

Stockport Public Cycle User Group

Wednesday 16th July 2014, 6.00p.m.

Stockport Town Hall Room 6

Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Ian Barker, local cyclist **IB**

Janet Bellingall, local cyclist **JB**

Georgina Summers, Strategic Network Manager, SMBC (Minutes) **GS**

Don Naylor, Cycling Officer, SMBC (Chair) **DN**

Kathy England, TPT Sustrans Ranger **KE**

Merlin Evans, Cycle Stockport **ME**

Charlie Hulme, local cyclist **CH**

Joanna Hulme, local cyclist **JH**

Norman Lowndes, local cyclist **NL**

Keith Rogers, local cyclist **KR**

Ian Tate, Love Your Bike (Manchester Friends of the Earth) **IT**

Max Wild, TPT Volunteer **MW**

Councillor Geoff Abell, Elected Member Cycling Champion, **GA**

Simon Styche, Regeneration, SMBC **SS**

Guest Speakers:

Julieta Duran, Project Coordinator Pocket Places, Sustrans, **JD**

Andy Barton (Muse) – Stockport Exchange Phase 2 **AB**

Adam Greatrix (Gillespies) – Stockport Exchange Phase 2

Garry Eyres (Curtins) – Stockport Exchange Phase 2

Apologies:

Graham Hall, Andy Shaw, Ian Cook, Jim Court,

Item	Issue	Action
1.0	Apologies, previous minutes and matters arising.	
1.1	Apologies were received as above.	
1.2	The minutes from 7 th May 2014 have not been produced due to an office move.	
1.3	<u>Matters arising from the previous meeting</u> i) The Metrolink ramp at Burnage Lane near the junction with Didsbury Road is complete. A junction modification is required to improve intervisibility between cyclists/ pedestrians exiting the tram station and motorists turning left into Burnage Lane. A pedestrian count has been programmed by GS for 17 July 2014 to justify any improvements. It was stated that the pedestrian refuge island was not wide enough for the number of pedestrians. KE stated that TPT Parrs Wood tunnel will be lit through to Didsbury Village and surfaced at the tunnel to start early autumn. ii) DN reported that the cycle route signing in Reddish has been completed. iii) DN stated that the cycle store at Rose Hill Station was now complete and that Craig Wright, of Friends of Rose Hill station had arranged an opening ceremony at 10.30 Friday July 18th. DN and cycle representatives to attend.	GS

2.0	Stockport Exchange Phase 2 presentation	
2.1	Stockport Exchange Phase 2 The scheme layout has been refined since February 2014.	
2.2	Previous Comments Future office blocks will have cycle facilities for the use of people using those offices.	
2.3	The proposed hotel will have some cycle stands, although it was unclear how public these would be. In addition there will be public cycle stands at other locations.	
2.4	The new multi-storey car park (MSCP) has changing cubicles, lockers and lots of cycle stands. There is a cycle symbol on the inside wall however it is not clear from the outside of the building where the cycle facilities are located.	
2.5	Cycle parking is £1 a day and £15 a year. Cards are available from the office; however, the process time may take too long for anyone wishing to catch a train immediately.	
2.6	New Discussion The cycle parking at the Station must be increased. The scheme should provide as many cycle stands as possible next to the entrances / concourses, upper and lower.	
2.7	Sheffield stands at 1.3-1.4m spacings for double parking are required.	
2.8	Staff at hotels/ businesses require separate cycle parking/ facilities such as lockers.	
2.9	Smoother gradients are required in the locations where kerbs are dropped for cyclist access. The wide, open routes are designed as a shared surface.	
2.10	The temporary barrier preventing access outside the MSCP will be removed at a later date. It is in place to prevent cars gaining access to part of the site. DN and Louise Gresty (Media) have asked NCP to raise awareness about the cycle hub. It was queried why pedestrian routes are marked out and not cycle routes. Cycle access problems have been flagged up by Councillor Roberts. KE requested cycle stands preferably fronting the café and the Hotel or in-between these buildings as they need to be visible. AB stated that there would be outside dining fronting the hotel, so cycle stands would be difficult to locate near the entrance and that he would look in some good locations in the Square.	
2.11	DN stated that there is route signage from the A6: two fingerposts on either side of the concourse - however the text was unknown. GS to forward Lord Street Cycle Route sign drawings to Muse. DN observed that there was no motorcycle parking and that this requirement was to be checked. Albert Square, Manchester, motorcycle stands were mentioned.	GS DN
2.12	It was questioned whether it was expected that cyclists travel two thirds around the parking gyratory as they will take the shortest route, so this should be safe. KE stated if the area was open there would be intervisibility. Signage for shared space is not supported by the scheme designers.	
3.0	Bridgefield Street	

