

Present:

Chris Allen, Joe Clark, Alastair Meikle, Megan Cook, Andrew Berry, Ann Youle, Paul Gregory.

Apologies:

Pam Kay, Barry Kay, Paul Balderson, Tracey Conroy, Lisa Hopkinson, Nigel Vernon.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Yes.

Matters arising:

None.

Membership report: 269.

Treasurer's report: £3028.56. We have been invoiced for the meeting room up to March and Cyclenation.

Secretary's report:

AM went to a meeting at the visitor information centre to discuss the leaflet for "summer of cycling". They only want events in July and we have not planned any yet. We may have a pea and pie supper in bike week. We may launch ride leaflet 4 in bike week.

AM was contacted about how bad it is to get across the Tapton Lock golf course as the track is really hard to ride. We have not heard anything about it for a while.

School sport partnership in Chesterfield want to get involved in active travel in combination with schools, they have arranged a meeting with Phil Smith, DCC, Peter Caulk, CBC, Lisa Hopkinson, Transition Chesterfield and Sustrans, AM and Greg Thomas, Peak District Sustrans officer.

They also want to start a new cycle club in the town, the Brampton Bicycle Club, AM and Paul Chapman from S40 magazine are working to start that, hopefully starting in June to July and based in Holmebrook Valley Park. Will cover a large range of disciplines. Money will be going into the mountain bike trail. It may run on Thursday evenings. Aimed at people aged 5 to 25. British Cycling will come to coach for the first 6 weeks.

£750,000 for improving cycling in Chesterfield Friday 20th March, CA and AM and Lisa Hopkinson will attend.

Matt Connery work is for Bolsover council and is dealing with cycle access on the avenue site, he has told AM that he has negotiated a route alongside the railway line.

Planning application:

Woodthorpe development-Norbriggs.

2 planning applications

There is a planning application to put some houses in a field but only has one access point. AM has replied.

Woodthorpe-Martin Moor development.

500 houses on a hillside, currently owned by Chatsworth Estate, it is currently green fields, asking borough council what their views are. We will ask for the Netherthorpe bridleway to be upgraded, some of it is cobbled.

Waterside/Arnold Lavers bridge

The bridge into Lavers wood yard, off Brimington road. The developers want to demolish bridge and put a new one in. The plans have a footpath on one side only. We think it should be better with pavements on either side and cycle infrastructure, it may be limited in size by the current infrastructure. AM will try to get more detail.

New hotel and flats on Basil close.

New plans have been put in. Half hotel and half flats with a café. We will reply that they need secure cycle parking for each flat and the hotel and café.

Walton hospital, planning to knock down park of the hospital and build 83 houses on it. No details as yet. Owned by DCHS, they have asked Sustrans to do a sustainability study on the site.

Items:

Dronfield open meeting, 14 people attended. AM attended and spoke about how we work. It meeting was keen to form a group and have called another meeting on 22nd April and hopefully more people will attend. Routes away from traffic so they can cycle with children for leisure was the main theme.

Meeting room cost:

AM went to the community centre on Tontine road and asked if we can have a room for hire. It depends on the committees decision.

Nigel Vernon thinks we should have 2 cycle in style rides, one will be on Saturday 9th May from visitor centre to Riverside garden centre in the Brushes.

Sunday 31st May, Archaeological way festival.

19-20 September, Tapton lock festival.

A.O.B.

Member survey

AB has been talking to Nicola Peck to discuss the areas to be covered. Number of people who use their bikes as a transport option, can we gather data that is available and compare with our members. We discussed 4 broad areas, How do member use a bike; what do you think of cycling in Chesterfield?; How is the cycle campaign doing?; how can you help/volunteering.

As 4 broad areas this sounds ok. It might help us with funding and ideas for where infrastructure is needed. We will discuss further at another meeting. We may do a paper and online version.

Next meeting: 14th April, venue T.B.C.