

## Cycle Chesterfield Monthly Meeting 9/04/24 (held online)

**Present:** Alastair Mickle (Secretary), Martin Farr (Treasurer), Dean Sas (Social Media), Chris Allen, Nigel Vernon, David Brookes, Kathy Farr (minute taker)

**Apologies:** Tony Ford (committee), Jason Dent (committee), Graeme Challands

Alastair agreed to chair this meeting

**Minutes of previous meeting 12/3/24:** approved

### Updates on actions:

	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Next steps</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1	Cycle friendly employers scheme	TF is finalising the promotion pack. Sub group to meet to discuss next steps	TF/MF/AM
2	CC promotion at Dr Bike sessions 2024	Kathy & Alan attended on 6 <sup>th</sup> April Martin & Daryl volunteered for 4 <sup>th</sup> May Email members 10 days prior to each Dr Bike to seek new volunteers	AM
3	Newsletter	Email call for member to submit articles for next edition (for distribution late May prior to Cycle Festival)	AM/JD
4	Newsletter	Postal distribution under review for replacement by bike delivery. Seek volunteers for Dronfield & Wingerworth rounds. Martin & Kathy offering to take a round if needed.	AM
5	Cycle map	Awaiting outcome of funding bid to CBC Ready for launch at Cycle Festival 2024	AM/MF
6	Staveley waymarker adoption	CA has adopted on behalf of the group DISCHARGED	CA
7	Tapton waymarker adoption	Final coating will be completed soon DISCHARGED	CA/TF
8	Cycle Festival June 2024	Programme & publicity plan in place, some funding secured. Planning group due to meet to review progress	MF/DS/AM
9	Website	Update to pages on how to get involved, cycling UK links, honorary member profiles	DS
10	Website	Review of text to ensure existing pages are up to date	DS/MF
11	Cycle infrastructure maintenance reporting	DCC will not accept reports forwarded via Cycling UK. Further enquiries needed to clarify best process. Email drafted for sending to all members to explain the process Set up bi-monthly reporting process	MF

## **Treasurer Report MF**

Balance for end March 2024 stands at £4562

Overall down by approx £30 since end Feb 2024 (income from memberships, expenditure on newsletter printing and monthly web hosting).

Note that the group is not expecting significant further income now until Jan 2025 when the bulk of memberships are renewed. There will be approx. £1500 costs to pay out for the new map plus some festival expenses. Awaiting outcome of a grant application towards cost of printing map.

## **Membership report: MF (temporary until vacancy filled)**

208 paid up members

Everyone registered on MembershipMojo is now up to date with their payment.

Since the last meeting, 11 memberships either renewed or new joiners.

## **Secretary Report AM**

AM received a report from a member about a faulty toucan for a bike crossing at West Bars. This has now been resolved.

## **Planning Report AM**

Planning application submitted for a new library and shared workspace in Staveley does not include any cycle parking. AM will send comments requesting the addition of cycle provision which is generally poor in Staveley town centre.

## **Social Media Report DS**

Positive engagement with FB posts about the Milepost upgrading and the Cycle Festival.

Heated debate generated by FB posts about completion of the new section of the East-West route on Chatsworth Rd.

## **Discussion items:**

### **East-West route updates**

DCC Highways say there is no funding left for a segregated bike lane on Goytside and Dock Walk and there will now be only road markings which is very disappointing.

Upgrades on Bobbin Mill Lane near Morrisons are still pending.

The toucan light crossing on Boythorpe Rd is currently being upgraded.

The bike crossing lights at Holymoor Rd and Storrs Rd have been changed from sensors to press buttons.

The shared path through the Robinsons site is in a very poor state of repair and the non-tarmac section through the woods at Walton Dam can get very muddy.

MF asked whether we should write a letter to Robinsons to ask them to consider making upgrades. AM will talk to DCC to find out about any existing negotiations for improvements by Robinsons.

David Brookes reported that the station bridge cycle lights are not allowing sufficient time for cycles to pass first. AM will visit to test and report any problems.

Crow Lane needs some regular attention to remove branches and leaves.

## **Facebook**

A discussion took place about whether the group should consider changing to using a closed FB group in light of anti-cycling posts. Recent antagonistic posts about the East-West route have spread misinformation and created the feeling of a negative space where some members have felt unable to post positive and constructive comments. There are pros and cons either way. More moderation could be applied.

