

## Cycle Chesterfield Monthly Committee Meeting 9/9/25 (online)

**Present:** Alastair Meikle (Chair), Martin Farr (Secretary), Ian Menzies (Treasurer), Tony Ford (Committee), Chris Allen, Graeme Challands, Lisa Hopkinson,

**Apologies:** Sharon Stone, Dean Sas

**Minutes of previous meeting 11/6/25:** approved

### Updates on outstanding actions:

	ACTION	Progress	Owner
1	Cycle Planning Objectives	Article for website – <b>COMPLETED</b> <b>DISCHARGED</b>	AM
2	Draft Cycle Audit to prepare	Ongoing	MF
3	Cycle Friendly Employers	Update provided. <b>DISCHARGED</b>	TF
4	EM Cycle Forum	Update Provided. <b>DISCHARGED</b>	AM

### Secretary Report (MF)

Update provided about an autumn rides programme. Also covered recent complaint about a ride and the actions taken to improve consistency and good practice by ride leaders.

Discussion concerning DCC Transport budget and the allocation for cycling, as well as the EMCCA position and the focus on making the journey to school safer. The AT Ambassador for EMCCA suggested that the money from ATE was going direct to county authorities who would decide how to spend it. Suggestions made as to who to contact to confirm information and possible ways forward to campaign and lobby for a better settlement for cycling and good use being made of AT funding by DCC.

### Treasurer Report (IM)

Balance £3748. Income from subscriptions £58. Expenditure – printing and essential admin.

### Membership report: (MF)

Current total at 225. Drop from 240 due to many that joined in June 2024 not renewing

### Planning Report (AM)

Wilco, town centre proposal for aparthotel with 14 bike parking spaces in rear yard

Starbucks, Chatsworth Road – proposal for a drive through. Provision of cycle parking around side and proposal for Mill Lane to provide a cycle link from Chatsworth Road to Hipper Valley Trail. Response will suggest some revision to location of stands but supportive of creating new link

## **Social Media Report (DS)**

No update

## **Newsletter (JD)**

Jason standing down from role. Trudy Ford will step in to take on this role – non committee role

## **ITEMS**

### **Objectives Review**

**Objective: Cycle friendly employer scheme.** Over 200 emails sent. One engineering company has expressed interest and was put in touch with CUK. Discussed a follow up to them to see how they were getting on and then looking at targeting specific employers such as college, council and hospital. Committee to provide Tony with suggestions for contacts in various organisations.

**Objective – Cycle audit** – First draft audit. Aim to produce before EMCF

### **Planning Objectives**

Once EMCF is out of the way, efforts will be made to engage with key stakeholders and organise meetings in an attempt to progress these schemes

### **EM Cycle Forum**

Booking has started and 25 sign ups so far. Programme for the day produced by AM. AM will be seeking support from ride leaders to lead ride from station and then for afternoon ride. Need to finalise catering arrangements still

### **AGM**

This year the AGM will be in October (14/10) at St Thomas Centre. It was suggested that no new Objectives to be adopted in 2026 and continue to focus on existing objectives. This was agreed. There will be no cycle festival in 2026 but just a summer programme of rides. Membership Secretary role will become vacant. Message will be sent to Committee to check whether any other vacancies may arise.

Committee asked to consider possible speaker for AGM – ideas to Secretary

### **Any Other Business**

- MF asked if there was any appetite to be involved in the CUK 22/10 Glow Ride. This was down to local groups to organise to support CUK national campaign, My Ride, Our Right, principally around cycling safety for female riders, and in particular on dark nights. AM to look at progressing this.
- Community Cycle Club Update – first aid kits ordered from CUK

- LH asked for members to support the development of the Queensberry Tunnel as an active travel route rather than closure at a cost of £7m. This is a test case for future similar proposals and would be good to see money more wisely spent and to set a better precedent. AM to send a link to members.
- Cut backs – MF to contact DCC to enquire about plan for cutbacks

**Next meeting will be AGM Tues 14<sup>th</sup> October at St Thomas Centre**

### **NEW ACTIONS**

	ACTION	Progress	Owner
1	Fact finding – DCC budget	Letters to DCC and ATE	MF
2	Draft cycle audit to prepare	Ongoing – aiming for first draft by EMCF	MF
3	Objectives 2026	Message members	MF
4	CUK Glow ride	Plan options	AM
5	Link for Queensberry tunnel support	Send to members	AM
6	Route Cutbacks	Contact DCC	MF