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CAMPAIGN CHAT

Welcome to new members

Paul Balderson & Pip Riley
RD & K Auton Daniel Goodare
Diana & David Wilmot
Chris Sharatt Graham Turner
Bill Leverett & Lisa Hopkinson
& Lydia

Hopefully the worst of the winter weather is now behind us and we can look forward to a glorious summer of cycling!

Elsewhere in the newsletter we detail the events we will be attending during this year. It really is important that we have your support in whatever way you can for these events. If we can show that cycling is a good way to provide a local transport solution then more will start to use their bikes and hopefully join the Campaign. The more members we have the more we will be listened to by local government.

The Committee would like to thank Barbara Sansome for her work as Membership Secretary for the last two years. At the January monthly meeting Barbara decided to step down and her place was taken by Pam Kay. Please note the new address for the Membership Secretary (on back cover).

In the last newsletter we asked for 207 members in 2007, well we are getting there, at the end of

February we had 186 members.

Two of our new members are Paul Balderson and Pip Riley. They are Trans Pennine Trail Rangers for this area.

There is little news to report this quarter. From DCC the only road schemes have been modifications of waiting limits - not much to affect cyclists.

Members of the Committee attended the DCC Cycle Liaison meeting in Matlock in January. This was a 'Strategic' meeting so concentrating on all Derbyshire. Some positive news was that because of their 'excellent' status DCC will receive about £25m in reward money from Central Government. The vast majority of that money will go on road schemes and maintenance but some will be left over for cycling. This is an improvement on last year when cycling's budget was severely restrained.

We learnt that there may be a chink of light with progress on Hipper Valley 3, the extension of the Hipper Valley Trail to Holymoorside.

There are some improvements to the Five Pits Trail and the initial work to link this with the Rother Washlands route.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Campaigns website:

www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk

Members will have noticed that work has started on the Donkin site. This will see the Hipper Valley Trail extended to Hipper St South and cycle lanes and Toucan crossings linking to Hasland and Rother Washlands. This is a major opportunity to link together cycle routes. The next stage being the extension round to the railway station.

We badly need a link from the Riverside path (running through the estate on the East side of the railway station) through Spital to Hasland and also into town. There is a pedestrian only path running beside the tannery and over the high level bridge but little chance of getting this to be 'shared use'.

The Committee continue to liaise with CBC about the other major developments in the town: A61 Corridor, the extension of the canal to a new basin is planned to have a cycle route alongside, we have suggested cycle access to the proposed new football stadium from the canal and from Sheffield Road.

We still await detailed plans of the Walton Works development but hope that all our cycling proposals will be included.

After suggestions from members the Committee has been looking at a proposal for a route from the canal (TPT) to New Whittington. The details have been passed to DCC Greenways so we await their input.

By the time you read this you may have noticed a list of our meeting dates for this year on your local Community Forum notice board. We can display material in these notice boards by handing them in at the Town Hall to the Forums secretaries.

On the subject of noticeboards we have been given the go ahead by Midland Mainline to erect a Campaign noticeboard at the station (by the bike rack).

Sadly there is little progress on the project to sign cycle routes in the town with consistent signing. Sustrans produce a sign that we could use but officialdom cannot agree to its use as yet. Perhaps a bit of 'direct action'?

As yet we have not heard from CBC when the locker scheme will be up and running. It was promised in January!

For several years there has been a call for a 'Transport Users Group' to be set up by CBC. This finally came to fruition with the first meeting being held on Feb 20th. members of the Committee attended:

The initial meeting was to discuss how the group will work, terms of reference, dates of meetings etc. There were three representatives of the Campaign, a representative from Living Streets and a representative from the bus users group. Hopefully a more diverse membership will emerge.

Events 2007

The Campaign has planned to participate in various events during 2007. Here is a list of our activities, as always volunteers are needed. If you would like to help in any capacity contact the secretary.

May Day (May 8th)

The Campaign will be running its information stand again at this popular event. We recruited several new members at last years event and had much interest in the Campaign. We need members on the stand from 10.00am to about 4.00pm. If there is enough interest some members could join in the parade from the Town Hall.

Sunday June 3rd

St Helens Watchgroup of the Wildlife Trust are running a cycle trip along the canal from Tapton Lock for their members. The Campaign has offered to have a presence at Tapton Lock.

Bike Week 2007

Saturday June 16th

Display stall booked outside the Portland Hotel to mark the start of Bike Week. If we can get enough members to volunteer we can man the stall all day. We also urge as many members as possible to

come into town that day and park their bikes at the adjacent racks. We want as many bikes as possible in town that day! Look out for our posters advertising Bike Week.

Mid Week

The Queens Park will be holding a "Bike Day" as part of "Love Parks" week. We have been asked to have Dr Bike near the cafe. We hope to launch the new map and trails leaflet for Bike Week (see elsewhere in the newsletter) and would like to lead a ride around the Holmebrook Valley and Hipper valley trails. Which day of the week will be finalised nearer the date.

Saturday 23rd June

As part of "Love Parks" week there will be a "Fun Day" in the Queens Park. As last year we will have our information stall and Dr Bike.

