

CYCLE USER GROUP
THURSDAY 18th JULY 2012
MINUTES [DRAFT]

Attendees:

Richard Clark, Road Safety Manager, SMBC [Chair] **RC**
 Charlie Hulme, cyclist **CH**
 Don Naylor, Cycling Officer, SMBC **DN**
 Joanna Hulme, cyclist **JH**
 Kathy England, TPT Sustrans Ranger **KE**
 Norman Lowndes, cyclist **NL**
 Neil Derbyshire **ND**
 Stuart Johnson, Cycle Stockport **SJ**
 Katka Bendikova, Stockport Friends of the Earth (FoE) / local cyclist **KB**
 Mary Brooks, Stockport PCT **MB**
 Tim Carlisle, Cycle Stockport **TC**
 Ian Tate, Manchester Cycle Forum **IT**
 Merlin Evans, Cycle Stockport **ME**
 Nathan Messer, TPT Sustrans Ranger **NM**

Apologies:

Iain Roberts, Executive Councillor (Economic Development and Regeneration) **IR**
 Ernest Nama, Senior Rights of Way officer, SMBC **EN**
 Roy Bradshaw **RB**
 Edgar Ernstbrunner **EE**
 Brian Pendlebury **BP**
 Keith Rogers **KR**
 Janet Bellingall **JB**
 Dave Swindells **DS**
 Janet Cuff **JaC**
 Jim Court, Stockport Community Cycling Club (SCCC) **JiC**
 Miranda Galloway **MG**

Item	Issue	Action
1.0	Apologies, minutes of previous meeting, matters arising	
1.1	Previous minutes agreed as accurate.	
1.2	Matters arising from May 2012 meeting: 2.1 / 2.3 carried forward. RC outlined the present PRow situation, and that the group might find this frustrating. CH felt it was important that Councillors are aware of this. The group has also again lost admin support for meetings 2.2 NM provided a supply of the equestrian stickers at the meeting – DN to pass them on to EN for installation	RC / EN DN / EN
2.0	Rights of Way issues, including Trans Pennine Trail (TPT)	
2.1	<u>Trans Pennine Trail</u> KE has been investigating TPT land ownership issues for the M60 to Brinksway section, and has received a positive response from Taylor Wimpey in support of cycling. CH asked who owned land in the vicinity of the M60, and offered to generally help further; SJ suggested contacting Peak and Northern for additional background; did earlier Metrolink feasibility work also determine some landowners?	KE / CH / All

2.2	KE is confident that volunteers are able to undertake such research, but need some guidance from the Council	
2.3	IT noted that work in the vicinity of the Green Pastures subway and East Didsbury tram stop is still in progress, and made particular reference to some high kerbing and the continuing unbonded and wet nature of the surface	
2.4	SJ suggested that there may be material left over from earlier work in the vicinity of Lancashire Hill flats that could be used for TPT surface improvements in Tiviot Dale. DN agreed to investigate (see post-meeting note 1)	DN
2.5	SMBC has a sample of material used on a section of the TPT in Barnsley which is thought to reduce the need for maintenance. DN to check EN's view on its effectiveness	EN / DN
2.6	KE has mapped sections of the TPT needing immediate vegetation clearance, and passed this information to EN. KE was concerned at the near obstruction caused on some stretches.	
2.7	<u>Cheadle to Handforth aspiration</u> SMBC has suggested a meeting with Sustrans to review the impact a possible future development in the Stanley Rd area may have on this potential link	
2.8	<u>Nelstrop Rd</u> Concern was expressed about the surface (see post-meeting note 2)	
2.9	<u>General</u> SJ asked if 2026 is still a cut-off 2026 point for claiming new PRoW - DN / RC to check. SJ also asked about a sculpture near Cow Lane – RC advised this had been subject to a Road Safety Audit	DN / RC
3.0	Connect2 opening and portrait bench	
3.1	Mill La (Otterspool) – it was noted that there are issues with vegetation along a stretch of Mill La (see post-meeting note 3)	
3.2	There had been some confusion over the Chadkirk Bridge lifting time on June 20th	
3.3	Work with automatic counters and signing is progressing ready for the official opening at the Chadkirk Festival, 11:30 July 29th	
3.4	MB wondered what further publicity has been undertaken. DN advised that schools, through the Bike It officer, are heavily involved in short-listing names for the portrait bench	
4.0	Future Woodford and Grand Central updates	
	<u>Woodford</u>	All
4.1	DN showed copies of display materials used at an earlier public exhibition, and encouraged everyone to become involved with the continuing consultation process	
4.2	KE and IT emphasised that through routes should be considered for upgrade, if necessary, so as to be used by bikes	
4.3	CH noted the particular value of a link to Adlington Hall	
4.4	DN to request someone involved with the proposals to attend the September CUG	DN

