

Cycle Chesterfield Monthly Meeting 9/07/24 (online)

Present: Alastair Miekle (Secretary), Martin Farr (Treasurer), Dean Sas (Social media), Tony Ford (committee), Jason Dent (committee), Sharon Stone, Chris Allen, Ian Menzies, Tom Hardwick, Celia Hardwick, Kathy Farr (minute taker)

Apologies: Lisa Hopkinson, Nigel Vernon, Alan Ashburner

Alastair agreed to chair this meeting

Minutes of previous meeting 14/5/24: approved

Updates on outstanding actions:

	ACTION	Progress	Owner
1	Cycle Friendly Employers scheme	Sub-group to agree date to meet to discuss next steps	TF/MF/AM
2	CC promotion at Dr Bike sessions 2024	SS attended last Dr Bike (July) Email members 10 days prior to next (Aug) Dr Bike to seek volunteers	AM
3	Newsletter distribution	Create Wingerworth newsletter round in MemberMojo. TF is able to distribute Hasland round.	AM
4	Newsletter distribution	Seek volunteer for Dronfield newsletter round	AM
5	Tapton waymarker	TF to report back on sticker	TF
6	Website - profiles, getting involved etc	Updates and additions started, still to improve website navigation	DS
7	Website - content review	To add objectives, updates to maps and leisure routes	DS
8	Cycle infrastructure maintenance reporting	Email sent to members to explain the process DISCHARGED	MF
9	East / West route - station bridge & Robinsons maintenance	AM has checked station bridge lights and discussed Robinsons sections of East West route with DCC – no further actions possible DISCHARGED	AM
10.	New memberships & renewals	Document new process DISCHARGED	MF/DS

Treasurer Report MF

Balance for end June 2024 stands at £4009. This is an overall reduction of around £700 since the last meeting in May is mainly due to the net costs of producing the new Cycle Map.

Overall cost of producing and printing the new maps was approx. £1500 but a grant of £750 from Chesterfield Borough Council's Community Fund and a contribution of £175 from Cycling UK (through Inclusive Pedals) were received to offset the full cost.

Overall running costs for the Festival were approx. £1000 and income was received from DCC councillor grants (£330) and ticket sales for the Library speaker event (£690) so overall the Festival covered its own costs.

Membership report: MF (temporary)

233 paid up members. This is an increase of around 25 people since May as a result of the Cycling Festival. It will be important to continue to find ways to keep new and existing members engaged over the coming months, by offering further rides and activities.

Secretary Report AM

Holymoorside Primary School sent out a survey about the new segregated cycle route on Chatsworth Road and this was circulated to members. So far, 35 people have responded and these have all been positive about the new cycle infrastructure.

Cycle parking stands have been removed from outside Boots/McDonalds (due to market square refurbishment) and the old Argos unit (due to damage by delivery vehicles). AM has written to CBC to seek reassurance that all of these stands will be reinstalled in due course.

AM attended a meeting as part of engagement with stakeholders in relation to priorities (under the transport theme) for allocating new Town Plan Funding within Chesterfield (pot of £20million overall).

The newly established East Midland Mayoral Authority has set up its office in Chesterfield. AM sent the office a copy of the latest CC newsletter, a new Chesterfield Cycle Map and a covering letter to introduce CC.

There has been some discussion between partners within the Nottingham and Derby areas about reinstating the East Midland Cycle Forum.

Planning Report AM

A planning application including the installation of cycle racks at Dunston Garden Centre was approved before AM had opportunity to comment. The type of cycle stands that are

indicated are not appropriate and the siting is very poor (blocking access to a defibrillator). AM has sent an email with these comments to the planning committee.

Social Media Report DS

Emphasis is currently on promoting the new cycle map. A number of requests have been received via social media for copies of the new map.

MF - Monkey Park have asked for some Cycle Maps to be dropped off.

Questions have been received through Facebook about specific aspects of the local cycle infrastructure eg Tapton Terrace, Silverhill Trail (note this is not part of the Sustrans NCN67 because it does not meet the standard)

The number of followers on Facebook has increased by over 100 in the last month.

Objectives Review

Objective: Deliver Cycle Festival 2024 **COMPLETED**

Objective: Develop a Cycle Friendly Employer Scheme **IN PROGRESS**, meeting of working group pending

Objective: Cycle Infrastructure Fault Reporting **STARTED**

So far, 6 faults have been reported by members through the new system for logging maintenance and repair issues. The website homepage needs a direct link to the DCC fault reporting.

The most appropriate person at DCC for sending the bi-monthly fault reports based on reports from members is probably Bridget Gould (Highways Officer for Chesterfield).

