

# Cycle Chesterfield's monthly meeting

Held online on 13/02/2024

**Present:** Alastair Meikle (Secretary), Jason Dent (Newsletter) Malcolm Ward, Lisa Hopkinson, Tony Ford, Chris Allen, Martin Farr (Treasurer), Dean Sas (minutes, social media)

**Apologies:** Vince Beckworth, Barbara Sansome, Nigel Vernon, Ian Mateer

**Meeting chair:** Martin Farr

## Minutes of previous meeting

Previous meeting was held 09/01/24. Minutes approved.

## Updates on actions

	ACTION	Progress	Owner
1.	Station display board	DS received key from AM. DISCHARGED.	AM/DS
2.	Cycle map development and costings	AM corresponded with Four Square more below. DISCHARGED	AM
3.	Sustrans waymarker adoption	AM sent working party email. DISCHARGED	AM
4.	2024 objectives	Email sent. No replies. Will adopt objectives proposed before. DISCHARGED	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	MF booked March for last community centre meeting. Library booked for May, Sept, Nov. DISCHARGED.	MF
7.	CC promotional events at Dr Bike sessions 2024	None - inviting members to participate is on HOLD until closer to time	AM
8.	D2N2 WACA meetings for EM Mayoral Elections	Invite requested, no further meetings planned. Further alignment via email. DISCHARGED	AM/MF
9.	Zoom sub	Need to check alignment with Transition Chesterfield on billing periods.	MF
10	Internet billing	DS confirmed the new monthly bill is £11.40. DISCHARGED	DS
11.	Cycle Festival - talks	MF has arranged speakers. More below. DISCHARGED	MF

12.	Chesterfield BMX support	MF shared link which DS has shared on web & socials. DISCHARGED.	MF/DS
13.	Newsletter	Include call for member submissions in an upcoming member email	AM
14.	CBC climate forum	TF has received details, first meeting in March but dates not yet confirmed. DISCHARGED.	KF

## Treasurer Report

- Started at £3919, ended at £4346.
- £239 out including postage, newsletter printing, £88 for cycling uk membership and £11.40 internet.
- £666.01 came in from membership dues.

## Membership report

Previous counts included a small number of organisations who just received newsletters. Pruned around a dozen members who are well overdue for renewal and have received multiple reminders.

Current paid-up membership stands at 176, around 45 people haven't renewed as scheduled in January, we expect a number of them to renew given further reminders and expect to be at around 200 paid-up members.

## Secretary report

- Member reported that the path along Sheepbridge is often blocked by pavement parking. DCC is going to speak to the businesses to remind them it's not allowed.
- East/West route will have wands along Chatsworth Rd to protect the lane.
- Toby Perkins has been in the Twist magazine saying that the East/West route money would've been better off spent on addressing potholes. AM emailed TP to point out that that wasn't possible due to how local authority funding works. No reply.
- Bradley Wiggins is speaking at the Winding Wheel on March 3rd.
- Annotated cycle map & leaflet changes shared with Four Square. Pricing depends upon how many prints we need. We will keep a digital copy for any later printing. Previously we distributed about 1800 over six years. We'll ask for quotes for 2000 and 3000 prints this time.

## Social media report

- [Twitter exchange](#) with Toby Perkins asking what changes would enable him to cycle more in Chesterfield
- Update on East/West route proved popular on Facebook

# Discussion items

## Corporate membership/Cycle friendly employer

TF has been working on a “starter pack” for local employers wishing to achieve their Environmental, Social and Governmental (ESG) and UN sustainable development goals. Our offer is the starter pack, maps, volunteering opportunities, tools to calculate carbon savings and providing recommendations to help employers achieve the Cycling UK Cycle Friendly Employer accreditation. We should also be able to offer toolkits to employees.

The company will be a member of Cycle Chesterfield, if employees want to join then they'll have to join separately as members.

When we're ready, we will approach local companies about becoming members, particularly large ones who are likely to have existing ESG goals and policies.

## Sustrans milepost refurbishment

- TF has secured a promise of tools and paint from Wickes
- There's been no response to the membership email asking if anyone wanted to join a working party.
- TF and CA will choose some days to ask members again.
- We'll skip those days with bad weather and let Tapton Lock visitors centre know on the days when we're working.

## Cycle festival

- We ran through the draft programme, there's some differences compared to previous years.
- Saturday will have various events in Holmebrook Valley Park. The council is ok with this, we just need to do the paperwork. MF has approached the police about security marking.
- MF has booked the library lecture theatre for Thursday evening when we have [Emily Chappell](#) confirmed to speak about her activities and advocacy.. We have also asked Cycling UK to send a speaker.
- Saturday night will include films and hopefully a speaker at Brampton Brewery.
- Several councillors have kindly offered support from their community funds, waiting to have confirmation from them.
- Festival working group due to meet again in March to consider publicity and other next steps.

## 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.

## Any other business

- Chatsworth Road part of the East/West route is aimed to finish by the end of March. Question mark over when Storrs Road junction is done, some reports say May rather than March.
- We could organise a ride on Chatsworth Road when that section of East/West is done. We should also organise some kind of press release.
- The new surface along the canal from Brim Road is really good and worth riding on.
- Tesco on Newbold Rd has reopened, someone suggested there used to be a bike rack there but there isn't one there now. No-one can recollect it being there before.
- Cycle parking has been added at Inspire Health on Saltergate.

## Outstanding actions

	ACTION	Next steps	Owner
1.	Cycle friendly employers promotional opportunity	TF to continue work on starter pack	TF
2.	CC promotional events at Dr Bike sessions 2024	Send a message to members to invite their participation in April & May. On hold until closer to time	AM
3.	Zoom sub	Need to check alignment with Transition Chesterfield on billing periods.	MF
4.	Newsletter	Include call for member submissions in an upcoming member email	AM
5.	Cycle map	Ask for costs for 2000 and 3000 print runs	AM
6.	Cycle map	Share annotated map for final check with meeting attendees	AM
7.	Staveley milepost refurbishment	Check whether we can work on the Staveley milepost	CA
8.	Tapton milepost refurbishment	Nominate some dates to do the work	CA/TF
9.	Tapton milepost refurbishment	Pick-up materials and enquire about other materials	TF

10.	Cycle festival	Organise next meeting dates	MF
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