3.1	GS talked through the scheme. This is a Town Centre Regeneration Scheme consisting of a new cinema and food/ retail units, and updating the Public Realm	
3.2	Buses will be re-routed from Bridgefield Street to Gt Egerton St; the latter will have dual running lanes with bus lanes.	
3.3	Bridgefield Street and Prince's Street will be closed to motorised vehicles by automatic bollards between approximately midnight to 10am.	
3.4	A 20mph speed limit will be introduced on Bridgefield St, Prince's St, Little Egerton St, Port St and Hatton St.	
3.5	Sheffield stands and covered stands to be provided at approximately ten locations in the scheme area, some close to the cinema entrance.	
3.6	There will be a new shared pedestrian/ cycle route from the M60 bridge to Mersey way.	
4.0	Cycle City Ambition Grant (CCAG) – latest developments	
4.1	<u>Manchester Rd</u> (Cheadle to Manchester boundary) is now on-site – the consensus was that if the off-road facility was improved to a high degree it was reasonable to assume everyone will use it. District boundary is in the middle of the river; however, the bridge is Manchester's responsibility. Improvements are to take place to the steps, ramp and riverside path. The fundamental changes are: on the bridge, the running lanes will be 3.25m wide with a 2.5m wide shared-use path; the refuge island at the cemetery is replaced by a toucan, and there will be widening of off-road facility at Abney Hall. The cemetery has been classified as a special case therefore will not have a raised access. The scheme is due to start on site 21 July 2014 and will be completed in October 2014. The speed limit will be decreased to 30mph within both Stockport and Manchester. KE volunteered to try scheme out when completed.	
4.2	<u>Brinksway / Chestergate</u> Consultation is now on-line until Aug 1st - agreed fundamentals with TfGM beforehand – previous comments of group noted; some Armadillos proposed	
4.3	<u>New Bridge Lane</u> Consisting of off-carriageway 4.8m wide segregated cycle way north side on Newbridge Ln, 1.5m wide on carriageway cycle lane on Newbridge Ln towards the Town Centre, 3m wide shared-use facility on Corporation St and two toucans. St Mary's Way/ Newbridge Ln junction toucans are part of other scheme to start 2015/16. TfGM approved the scheme for consultation in August 2014.	
4.4	<u>Gatley station</u> Gatley Rd crossing: on-line consultation closed July 14 th ; Network Rail are involved in further negotiations with TfGM. Note direct link to Kingsway School.	
4.5	<u>Mersey Valley riverside links</u> Necessary reports re PRow status changes to go to Area Committee: propose upgrade footpaths to bridleways, DN to discuss with Ernest Nama. Not sure how much space to pass at riverside or whether Bitmac or Toptrek will be used. Expectation is that route will be shown on 2015 published cycle map. MW queried whether the link would be accessible by any bike. There will be some narrow bits between the riverbank and retaining structure, also localised widening for passing places. Surface won't be either	

	all tarmac or all Toptrek. Still flexibility on how much of each, and on width.	
4.6	<p><u>CCAG partner schools</u></p> <p>The eleven schools and colleges in Greater Manchester involved in this programme include Kingsway in Stockport and Parrs Wood High on the Manchester/Stockport border. DN has attended meetings at Kingsway – it is anticipated that schools will spend the majority of their budget on facilities within schools grounds.</p>	
5.0	Sustrans’ ‘Pocket Places’ project in Central Ward	
5.1	<p>Julieta Duran attended the meeting, and gave a quick introduction of the Sustrans project she co-ordinates in Heaton Norris to encourage cycling and brighten up spaces to make them more attractive for pedestrians and cyclists. An example is to provide textured/ coloured surfaces. The following link gives more background, and can be used for feedback. Hopefully, Julieta will return to give a progress report.</p> <p>http://pocketplacesbelmontway.wordpress.com/about/</p>	
6.0	General Topics of Discussion	
6.1	Friends of Reddish Vale have money since last May to upgrade path. DN to clarify the current position	DN
6.2	The Council has a Twitter Account therefore cycle messages could be added. Sign up for email alert.	
7.0	Future format of CUG	
	<p>DN continuing to explore future options.</p> <p>DN will continue to arrange future meeting dates.</p>	<p>DN</p> <p>DN</p>
8.0	Any Other Business	
8.1	Councillor Abell introduced himself as the Borough’s Cycling Champion. Councillor Roberts is still a supporter of cycling.	
8.2	MW stated that there was still a leakage at Nelstrop Road. Further investigation was required by UU Water.	
8.3	Poynton By-pass scheme is at the consultation stage. There are cycle facilities within the scheme.	

Dates of future meetings

Sub-group: 11th December 2014

Full CUG: 21st January 2015