

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign



This Newsletter

Our usual printers are not back to normal and it seems inappropriate to expect our members who deliver newsletter to do so. This edition will be emailed to members who we have email contact details for and home printed and posted to those we don't.

Events

Unfortunately the very popular 'Beat the Street' initiative had to be stopped half way through. Our Friday Night Rides and meetings are suspended until further notice.

The Dr Bike workshop returns on 6th June with a booking system to aid social distancing - all 20 slots booked within 48 hours! Cycle in Style on June 7th is cancelled but maybe we will be able to run the one planned for September.

Go Electric virtual event Transition Chesterfield were planning an electric bike and car demonstration day in New Square on Saturday 13th June with local owners bringing their vehicles and able to answer questions. This will now be a virtual event

Quiet Roads

The beginning of 'lockdown' saw a dramatic reduction in vehicles on the road. During the 1st week I cycled a regular 8 mile circuit, on several occasions crossing West Bars roundabout without a car in sight!



Emergency Active Travel Fund

The government announced this fund a couple of weeks ago, part of £6Bn for active travel. The initial allocation is £250M and Derbyshire can receive up to £2.2M. The first tranche of £450,000 has been received and councils have to apply for the balance by Friday 5th June, within 8 weeks they have to take some action to be eligible.

Our Campaign submitted a long list of potential measures to the County Council and today we have seen the measures put in place. We suggested with the support of the Royal Hospital that Crow Lane (past the golf course) be closed to through traffic to enable a safe cycle route from the town centre to the rear of the hospital.

Less successful is the closure of Corporation St (past the theatre) completely blocked off to bikes and simply created a car park for taxis! We have suggested an alternative arrangement!

hosted on Zoom, to join in go to the 'event' on the Transition website; www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk

'Streets Ahead' Podcast

A new, and interesting podcast has started discussing many of the issues our Campaign is interested in hosted by Adam Tranter - Coventry's 'cycling mayor'. It can be found by searching for Streets Ahead Podcast.

Campaigning

Some of you may be aware of the new campaigning group in the Hope Valley, Our secretary recently attended a meeting of the Buxton Town Team who are starting the journey of creating cycle infrastructure in the town.

There is also a new group 'Ashfield & Mansfield Cycling' (find them on Facebook) started by the founder putting a notice up in his garden!

They join other local groups like Cycling4Everyone in Dronfield and Ride Bolsover and further afield the Derwent Valley Cycle Group. Hopefully these new groups will become regular attendees of the DCC cycle liaison meetings held at County Hall.



Crow Lane closure

Virtual Meetings

Our Campaign has taken part in various virtual meetings on Zoom including Sheffield City Region discussing cycling and a follow up meeting specifically looking at cycle links from Derbyshire to Sheffield.

There have been other meetings involving an electric bike proposal for the Peak Park and surrounding areas and myself and Lisa Hopkinson from Transition Chesterfield have been involved in discussions about the railway station masterplan. We are being included in discussions about a revised master plan and we have a meeting with a highways engineer from AECOM next week.

Evidence of Cycle Use

Station link last 8 weeks, orange line 2019, blue line 2020!

