

Derbyshire County Council – Cycle Liaison Group Meeting

Wednesday 13th November 2013 – 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Committee Room 3, County Hall, Matlock

Notes

Attendees:-

Jim Seymour (JS) DCC Transport Policy & Programmes	Terry Williams (TW) CTC Right to Ride
Richard Lovell (RL) DCC Sustainable Travel	Paul Chambers (PC) Derbyshire Sport
Alastair Meikle (AM) Chesterfield Cycle Campaign	Dave Clasby (DC) (Sustrans)
Anna Chapman (AC) DCC Countryside	Carol Parsons (CP) Pedal Peak
Isobel Mulligan (IM) DCC North Area Traffic & Safety	Chris Allen (CA) Chesterfield Cycle Campaign
John White (JW) Alfreton CTC	Claire O'Reilly (COR) DCC Countryside
Matthew Connley (MC) Bolsover District Council	Andrew Johnston (AJ) Erewash Borough Council
Philip Smith (PJS) DCC Sustainable Travel	Jim Hudson (JH) Sustrans Ranger
James Lowe (JL) Sustrans	Paul Balderson (PB) Chesterfield Cycle Campaign/Sustrans
Alison Charlton (ACh) DCC	

Introductions & Apologies

Jim Seymour introduced himself as Chairperson.

Actions/Updates from Previous Meeting (1st August 2013)

- Andrew Johnston wanted his name corrected from Johnson as given on previous minutes
- Route 54 not liaised yet RL to chase
- Nestle Site Ashbourne not part of Section 106 planning permission, but a planning condition.
- Technical approval agreed and back with Paul Wilson for Section 38
- Route 54 no longer blocked and has now been re-opened.
- Old A50 is suitable for cycles through to Sudbury.

Cycle Project Updates

Claire O'Reilly stated that she has been seconded to manage the Pedal Peak Project from her Countryside Access Improvement role. Pedal Peak successful in securing a £5 million grant for phase 2 to get White Peak loop in place. COR said she will be happy to provide an update of progress.

Greenways Project Update (Anna Chapman)

Chesterfield Station Link

Access to Stations – design work is underway and making progress. LSTF Bid – Project needs to be complete by March 2015. Tarmac link to station. Pre-project planning on-going. Electrification of railway is no longer a risk. RL was at Chesterfield College 13th November to promote scheme. Replacement of parapets on three bridges to allow cycling is planned. East Midlands Cycle Forum having difficulty liaising with EMT. **RL to raise this with them.** Track to run level with railway, planning consent being sought. Link at back of leather works can be looked at.

RL to liaise with EMT

Long Eaton

The Green Leg – 2 part project. Replace roundabout with signals. Cycle lanes, changes to controlled crossings, replacing and adding new. Work progressing. Concern with signal operation, still work to do before confirmation. Local concern over trees and wildlife being looked at.

Great Northern Greenway – Phase 2

Successful Sustrans Linking Communities Bid – This project will progress the route from Breadsall to Morley. Funding in place, on site imminently.

Archaeological Way

ERDF grant of £284,000 awarded. Committee report in to accept grant. Also secured funding from LTP and HLF - Limestone Journeys, for a £1/2 million project to create 5.2km of the Archaeological Way. Planning permission approved.

Castlefields Greenway Bolsover

Muddy path now replaced by a surfaced greenway on route to New Bolsover Primary School. This is in use and has received positive comments. The school is happy as it provides a safe routes to cycle and walk.

Hipper Valley Phase 3 (Somersall Lane to Holymoorside)

Live. Now have information to tackle issues that have arisen. Landowners in agreement. Need permission to do work from planning committee. Slow progression as survey needed to be done.

Batley Lane Bridge (Teversal Trail)

Validating planning permission has to be done by March. Bridge closed to all but walkers. Bridge has been assessed and there is funding to replace it and work is due to start in the New Year.

Paths for Communities Project, Swadlincote

Extension to run into Castle Gresley and Church Gresley. Funded and Forestry Commission to start work.

Network Rail Purchasing

The Little Eaton branch line between Duffield Road and Rawson Green. Extension from Rawson Green up to Denby subject to Cinderhill section.