4.5	<u>Grand Central</u> The group was assured that SMBC planners have rejected an option to have cycle parking within the proposed multi-storey parking facility on any other than street level	
4.6	Currently, there are occasions when up to 20 bikes are parked at various points around Stockport station	
5.0	Other scheme updates	
5.1	RC mentioned that CUG members are able to get involved with developing Stockport's Portas Pilot project, working to regenerate the Town Centre (see post-meeting note 4). CH noted loose blocks on Great Underbank	
5.2	There will be a general SEMMMS road scheme consultation during the autumn	
5.3	The Lisburne La proposals brought to an earlier sub-group meeting require substantial further design work. Comments made by the sub-group will continue to be considered.	
5.4	Later this year, there will be consultation concerning general improvements to Cheadle centre	
5.5	The path between the Cross Lane residential development and the Middlewood Way is almost complete	
5.6	RC hopes for an increase in Primary School cycle training to a total of 1800 this year - an increase of 200 over last year.	
6.0	Stockport Council / TfGM cycling development	
6.1	Discussions continue to identify a location for the Town centre cycle compound, exploring vacant retail outlet options. The cycle centre planned for Manchester's Piccadilly Gardens scheme isn't a stand-alone structure.	
6.2	A preliminary LSTF major fund preliminary announcement has been made. Stockport submitted a number of cycling proposals via TfGM	
6.3	TfGM cycle pages on are accessed via a button on the homepage	
6.4	SMBC's Cycloan project is working with TfGM to establish an NVQ cycle maintenance course at Stockport College	
7.0	Big Stockport Cycle September 16th	
7.1	DN to send SJ a copy of the Big Stockport Cycle route. This has been developed from merging sections of other public rides used by SJ.	DN
7.2	Heaton Mersey Farmers' Market is being held on the same day – KE and DN expect to be helping with promoting cycling	
8.0	Any other business	
8.1	It was noted that Stockport Community Cycling Club had recently supported a Sustainable Living in The Heaton's event, and organised a ride with over 120 riders	
8.2	KB and IT made reference to the general pro-cycling work being undertaken by Stockport and Manchester FoE groups, noting a Spokes project using radial routes into Manchester, including the A6 from Mersey Square. The Spokes survey includes usage and quality of features along routes, which RC suggested would complement the Times Cycle campaign. Stockport doesn't have locations where large clusters of cycling accidents have occurred, but people are still identifying places where they feel there are	

8.3	<p>problems</p> <p>Stockport FoE have submitted a proposal to, and are awaiting a response from, their national organisation to work closely with Councils to develop cycling</p> <p>NL reported that the cycle shelter ay Aldi, Cheadle Heath has disappeared - NL and KE will double-check on site, so that DN can follow up.</p> <p>Future CUG dates: Sub group: October 17th CUG: November 14th Sub group: December 13th</p>	NL / KE / DN
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Post-meeting notes

- 1) It appears that the material has since been used to provide a track connecting with the riverside utilities chamber
- 2) Proposals for Nelstrop Rd improvements are contained in the LSTF major package
- 3) Mill La vegetation will be cleared in advance of the Sept 16th Big Bike Ride
- 4) An August progress report for the Portas Pilot is here:
www.stockport.gov.uk/2013/2978/8803/30378/cllrobertsblog