

Cycle Chesterfield Monthly Meeting 8/10/24 (online)

Present: Martin Farr (Treasurer), Chris Allen, Lisa Hopkinson (Meeting not quorate)

Apologies: Alastair Meikle (Secretary), Tony Ford, Jason Dent (newsletter), Dean Sas (Website/social media)

Minutes of previous meeting 14/5/24: no comments

Updates on outstanding actions:

	ACTION	Progress	Owner
1	Cycle Friendly Employers scheme	Working Group still to meet. Interim article published on website by MF	TF/MF/AM
2	Tapton waymarker	TF to report back on sticker – NO update DISCHARGED – awaiting further information	TF
3	Website Updates	Homepage fixed and Updated Objectives added Further work ongoing to update and refresh site Treat as business as usual. DISCHARGED	DS
4	Cycle map requests	Maps delivered to Monkey Park DISCHARGED	AM
5	Cycle infrastructure maintenance / fault reporting	System set up and running. Members reporting. Reminders to be sent out periodically and further engagement required with DCC. Treat as business as usual DISCHARGED	MF
6	Future Meetings - speakers	Speaker found for AGM and Christmas do. Need to find speakers for meetings in 2025 – for all committee and members to consider and offer ideas. Should be standing item alongside objectives in future meetings DISCHARGED	MF
7	Climate Change Forum	TF unable to attend latest meeting. Do we need a back up rep to attend	TF
8	Anti social cycling	AM has discussed with Rod Auton ways to improve bike and pedestrian safety at Hollingwood Hub. AM to consider anti social cycling article for future newsletter DISCHARGED	AM

Treasurer Report MF

Balance for end Sept 2024 stands at £3789. This is a drop of £110 since end July – due to Member Mojo annual fee, monthly internet charges and newsletter postage. It is anticipated that the account will potentially be in the region £3450 by year end based on usual expenditure

Membership report: MF (temporary)

234 members.

Secretary Report AM (Not present – written report given)

We now have a separate email list to let non members know about forthcoming rides, Martin and I will be admin.

Simon Redding emailed to say a new underground electricity cable will be laid from Staveley to Barrow Hill and there is the possibility of a 3m wide cycle path on top if someone will pay for tarmac. I've asked him for more details and I've contacted James Hatchett (Sustrans infrastructure manager) to alert him to the possibility of a connection to NCN67. I've also raised the issue of dropped kerbs and new bridge at Waterside and the route through the Avenue site with him.

Staveley basin works. Work has started erecting the new building at Staveley basin (now called Staveley Waterside which is slightly confusing with Waterside in Chesterfield). The main vehicle entrance is now off Eckington Road but there is still an entrance shown off Hall Lane. I queried this with DCC highways who replied saying its only for pedestrians, horses and cyclists. The plans for the area have been amended so the TPT/NCN67 now routes around the outside of the car park (not through it) and there will be 18 Sheffield stands.

Crow Lane under the railway station will be closed to vehicles from late October until February to enable work on the railway. I asked DCC about cycle access and had this reply 'According to the street works team, the intention will be that scaffolding will be utilised to create a tunnel down the centre of the road for the use of pedestrians and cyclists (preferably dismounted, they say) while works are in operation.'

Simon Tranter is leaving DCC highways at the end of October. Simon has been instrumental in getting many of the improvements to cycle infrastructure done in Chesterfield. I've thanked him for all he has done and he and I will keep in touch, he's happy to occasionally advise about highway schemes and be involved at our meetings.

Myself, Martin, Lisa Hopkinson & Graeme Challands recently had a Zoom meeting to discuss the Chesterfield Staveley Regeneration Route and possible alternatives.

Contacted James Powell at DCC to ask about other sections of the east west route if they were going to be completed. My email and his reply:

Hi James

Can you let me know if any of the planned improvements along the east west route will eventually go ahead please?

1, replacement of concrete blocks on Crow Lane with something more permanent and pleasing. Some members have reported the blocks are not easy to see when coming down Crow Lane in the dusk/dark.

2, Queen+IBk-s Park car park improvements.

3, Dock Walk/Goytside

4, Path alongside Walton Works is in a very poor state.

5, Shared path between Morrisons entrance and Bobbin Mill Lane.

6, Segregated path alongside Walton Road between Bobbin Mill Lane and Toucan crossing.

Hi Alastair,

Yes we have some budgetary and resource constraints to overcome but will be doing all of the below. Item 6 will be more of a clean and relining of existing though rather than a widening.

Kind regards

James Powell

Planning Report AM (Not present – written report given)

Aldi have submitted an application for a new store on the site of Robinsons Caravans in Brimington. 6 Sheffield stands are proposed next to the store entrance which is fine but with no cycling infrastructure nearby I would suggest they won't be used much. There will also be extra traffic turning in and out of the store which will be similar to the Aldi in Clay Cross adding to congestion.

An application to build 5 town houses on the corner of land next to Goytside and Factory St. There is no mention of cycling despite the footway being built as a shared footway next to the site when Lidl was built.

Social Media Report DS

No new updates

Objectives Review

Objective: Deliver Cycle Festival 2024 **COMPLETED**

Objective: Develop a Cycle Friendly Employer Scheme **IN PROGRESS**, article prepared on website. Need to consider next steps – approaching particular employers to advertise scheme?

Objective: Cycle Infrastructure Fault Reporting **ONGOING**

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. Little engagement from DCC – no sense of a desire by DCC to address crumbling infrastructure. Members reports are continuing and will be summarised at AGM

Discussion items:

AGM

Next meeting is AGM. It will start at 7pm and should be finished by 7.45pm. Invited speaker from Cycle Sheffield will then give a talk about their experience with Mayoral authority / transport commissioner and some cycling infrastructure successes in Sheffield

Christmas Social

Sat 7th Dec at Brampton Brewery Bar on Chatsworth Road. Start at 7pm. Speaker, author Carina Humberstone. Preceded by a Christmas lights bike ride led by JD

Barbara Sansome request for funding for refugee bike kit

Not discussed as committee not present

AOB

Chesterfield Cycling Festival 2025

A sub group will meet to discuss options. Proposal for an event in July involving other participation of other bike clubs / groups in the area

Next meeting will be AGM / Members Meeting with a Speaker on Tues 12th November 7.00pm at Chesterfield Library Meeting Room next to the old cafe

ACTIONS

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1	Cycle Friendly Employers scheme	Letter / summary for distribution to selected employers. Make list of selected employers	TF/MF/AM
2	Climate Change Forum	Speak to TF about Forum attendance. Consider another back up person	MF