

# Cycle Chesterfield Monthly Meeting

## 11/02/25

**Present:** Martin Farr (Secretary), Alastair Meikle (Chair), Sharon Stone (Committee), Ian Menzies (Treasurer), Chris Allen, David Seabrook, Tom Hardwick, Tony Ford, Megan Cook, Nigel Vernon, Jason Dent (Newsletters), Andy Dunn, Dean Sas (Website)

**Apologies:** Kathy Farr, Celia Hardwick

**Minutes of previous meeting** (14/01/25): No comments

### **Treasurer Report**

Was: £3,597 Income: £669.69 Expenses: Regular Ionos internet bill and hire of Loundsley Green community centre for Cycle Festival meeting Balance: £4,146.21

### **Membership Report**

Two new joiners, now at 250 members! There are 35 outstanding members to renew. Final reminders will be sent out shortly, and a short while after that any people not renewing will be removed from the membership list.

### **Planning Report**

No relevant planning applications since the last meeting.

### **Newsletter Report**

The deadline for the next newsletter is the 21st.

MF has emailed everyone who receives a newsletter by Royal Mail to see if they want to switch to email-only delivery. Eleven people have agreed to switch, which will save us postage.

We need to get a new quote for newsletters. We probably only need 200 printing.

### **Social Media Report**

Nothing to report.

## Planning Objectives

We're going to adopt some planning objectives, as well as our member objectives. We'll push for progress to be made on two pieces of infrastructure - upgrades to The Avenue and the Waterside Bridge.

- **The Avenue site** – Surfacing is poor, and A-frames throughout the site prevent accessibility. It has been refused as part of NCN due to these issues. The owners refuse to address concerns, and DCC also won't adopt it.
- **Waterside Bridge** – A bridge was supposed to have been built with the Avant housing development at waterside as an alternative to using the painted cycle lane on the 40mph Brimington Road. This hasn't happened.

For both of these issues we'll try to arrange an on-site meeting with the Sustrans East Midlands infrastructure manager to get them up to date with the issues and share the context of them. We'll also write articles on our website and share progress updates.

## Members' Objectives

### Cycle-friendly Employers

We're focusing on publicity and signposting to the Cycling UK scheme rather than starting our own scheme.

- We will setup an email address for communications with employers
- TF has created a flyer for employers and documentation for the website.
- We will celebrate employers who join the scheme.

### Cycle Audit

The next members' meeting will kick-off an audit. Members can share concerns and suggestions for improvements or new infrastructure. We can then formalise and use it when talking with local authorities.

## Members' Meetings

We hold four in-person members' meetings per year. The next meeting in March will focus on the Cycle Audit. Ideas are welcome for future meetings, including suggestions for inexpensive guest speakers or ideas for interactive activities we can do.

## East Midlands Cycling Forum

- We plan to host the forum on Saturday 11th October. AM is taking the lead on organising.
- The format will likely be: meet at the railway station, ride to a venue, listen to 1-2 speakers and an update from each campaign group, lunch and then an afternoon ride on the East/West route.
- Interest expressed by Nottingham, Loughborough, and Derby campaign groups, as well as several non-campaigning cycling organisations.
- We expect to need to hire a venue for 30-50 people.
- Costs anticipated for venue and refreshments; donations will be sought.
- A booking system will be set up to manage attendance numbers.

## Festival Update

- The Festival Committee met with Bolsover & District Cycle Club, Dronfield Clarion and Spire Cycling Club.
- First weekend (4th July): Five rides organised by ourselves.
- Monday-Friday: Rides organised by others.
- Final Saturday: Long ride starting in the morning, talk by a guest speaker in the afternoon.
- Sunday: Ben Vernon Ride.

## Any Other Business

- **Projector Purchase:** We could use a good project for the various events we do. TF kindly offered to donate a projector.
- **Bolsover Loop:** Expected completion in spring. The route will connect Clowne Branch Line, Archaeological Trail, Stockley Trail, and Rowthorne Trail. Doe Lea remains a missing link.
- **Pleasley Pump:** Repair to vandalised pump outstanding.
- **Big Bike Revival:** Inclusive Pedals attended a wrap-up event after running 17 rides. They're looking to encourage short local cycling events of the sort we do in the festival..
- **Climate Change Forum:** CBC are seeking information to promote Cycle Chesterfield's summer rides and festival. We'll provide in due course.

## Outstanding Actions

ACTION	PROGRESS	OWNER
Find venue for East Midlands Cycling Forum	Venue for 30-50 attendees required.	AM
Publicise Cycle Friendly Employers Scheme	Website updates and employer engagement.	TF/DS

Next Meeting: 11-03-2025 7pm at Chesterfield Library