



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport public Cycle User Group

Thursday 16th July 2015 6pm

Stockport Town Hall

PRESENT

Geoff Abell	(Councillor, Cycling Champion, cyclist)		GA
Ian Barker	(local cyclist)	IB	
Janet Bellingall	(local cyclist)	JB	
Phil Halewood	(Project Manager, TfGM)		PH
Kathy England	(TPT/Sustrans Ranger)		KE
Edgar Ernstbrunner	(local cyclist)	EE	
Clare Forrest	(local cyclist)	CF	
Charlie Hulme	(local cyclist)	CH	
Joanna Hulme	(local cyclist)	JH	
Don Naylor	(SMBC Cycling)(Chair)		DN
Nick Harris	(GM Cycle Campaign)	NH	
Nick Robinson	(SMBC Walking & Cycling Officer)(minutes)		NR
Keith Rogers	(local cyclist)		KR
Andy Shaw	(Stockport Community Cycling)	AS	
Ian Tate	(Love Your Bike/FoE)	IT	
Max Wild	(TPT volunteer)	MW	

APOLOGIES

Emily Brough, Stuart Deakin, Merlin Evans, Jim Pritchett, Dominic Smith, Phil Chapman

1. Apologies, previous minutes and matters arising

- 1.1 Apologies were as given above
- 1.2 The minutes from the May meeting were agreed to be accurate
- 1.3 Action 1 re Manchester Rd crossing, Cheadle/Parrs Wood. DN has contacted TfGM, who said that the crossing is “on their wish list”. No mention of timescale.
KE has suggested a triangular “beware cyclists” or “cyclists crossing” sign and markings at the north end of the cycle path / Cheadle Bridge
DN has undertaken to email Manchester City Council **Action 1 (DN)**

1.4 Item 3.7 from May: A6 MARR/SEMMMS: the group wish to know if the business case has been presented and published. IT also raised the question of air quality again, and asked if there have been any examples of situations where pre and post road building air quality tests have been taken and shown an improvement. **Action 2 (DN)**

2. Stockport Interchange Update

2.1 PH was welcomed back, and displayed the latest proposals for the new interchange, showing how the interchange will relate to the Town Centre and the Railway Station

2.2 It is anticipated that the scheme will lead to a traffic-free Mersey Square, a new bridge over the Mersey at Astley St, and A6 improvements. This will include pedestrian access, using lifts, to the A6 bridge, and cycle and pedestrian access to Mersey Square.

2.3 Further detail was supplied re the route of the Trans Pennine Trail along the north side of the development by the River Mersey.

3. Cyclists Welcome

3.1 DN explained the Cyclists Welcome scheme. MW suggested that a list of signed up businesses be placed on the website. DN and NR will investigate options for sharing this information more widely. **Action 3 (DN / NR)**

4. Report back on Cycle City / Active City Conference, Newcastle

4.1 NR & DN gave a short presentation on the highlights of their attendance at the recent Cycle City/Active City conference in Newcastle.

4.2 Links to the relevant material were distributed with the agenda

5. Cycle City Ambition Grant (CCAG)

5.1 CCAG1 is nearly finished. Manchester Road is still not complete at the motorway bridge – it's recognised that this is becoming a problem in view of the remaining time available. The Mersey Valley links should be completed in the next few weeks. IT asked if there are any plans to surface the path on its last stretch up to Green Pastures. It was suggested that the path needs re-building, surfacing and completing with TopTrek. KE asked if it would be possible to split the path for equestrian/cycling use, as on the riverside path. MW asked if the current state of the path reflected the original design.

- 5.2 KE has suggested that there will possibly be an “official” opening of the Kings Reach section of the Mersey Valley TPT. Tentatively the first Friday in September.
- 5.3 CCAG1 the New Bridge Lane scheme is on site
- 5.4 CCAG2 Mark James is the lead engineer. Planning is in the early stages, and there have been site visits to Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle and Bramhall.
- 5.5 Mark James has offered a “workshop” session (Sept / Oct) to explain and discuss issues around CCAG2 network, involving as many stakeholder groups as possible. The group was asked for a view on being involved in this workshop – generally, this was felt to be a good idea.
- 5.6 There was a general discussion around the legal status of cycle tracks

6. Cycle Maps

- 6.1 The new edition of the cycle maps is imminent.
- 6.2 TfGM will shortly be hosting a meeting to establish principles for the *next* iteration of the maps. DN asked for submissions, understanding that examples of aspects under consideration may well include how canal towpaths are shown, as well as the future for the ‘yellow routes’

7. Bike Week

- 7.1A brief report on Bike Week, with the possibility of inviting councillors on a repeat of the Eight Bridges ride this summer. GA expressed interest and asked for details

8. AOB

- 8.1 Derek Kelly, a founder member of Cycle Stockport, has recently died. Anyone wishing to attend the funeral should contact Roy Bradshaw
- 8.2 Pocket Places: there will be a final celebratory party in the Lancashire Hill subways Friday 23rd July, 3-6pm
- 8.3 GA informed the meeting that TfGM will be visiting local stations to inspect the newly installed cycle parking facilities. He will provide a timetable to anyone wishing to attend and provide some input. DN to email details to the group. **Action 4 (DN)**

- 8.4 Gatley Bike Fest: CF advised that next year's will be 24-25th April. The organisers will welcome any suggestions
- 8.5 KE described a meeting held on July 8th to discuss cycling elements of TCAP, involving Council officers, Cllr Roberts, and cycle campaign reps. She was unsure what had been achieved in terms of agreeing alternative proposals as a result of the meeting.
- 8.6 There is an online consultation around the TfGM Transport Strategy-Vision 2040

<http://www.tfgm.com/2040/Documents/14-1882%20GM%20Transport%20Vision%202040.pdf>

9. Dates of future meetings

Main meeting Thurs October 15th; sub-group Weds November 18th