MF to continue to encourage members to report faults with photographs, both direct to DCC and copies to CC for compiling the bi-monthly reports

Discussion items:

Chesterfield Cycling Festival 2024

A debrief meeting of the festival planning group will take place 30th July to discuss specific issues and consider any learning for planning any future events

The Festival was very successful for raising the profile of Cycle Chesterfield, both with CBC, DCC and within local magazines/media, and received much positive publicity.

Membership of CC increased during the Festival

There was a significant increase in participation compared to the previous year, with over 170 participants on the rides and around 170 – 180 people attending the various social events

The Festival covered its costs – with thanks to income from grants received from DCC Councillors and income from ticket sales (Library Speaker event).

Thank you to MF for being the driving force behind the Cycling Festival and for the work done by members of the planning committee and to all of the other volunteers who helped out at rides and events.

Future Meetings

MF initiated a discussion on the format for CC meetings going forward to ensure that the group can actively engage more new and existing members

MF proposed that the committee should continue to meet monthly online and that there should be four face to face meetings a year aimed primarily at involving and engaging our members in cycling related matters – to include a speaker, discussion theme, film etc

Possible speakers might be from Sustrans, Cycling UK, Transition Chesterfield, Cycle Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, book authors, cycle travel speakers etc.

TH asked whether access links for the current online meetings were circulated to all members – YES

It was generally agreed that the group needs to engage more members through its meetings.

Currently there is a negotiated affordable rate of room hire at Chesterfield Library but this introductory rate (on transfer from the Community Centre) ends in 2025 so a new venue will probably be needed. Any new venue needs cycle parking options.

SS will make some enquiries about room hire rates elsewhere.

MF will start to make enquiries with possible speakers – to commence from Jan 2025 onwards.

There is normally no meeting in August but the committee will meet online (13th Aug) for a progress review

AM to ask Peak District rides book author if she is available for Sept 10th meeting at the library.

Summer Rides programme

13/7 Women Cycle Too ride (Inclusive Pedals, led by Sharon)

14/7 Rother Valley Ride 10.30 (MF)

28/7 Happy Hen's Ride 1.30 (MF/AM)

2/8 Friday Night Ride 6.30 (JD)

10/8 Women Cycle Too ride (Inclusive Pedals, led by Claire)

25/8 Holmebrook, Holymoorside and pub stop ride 1.30 (MF)

6/9 Friday Night Ride 6.30 (JD)

?/9 Women Cycle Too ride (Inclusive Pedals, led by Bex)

15/9 Ben Vernon Charity Ride (organised by Nigel Vernon)

Promotion through TC website and facebook and email to all members

Christmas Social

JD would like to lead a short Christmas Lights ride ending at a social venue.

Suggested date Sat 7th Dec 5pm start.

Venue still to be identified. Showing a selection on bike related films is popular.

MF to enquire whether Brampton Brewery allows children on the premises.

Any Other Business

TH commented on the excellent resurfacing of sections of the Chesterfield Canal towpath – did CC have any input? No, we cannot claim any credit! The improvements were undertaken by DCC in line with the Local Transport Plan.

TF will be attending the next Chesterfield Climate Forum on 16/7 to represent CC. The Climate Officers have requested some copies of the new cycle map for distribution at that meeting. AM to drop off 50 maps with TF.

JD asked whether the re-elect MP for Chesterfield has a government portfolio of any relevance to active travel. Not known.

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter (Sept) is Fri 30th August – all contributions from members are appreciated. Send to JD at newsletter@cyclechesterfield.org

Next committee meeting will be Tues 13th Aug 7.30pm (online)

Next members meeting will be Tues Sept 10th Sept 7.30pm (in person, Chesterfield Library Meeting Room)

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6	Cycle map requests	Cycle maps requested for Monkey Park	AM
7	Fault reporting	Contact Bridget Gould at DCC Highways about submitting bi-monthly reports	MF
8	Future meetings	Enquire about room hire rates at other suitable venues	SS
9	Future meetings	Compile a list of future speakers or activities for members meetings	MF
10	September meeting 10/9 at Chesterfield Library	Contact Peak District rides book author to see if she is available to be the speaker	AM
11	Summer rides programme	Promotion through website, FB and update station noticeboard	DS
11	Christmas Social	Plan and lead a short Christmas Lights ride Sat 7 th Dec evening – book a suitable venue Enquire whether Brampton Brewery allows children and is available	JD MF
12	Climate Change Forum 16/7	TF will attend to represent the group AM to drop off 50 cycle maps for TF to take to that meeting	TF AM

