

Derbyshire County Council - Cycle Liaison Group Meeting

Thursday 1st August 2013 – 2.30pm to 4pm

Committee room 3, County Hall, Matlock

Notes

Attendees:-

Richard Lovell (RL) -DCC Sustainable Travel	Carol Parsons (CP) Peak District NP
Dave Waldram (DW) - Derby Cycling Group	John White (JW) – Alfreton CTC
Chris Allen (CA) -Chesterfield Cycle Campaign	Anna Chapman (AC) -DCC Greenways
Paul Balderson (PB) - Chesterfield Cycle Campaign	Philip J Smith (PJS) -DCC Sustainable Travel
Isobel Mulligan (IM) –DCC Traffic and Safety	John Owen (JO) - Sustrans
Mark Shewring (MS) -Chesterfield Borough Council	Andrew Johnson (AJ) - Erewash Borough Council
Richard Flint (RF) -DCC Sustainable Travel	

1. Introductions & Apologies

JO introduced himself to the group confirming his attendance as a member of Sustrans but also informing those present he is also an elected member for DCC. He commented on cycling in the current administrations manifesto, please see the link below

<http://derbyshirelabour.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/A-Fair-Deal-for-Derbyshire-2013-Manifesto-1.pdf>

2. Actions/updates from previous meeting (18th March 2013)

MS informed the group that Chesterfield Borough Council have now a Cycle to Work scheme available to employees.

3. Cycle Projects/Bids Update

RL gave an update on 3 key projects currently undertaken by DCC.

Pedal Peak District Phase II- DCC working with the PDNPA have submitted to DFT for funding to complete the High Peak Loop.

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/transport_plans/transport_funding_bids/pedal_peaks_phase_2/default.asp

There has been a delay from DFT in informing applicants to whether they have been successful.

Access to stations- An LSTF bid to connect the Chesterfield cycle network to the station. Design work is underway.

The Green LEG- The bid was successful, awaiting design and next stage developments.

AC gave an update on some of the bids submitted.

Linking Communities Bid- Derby -Ilkeston-Great Northern Greenway, grant accepted through cabinet. Constructions to start in September, subject to planning decision.

The Archaeological Way

Outstanding grant bid to ERDF for the archaeological way in Bolsover, application progression dependent on planning permission.

4. Greenways Project Update (Anna Chapman)

Castle fields Greenway, Bolsover

- The 7 week program is on the ground.

Hipper Valley Phase 3(Somersall Lane to Holymoorside)

- Currently at planning

Great Northern Greenway

- Starting this year, planning decision due shortly

Batley Lane Bridge (Teversal Trail)

- The old Bridge has been closed for a long time, unsuitable for horse riders
- Planning, design and funding in place, construction due for spring.

Archaeological Way - Langwith Branch Line

- Awaiting final planning

Paths for Communities

- Extension from Conkers on the NCN 63 through Tunnel Woods to the A444 underpass at Mount Pleasant in Southern Swadlincote.

Network Rail Purchasing

Two rail lines currently being purchased from Network Rail,

- Clowne Branch line to develop route from Cresswell to MEGZ and TPT.
- Little Eaton Branch line extend out of Derby; Little Eaton to Rawson Green.

Other Greenway discussions

- PB asked about the line from Arkwright to Sutton Springs, around the composting site.

- DW raised issues with Route 54 being blocked at Scropton due to road closures, and the diversion via the A50 not being suitable for cyclists. He raised the question whether local cycle groups could be notified of closures so they can inform their riders of alternative safe routes.

IM to Liaise with RL regarding this.

- DW also discussed connectivity of footpaths and cycle routes in the south of the County and neighbouring Counties.
- JO asked about the progress of the Multi use trail at the Nestle site in Ashbourne. It has been submitted as part of the Section 106. Graham Hill has been working on.
- PB enquired about the Wingerworth Coalite route and a big dog leg in the plans. AC reported that comments had been sent to NEDDC that the route should be more direct.

5. Tour de France

The Grand Depart of the 2014 Tour de France will take place in Yorkshire with stage 2 York to Sheffield entering Derbyshire. (<http://letour.yorkshire.com/the-route>)

The group discussed how we could capture the legacy of the Tour de France. RL and JO to liaise with a view to progressing.

Could the group filter any thoughts/ideas regard this legacy to Richard Lovell.

6/7. Round Table/A.O.B

Carol Parsons

Discussed and distributed Peak District Cycling Festival leaflets to the group.

The festival will run between 7th-15th September with many events; confidence building/ rides/maintenance. The Thornbridge Bike Fest takes place on the 14th and 15th September and will have a range of stalls, food, rides and camping.

Paul Balderson

Discussed aspects of the proposals of Holymoorside Hipper Valley phase 3.

Philip J Smith

Discussed the success of the DCC internal Bikeweek.

Anna Chapman

Explained there was a delay in the production of the Derbyshire Cycle Map.

If group members have any thoughts on the map or photos that can be used in the leaflet please contact her.

Andrew Johnson

Discussed Cromford Canal and its potential as a cycling hot spot; which could be enhanced and promoted. AC said this area is a biodiversity site which is in the World Heritage Site and DCC do not advertise cycling here.

Richard Lovell

Reported that the Sustrans funded post Active Travel Families Officer will be in post from the 8th August.

Spoke of DCC's Wheels to Work scheme; DCC are working with new apprentices to ensure they have access to sustainable travel to commute to work.

8. Date of the next meeting

- October 2013 – date to be circulated.