## CYCLE USER GROUP WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011 MINUTES

## Attendees:

Councillor Iain Roberts, Executive Member [Transport], SMBC IR

Don Naylor, Cycling Officer, SMBC [Chair] DN

Kathy England, Cyclist [Sustrans Ranger and minute - taker] KE

Janet Bellingall, Cyclist **JB** Roy Bradshaw, CTC **RB** 

Tim Carlisle, Cycle Stockport TC Norman Lowndes, Cyclist NL

Janet Cuff, Cyclist JC

Merlin Evans, Cycle Stockport ME

Nathan Messer, Cyclist **NM** Keith Rogers, Cyclist **KR** 

Apologies: Richard Clark, Road Safety Manager, SMBC RC

Ernest Nama, Senior Rights of Way Officer, SMBC EN

Joanna Hulme, Cyclist Charlie Hulme, Cyclist

Jim Court, Stockport Community Cycling Club

Andy Shaw

Edgar Ernstbrunner

Item	Issue	Action
1.0	Apologies, minutes of previous meeting, matters arising	
1.1	Previous minutes agreed as accurate.	
1.2	<ul> <li>Matters arising:</li> <li>[2.1] Those present agreed that the sofa had been removed</li> <li>[2.3] following some discussion around this issue at the June sub-group, it was recognised that this process is not as straightforward as originally thought. The group require guidance from EN which, hopefully, will be possible at the next full meeting. RB suggested signs are put on the prospective cycle route, encouraging other</li> </ul>	EN / DN
	<ul> <li>cyclists to get in touch to provide evidence of use.</li> <li>[2.4] the main path across Mirlees Open Space is a definitive footpath; further discussion regarding this will deferred until EN is able to attend</li> </ul>	EN
	<ul> <li>[5.3] three car parking spaces were converted to cycle shelter space; also 'wheel benders' at PC World [Portwood end]. DN will liaise with landowners via SMBC Planning Team to see if options for further upgrades to cycle parking are possible</li> </ul>	DN
2.0	Rights of Way Issues and Connect2	
2.1	Trans Pennine Trail At a meeting of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee [TfGMC] on June 24th, a resolution to approve the	

	lengthening of the Sandhurst Road Bridge in East Didsbury was approved	
2.2	The sign at Travis Brow remains a problem. Stickers help, but are not a substitute for proper signs. NM suggested that some clarification would be gained through distinguishing between 'East' and 'West' for general direction of travel along the TPT. There was general agreement that even though it is not currently an official cycle link, ensuring that clear pedestrian signing exists along the Mersey between The Pyramid and the Gorsey Bank Bridge, would help.	EN
2.3	The future of the <u>Woodford Aerodrome</u> site. It was noted that public consultations are at a preliminary stage, but it has already been highlighted that public access to and through the site should be a consideration. A link to the relevant page on the Council website is given in the Post Meeting note, below	
3.0	Future options: [a] proposed cycle compound at Stockport bus station; [b] adult cycle training	
3.1	Proposed Cycle Compound at Stockport bus station Recent TfGM press releases have publicised the success of Local Sustainable Transport Fund [LSTF] bids for cycle centres and cycle compounds across Greater Manchester: these will form part of an almost £5m package to encourage cycling to work within the region.	
3.2	TfGM has selected the bus station as the site for Stockport's proposed cycle compound, which will provide enclosed secure cycle parking, and lockers for storing helmets etc. Whilst a connection between bus and bike travel may not be an obvious one, IR reflected on the possibility of future integrated transport facilities in central Stockport that would evolve with any further extension of Metrolink to Stockport	
3.3	Disappointment was expressed that previous local recommendations to TfGM for cycle centres to be sited at local rail stations [specifically Stockport, Hazel Grove and Rose Hill] were not taken forwards. Would people working in Stockport want to park their bike at the bus station and then walk to where they work?	
3.4	IR proposed further dialogue with TfGM: is there still flexibility around how Stockport's cycle compound is progressed, whilst meeting the criteria of the bid?	IR/RC/DN
3.5	Adult cycle training It was discussed whether there were advantages in using locally delivered or 'bought in' training, and whether there could be tie-in with employers, Cycle Schemes [to purchase bikes], and bike shops. How would the training be promoted?	

3.6	The advantage of having some input of local expertise was recognised, although this was not felt to be an over-riding factor.	
4.0	Manchester's Countryside / Halls Route map	
4.1	Fiona Bullock [FB] from the Marketing Team had just learnt that the project manager for the Manchester's Countryside cycle maps, has proposed an alternative to the Halls Route to form Stockport's component of the publication.	
4.2	CUG members were concerned to learn of this development, and urged a return to the original proposal. FB and DN will seek to achieve this	FB/DN
5.0	Capital Programme updates, including Connect2	
5.1	Connect2 A public update on scheme progress will be available at the Chadkirk Festival over the weekend of July 30 <sup>th</sup> / 31 <sup>st</sup> . Matters arising from negotiations with landowners [for the route to the rear of Marple Hall School], and related to the discovery of Great Crested Newts are moving towards successful resolutions.	
5.2	Construction of the path to the rear of the school is anticipated to commence in September; work on the bridge is anticipated to start around March 2012	
5.3	Sustrans are known to be happy with all recently identified ways forward	
5.4	Didsbury Road As long as funding is still available, the crossings at the junctions with Mauldeth Rd and Station Rd will be upgraded to toucans as originally proposed	
5.5	Dooley Lane / Dan Bank Dropped kerbs still need to be added to enable cyclists exiting Dooley Lane and turning up Dan Bank to avoid the lights. DN will further liaise with highway engineers to progress this.	DN
6.0	Olympic Open Weekend [July 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> ]	
6.1	Olympic Open Weekend – Bramhall Park – 'Stockport Loves Bikes' Although not a 'formal' cycling event, members of the Road Safety team, and Stockport's Bike It officer [Lucy Sutcliffe] anticipate that pupils from two schools in Adswood / Cale Green will take part in a led ride to the park	
6.2	Once at the park, a number of bike-themed fun activities will be available. It is also possible to vote on cycle jerseys designed	

	by local pupils.	
6.3	It is hoped that a successful bike event in the park will help gain a wider acceptance of cycling there. Already the 'no cycling' sign that was in place at the Bramhall Lane entrance, has been removed.	
7.0	Any other business	
7.1	Various links to pages within the Council website are currently not available [eg highways consultations and CUG]. Major reconstruction of the website is being undertaken – CUG members will be advised of new links as they become available	DN
7.2	The next CUG sub-group meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2011; the date for the next CUG meeting is to be confirmed.	DN

## Post -meeting note

Documents describing preliminary processes to date for the Woodford Aerodrome site may be found at:

 $http://www.stockport.gov.uk/services/business/regeneration/tcandmajordev/woodford\ baesite?view=Standard\\$ 

This link enables downloading of two presentations done by Cass Associates and Taylor Young (14/07/11), following the respective consultation exercises during May and June 2011.