AM
8.	D2N2 WACA meetings for EM Mayoral Elections	AM to re-request invite for MF to attend representing CC	AM/MF
9.	Zoom sub	Need to check alignment with Transition Chesterfield on billing periods	MF
10	Internet billing	Explain internet bill increase in December	DS
11.	Cycle Festival - talks	Get details from potential speakers	MF
12.	Chesterfield BMX support	MF to share link with DS and TF to share more widely	MF/DS
13.	Newsletter	Include call for member submissions in an upcoming member email	AM
14.	CBC climate forum	Share details with TF on attending	KF