Clowne Branch line to Creswell extend through Clowne to Seymour Junction. Link to Bolsover Branch.

Both purchases are with solicitors and estates officers. Committee approval to acquire and develop both sites. Look at outlying planning consent for routes.

AC will look up info on Bolsover Branch. Branch line being pursued for MEGZ purchase, may not be for Greenway purposes.

Arkwright Site

Solicitors pursuing land owner. Should be dedicated bridleway but a lot sold off already. 80% complete – moving on.

Anna Chapman announced that as Wayne has moved she is now job sharing his role with Jenny Southwell. She will be covering the North East, Chesterfield, National Park and North Derbyshire Dales. Jenny will be covering Amber Valley, South Derbyshire Dales, South Derbyshire and Erewash.

Tour de France – Summer of Cycling

RL said there are meetings and discussions being held twice a month about making Stage 2 a success. The route will cover 9 or 10km. Governance is in place. 60,000 plus spectators are anticipated at Woodhead Pass and one million overall. Event Traffic Management is being planned.

The Legacy is to be captured via a cycle festival. Launch to be in March -‘100 days to go’. Tour to umbrella smaller 3 or 4 key events which will promote; cycling, cycle maintenance, and family rides, Men’s, women’s, and disabled events. It is expected Glossop will be the Hub and it is hoped to attract funding. Input is required from organisations and Derby City would like to be involved. It is expected there will be Public Liability Insurance to cover events in Derbyshire.

A Tour education pack was launched yesterday for schools. This is downloadable from the Welcome to Yorkshire website.

http://www.york.gov.uk/info/200652/cycling/1192/tour_de_france_education_pack

Round Table

Alastair Meikle

Cycle access to the proposed Ilkeston Railway station were discussed. Discussions included shared use on the bridge which is 3 metres wide, however, the height of railing below guide height. This will be monitored for future possibilities.

Jim Hudson

Asked about the Local Transport D2N2 £67 Million bid. Assessed by Minister for Transport. Six projects, 5 for roads, 1 for buses.

Jim Seymour

Single Growth Fund and Strategic Economic Plan (SEP). Discussion about substantial provision by Government to LEP’s outcome will be known on LEP bids in July 2014.

Carol Parons

Cycling Strategy – Peak District area out for consultation in January 2014. Consultation period three weeks. Group invited to comment. Details will be sent round in the New Year.

Thornbridge Bikefest; next year’s date: 25 – 27th September 2014

Phil Smith

Tibshelf Community School. New walk and cycle access, link to Five Peak Trail. Cycle storage facility for 50 bikes.

Richard Lovell

Sustrans’ Greg Thomas is working on secondment with DCC as Active Families Officer. Encouraging families in the PD and urban areas to become more active. He is also working with schools. He will be invited to attend the next meeting to give his input.

Nestle Construction Site at Hatton. Bridleway okay, Marston Lane a rat-run. Discussion about entrance to construction site. Look to see if planning issues.

AOB

Chris Allen- Avenue Site

Discussed Avenue site, making routes direct, linking communities. Planning application with North East Derbyshire DC.

Carol Parsons- Summer of cycling legacy- Tour de Peak District

Permanent signed route following the NP boundary – legacy of the Tour de France. Flag up for a future meeting to discuss seeking funding for this.

Dave Clasby

A new velodrome has been built in Pride Park, Derby. It is reported as being very good. A proposal has been put in for a 7 metre wide closed road circuit in the area. Everyone was asked to keep an eye out for the planning application. Written support is needed to boost the plan. Need as many voices as possible.

Changing Places. An event where cyclists can sit in the cab of large vehicles to see the visibility problems they face. If the event comes up again go and have a look.

Terry Williams

Whilst out riding near Ashbourne on Sunday Terry Williams encountered farming mud several inches thick on the road, making it impossible to cycle. Can DCC intervene? JS said to report such incidents through Call Derbyshire. Action will be taken where proof is available.

Claire O'Reilly

Greenways – problems with the Strava website. People are adding wrong designations to sections. Lobby cyclists to stop posting incorrect information. Report to Strava so that such posts can be blocked. Be aware there is an issue.

-Green Lanes could not be discussed as David Waldram did not attend.

Date of next meeting.

February 2014. Date to be circulated.