David suggested that the group could have 2 groups, one closed for members and one open for wider publicity.

MF requested that more members of the committee become FB Admin so they can post positively on behalf of the group. AM able to action.

For review again at next meeting.

## **Updated Cycle Map**

An update is needed to remove the Fill That Hole information

Awaiting outcome of funding bid to CBC – if successful then the CBC logo will need to be added

A new photo is still needed for the cover. AM to arrange for a mixed group of cyclists to be photographed at The Snail sculpture, possibly on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> April.

The map needs to be ready to go to print by end April to be in time for the festival.

## **New memberships**

MF raised to question as to how to manage new memberships received part way through the year. He proposed that anyone joining via MembershipMojo from August onwards should get the remaining months of that year followed by the whole of the subsequent year (with January renewal). There were support for this proposal.

MF asked whether members joining part way through the year could be send back copies of any newsletters they have missed. Easy to send out electronic back copies. AM will look at whether we keep enough spare paper copies.

MF will draft proposed wording for an email to send to new members to offer them back copies of the newsletter.

### **Milepost QR code**

It has been suggested that the new milepost should have an informative sticker attached to indicate that it has been adopted by Cycle Chesterfield and QR code link to the website.

AM to investigate price for a suitable sticker.

### **Chesterfield Cycling Festival (7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

The planning group (Alastair, Martin, Dean, Kathy, Sharon, Tony) met on 15<sup>th</sup> March to agree the programme, develop the plans and allocate tasks. A further update meeting to take place in April.

Flyers and posters have been designed by DS and are ready for printing.

Publicity has been sent to S40/S41 magazine, Hasland Magazine and CBC Comms team.

Volunteers will be needed to help run the Holmebrook Valley Park Fun Day (Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June 11 - 3) and Emily Chappell Talk at Library (Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June 7 – 9)

Further visits needed to HBVP and Library to finalise plans/arrangements.

Rides and events will be bookable in advance through WeGotTickets

A speaker from either Cycling UK or Sustrans for Brampton Brewery Night (Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June) has not been forthcoming despite approaching numerous people.

Jason has been approached by an author from Buxton who has published a book of bike routes in Derbyshire about promotion. The rides in the book do not include anything in Chesterfield itself, however she could be offered the opportunity to attend one of the festival rides or Brampton Brewery Social.

### **Any Other Business**

Kathy has been approached by Friends of Holmebrook Valley Park to ask if we could write to CBC Parks Team about a badly eroded path below the Red Ball sculpture. Unclear whether or not this path is meant to be a designated cycle route. There are various multi use paths within the park as indicated on mapping on display in the park but are these up to date? AM can make enquiries with CBC about the current designation of bike routes.

DCC will be filming cyclists using the new Chatsworth Rd part of the East-West route on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April at 9am to provide information about how best to use the infrastructure safely.

**The next meeting will be Tues 14th May 7.30pm in person at the Library Meeting Room**

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3	Newsletter	Email call for member to submit articles for next edition (distribution late May)	AM/JD
4	Newsletter	Seek volunteers for new rounds eg Dronfield & Wingerworth	AM
5	Cycle map	Awaiting outcome of funding bid to CBC Add CBC Logo, remove FillThatHole Take group photo for cover on 13/4 Print ready for launch at Cycle Festival	AM
6	Tapton waymarker	Pricing needed for CC info sticker	AM
7	Cycle Festival June 2024	Planning group to meet to review progress Further emails to members to ask for volunteer helpers on 8/6 & 13/6	MF/DS/AM
8	Website	Update pages on how to get involved, cycling UK links, honorary member profiles	DS
9	Website	Review of text to ensure existing pages are up to date	DS/MF
10	Cycle infrastructure maintenance reporting	Email to members to explain the process Agree and set up bi-monthly reporting process	MF
11	East West Route	Check timing of lights under station bridge Find out if DCC are in negotiation with Robinsons about poor maintenance	AM
12	New memberships	Draft email to new members joining part way through the year to offer them back copies of newsletters Enough paper back copies to offer to new members?	MF/AM
13	Facebook	More committee members to be given FB admin status Monitor negative posts and review whether further moderation or a closed group is necessary	AM/DS
14	Derbyshire bike routes book	Invite author to attend a festival ride or Brampton Brewery Night	JD
15	Bike routes within Holmebrook Valley Park	Find out from CBC which paths are currently designated as cycle/multi use	AM

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