

CYCLE USER GROUP  
THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010  
MINUTES

Attendees: Don Naylor, Cycling Officer SMBC (Chair)  
Nik Matuszczak, Stockport MBC  
Ernest Nama, Senior Rights of Way Officer  
Cllr. Stuart Bodsworth, Stockport Council  
Merlin Evans, Cycle Stockport  
Janet Bellingall, Cyclist  
Kathy England, Cyclist  
Norman Lowndes, Cyclist  
Nathan Messer, Cyclist  
Roy Bradshaw, CTC  
Joanna Hulme, Cyclist  
Charlie Hulme, Cyclist  
Peter Hartt, Stockport Community Cycle Club

Apologies: Richard Clark, Road Safety Manager SMBC  
Dave Swindells, Cycle Stockport  
Rob Sawyer, Cyclist

Item	Issue	Action
1.0	<b>Apologies, minutes of previous meeting, matters arising</b>	
1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5	<p>Apologies were announced to the group.</p> <p>Re 1.3 - Covered in Capital Updates.</p> <p>Re 1.5 - Cllr Stuart Bodsworth reported that he had attended a meeting with Janine Watson from ACE Communications and Alby Atkinson, Stockport Council's Online Communications Manager. The current RSS feeds for all the traffic consultation was explained to Cllr Bodsworth and it was agreed that all parties were satisfied with the current service, this issue has now been brought to a close.</p> <p>Re 3.2 – making a comparison with the Stockport Road Junction at the Farmers Arms in Cheadle Heath, it was noted that the positioning of cycle stands at Bridge St in the Town Centre was much less favourable.</p> <p>Re 8.3 – It was reported that vegetation had been cut back at Gorsey Bank Bridge as this was impeding access for cyclists.</p>	D.Naylor
2.0	<b>Rights of Way Issues</b>	
2.1	Ernest Nama reported back on the bridleway claims made for the path between Lambeth Grove and Turner Lane in Woodley, the footpath off Healdwood Rd in Romiley and Nab Lane off Dale Rd in Marple.	

3.0	<b>Capital Programme updates</b>	
3.1	<p>Ernest Nama updated members on discussions with British Waterways who have been made aware of their maintenance responsibilities particularly in relation to Hyde Bank Tunnel which requires surface improvements and the replacement of a collapsing stone wall. Surfacing improvements are also required at Brabyns Brow and sections within Woodley.</p>	
3.2	<p>Don Naylor updated the group on a number of schemes relating to cyclists in Stockport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·£50,000 has been assigned to invest for sites on the Heaton Cycle Link.</li> <li>·Engineers are to investigate ‘snagging’ at sites on the Airport Cycle Link.</li> <li>·A congestion performance grant has been awarded by the DfT to address congestion on the A6 by developing cycle routes parallel to it in Hazel Grove.</li> <li>·Traffic engineers expect to receive a response from the DfT next month in relation to the proposed contra-flow system at St Petersgate in Stockport Town Centre.</li> <li>·St Thomas’ Recreation Ground had been fully resurfaced and the ‘Friends of St Thomas’ group are currently being consulted regarding which of the paths are to be lit.</li> <li>·Consultation is currently being carried out regarding a scheme to introduce a 20mph zone on Turncroft Lane.</li> </ul> <p>A traffic scheme is being developed in relation to Dialstone Lane with a report pending to be taken to Stepping Hill Area Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·A request was submitted to Traffic Services Engineers to install Toucan crossings at some sites where pedestrian crossings are being updated in Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme. This request has been denied due to funding restrictions; however the request to build wider [in terms of the number of dropped kerbs] ‘futureproof’ crossings has been accepted.</li> <li>·Pedestrian and Toucan crossings have been installed as part of improvements to the Greek Street/A6 Junction although the project is still under construction.</li> <li>·A safety audit has been conducted on the Didsbury Road ‘Integrated Route Treatment’ scheme to address possible omissions from original proposals which have resulted in snagging.</li> <li>·Stabilisation work on Dan Bank was completed on September 6<sup>th</sup> and members were invited to register on the Dan Bank website for further details.</li> </ul>	
4.0	<b>Highways on-line consultations and website issues</b>	
4.1	<p>Nik Matuszczak introduced a scheme that is being investigated within Traffic Services to devolve responsibilities for department web pages to the individual teams within the</p>	

	department. Once there has been further progression on the issue the group will be updated.	
5.0	<b>Connect2, Routes to Schools and Trans Pennine Trail</b>	
5.1	In the context of Metrolink expansion proposals, Members discussed the topic of the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) just over the border in Manchester - it appears that all modes cannot be accommodated within the available space along the current alignment . Alternatives continue to be investigated.	Traffic Services rep
5.2	Ernest Nama reported that he is to conduct an annual condition survey for the TPT in November investigating areas that may need the attention of TPT headquarters in Barnsley. TPT volunteers within the Cycle User Group offered their services for investigative work.	
5.3	Ernest Nama informed the group that the Connect2 Bridge had received planning consent and that the period of judicial review had passed on September 10 <sup>th</sup> . Sustrans have requested for a bound surface along the bridge and Stockport Council's Equestrian User Group is currently being consulted on preferred surfacing. An update on the scheme was requested for the next meeting.	
6.0	<b>Bike It in Stockport Schools 2010 - 11</b>	
6.1	Don Naylor informed the group that Lucy Sutcliffe has taken over from Nes Brierley as 'Bike It Officer' for Stockport and Rochdale. Lucy Sutcliffe has been invited to attend the Cycle User Group in November to give a presentation on forthcoming 'Bike It' events which will involve at least six schools across Stockport.	
7.0	<b>Sub - Group mapping exercises</b>	
7.1	Lists of aspirations for the updated Cycle GM map for the Stockport district have been compiled and will be discussed with the Rights of Way department before being forwarded to GMTU.	
8.0	<b>Cycling Strategies: Greater Manchester and Stockport</b>	
8.1	Stockport Cycle Strategy has been re-drafted with consultation comments incorporated, and is currently being viewed by senior management before sign off for submission to Executive.	All
8.2	Don Naylor informed the group that GMLTP3 consultation documents are expected to be available on-line between October and December. Cycling will be included under 'active travel' and 'smarter choices' with all stakeholders invited to comment.	
8.3	Don Naylor informed the group that all Local Authorities	

	across Manchester were invited to attend an event hosted by British Cycling. The event was held at the Velodrome and the potential for joint approaches to transport, sport and health were discussed with further work planned for the near future.	
	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
9.1	A request was made to identify ownership of the land on the North Bank of the Mersey and the possibility of investigating a concessionary route with them. Don Naylor will investigate further.	D.Naylor
9.2	The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November between 18:00 and 19:45 at Stockport Town Hall.	