Saturday 22nd September

European Car Free Day or "In Town Without My Car". We Will have our stall by the Portland Hotel but also hope to organise a mass ride into the town finishing at our stall. More details will follow in the next newsletter but please mark this date in your diary - we need a good turnout!

Saturday 13th October

The autumn meeting of the East Midlands Cyding Forum will be

hosted by ourselves. For those unaware of the Forum it is a group made up of the various cycle campaigns in the East Midlands. There are delegates from Derby, Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester and Sheffield. Meetings are held twice yearly and the autumn 2007 meeting will be the fourth. The meetings to date have followed the same pattern of meeting delegates at the railway station, various talks, lunch and a cycle tour of the towns facilities.

We have not finalised any details yet but will probably follow this pattern. It has been suggested that we use the Winding Wheel as the venue and cycle out through town along the Holmebrook Valley Trail and back into town along the Hipper Valley.

As always we will need volunteers to help with the day. It is an excellent day to get to know how other cycle campaigns work and exchange ideas.



**Other
Campaigning
news**

IKEA, gave all its 9,000 staff a free folding bike for Christmas.

Prince Charles has told some of his employees to use bikes more. He plans to alter his own travel by using trains more rather than air and finding an environmentally friendly fuel for his cars.

A bike pump - Cydaire - won the £100,000 prize in Sky TV's The Big Idea competition. The company hope to use the money to develop a smaller, lighter pump at lower cost.

www.cydaire.com

Sheffield Cyde Campaign (Pedal Pushers) have produced a proposed route of a mainly on - road cyde route linking Chesterfield to Sheffield via Dronfield. We have passed this on to CBC. The most difficult part of the route is at the Chesterfield end finding a way from the J E James roundabout to the canal.

**Welcome back to
the Campaign**

Diana & David Wilmot

Robert Brill

**A message from the
Membership Secretary**

Thank you for all your renewals, especially the prompt ones! We try to make it easy for everyone by including an S.A.E. for your reply, and we now have a Standing order facility.

Our modest rates of membership fees have not changed since the Campaign was launched in 1995, and we hope to hold these rates as long as possible.

We do seek other sources of funding such as grants, awards and donations etc, indeed, where ever there are legitimate funds available we are prepared to go for them.

Our most valuable asset, however is you. The number of members we have, whether active or not, is directly proportional to the authority we are able to command on behalf of cydists in this region. So remember, please try to renew promptly, and not only will we love you for it, but it will help us to maintain our existing very modest membership fees!

Pam Kay

Last word.....

The Campaign stands for all who cyde, or sympathise with our aims to establish a cyde friendly environment and infrastructure; please encourage family, friends and those whom you meet to join and/or support us.

STOP PRESS

Just as this newsletter was about to go to press the Campaign received plans for three new or revised developments in the town.

The first is a new health centre replacing Ash Lodge and Tennyson Avenue surgeries. It is proposed to build the new centre off Wheatbridge Road on the vacant land west of Dunelm Mill. Road access will be from Dock Walk as well as Wheatbridge Road.

The Campaign has replied that any increased traffic on Dock Walk will have an impact on the Hipper Valley Trail. We have asked for pedestrian and cycle access only from there.

Cycle racks have been moved from adjacent to the main entrance to the other side of the car park, we have asked for them to be reinstated near the entrance.

We have asked for cycle access from the Dunelm Mill car park. Lastly we pointed out that bus links from the old surgeries are not good especially from Tennyson Avenue which could result in increased car trips.

Next we have the revised plans for the old petrol station next to the old Bradbury Hall.

Originally it was proposed to put a huge four storey building on this site. There appeared to be no cycle provision.

The revised plans show that it is

now only two storeys (much more to the scale of the surrounding buildings) and cycle parking is mentioned but not shown on the plan!

We have asked for racks at both ends of the development.

The last revised plan is for a new BMW (and other dealers) showrooms off Pottery Lane East. This proposal mentions cycle provision but has no racks and proposes a cycle path leading from the River Rother to the roundabout in the middle of the development, but no connections at either end!

We have asked for a bridge over the Rother to connect with the Trans Pennine Trail and a segregated path all the way through the development.

This is part of the A61 Corridor redevelopment and cycle links need to be established at planning stage and paid for by the developers.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Due to one of our distributors being no longer able to help in the Walton area we need someone (or two) to help distribute the newsletter in that area. That means once a quarter the newsletters for that area are delivered to your house with a list of addresses. We ask that you try to deliver within the next week. The Walton round takes about an hour by bike.

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Membership Type (please circle)

Adult £5 Family £10* Unwaged £2.50 Under 18 £1

*Family membership includes 2 adults and all children under 18 living at the same address, please give names and ages of all children below:

Please send this form together with a cheque or P.O payable to "Chesterfield Cycle Campaign" to the CCC Membership Secretary: 9 Ashgate Avenue, Chesterfield, S40 1JB

NB these details will be stored on computer

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Urban Studies Room at the Market Hall, Chesterfield

Future meeting dates;

13th March, 10th April, 8th May, 12th June

