



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport public Cycle User Group

Wednesday 9th December 2015 6pm

Stockport Town Hall

PRESENT

Ian Barker	(local cyclist)	IB		
Janet Bellingall	(local cyclist)	JB		
Kathy England	(TPT/Sustrans Ranger)		KE	
Merlin Evans	(Cycle Stockport)	ME		
Tim Carlisle	(Cycle Stockport)		TC	
Don Naylor	(SMBC Cycling) (Chair and minutes))			DN
Merlin Evans	(Cycle Stockport)	ME		
Keith Rogers	(local cyclist)		KR	
Andy Shaw	(Stockport Community Cycling)	AS		
Ian Tate	(Love Your Bike/FoE)	IT		
Max Wild	(TPT volunteer)	MW		
Norman Lowndes	(local cyclist)		NL	
James Pritchett	(Local cyclist / UMBUG)		JP	
Andy Shaw	(Stockport Community CC)	AS		

APOLOGIES

Councillor Geoff Abell, Dominic Smith TfGM), Clare Forrest, Charlie Hulme
Joanna Hulme, Nick Robinson, Steve Essex, Brian Pendlebury, Dave Butler, Pete
Abel, Nick Harris

1. Apologies, previous minutes and matters arising

- 1.1 Apologies were as given above
- 1.2 The minutes of October 15th were agreed to be accurate – DN apologised for their late circulation
- 1.3 Matters arising – DN still to clarify with Dominic Smith (TfGM) what interim measures may be possible at the north end of Cheadle Bridge (**Action 1 – DN**)

2. Stockport Interchange Update

- 2.1 Stockport Exchange – next phase of construction work

- 2.2 DN circulated two plans showing access arrangements to the front of the station for the first half of 2016. Of particular interest to the group is the narrow pedestrian access that will be available between the station and the construction site.
- 2.2 It has been previously agreed that this route can be used by cyclists, pushing bikes, to reach the station entrance. Signs will be provided which clarify to all that this form of cycle access is available during this period.
- 2.3 The group can be further updated regarding relevant details of next phases of the work

3. Recent consultations

- 3.1 IT and others commented that recent consultations appeared to differ from some earlier ones: the recent ones did not appear to provide an acknowledgement or feedback as has previously been the case.
- 3.2 DN to check with the scheme consultation team about any changed format of the consultation process. **(Action 2 – DN)**
- 3.3 JP suggested that the group could be more actively involved with the preliminary identification of future major cycle schemes, with the idea that proposals whose delivery may involve particularly significant issues / challenges, would be recognised as such at the outset. DN to share this suggestion with Highways management. **(Action 3 – DN)**

4. Trans Pennine Trail (TPT)

- 4.1 DN circulated a plan showing indicative upgrade proposals for a section of the TPT in Reddish Vale, noting that these had already been shared with the Rights of Way forum
- 4.2 The principle of further improvement to the TPT was welcomed, but there was surprise that only such a short section of improvement could be achieved considering the overall budget of £100k. It was queried if the unit cost was compatible with not dissimilar works that have been undertaken along the TPT in the Mersey Valley, or does this scheme involve additional drainage work?

- 4.3 MW and AS suggested that a resolution of the steps / requirement to walk bikes up the parallel tarmac path should be resolved as a priority. As also agreed earlier with the TPT office, there are access control issues in the area, including those raised within 'Roy's report' (findings of coast-to-coast wheelchair user). DN to discuss further with project team **(Action 4 – DN)**
- 4.4 DN explained that discussions had taken place with the Rights of Way team at Barnsley MBC. It's understood that equestrians there are happy with the use of Flexipave (material based on recycled tyres / crushed stone) on a steep section of bridleway. In order that Stockport Council, should funding be available, be ready to use this at Green Pastures (or elsewhere), DN was tasked to follow up with Barnsley re costs and definitive approval from their horse riders. **(Action 5 – DN)**
- 4.5 KE and AS raised further issues: (i) that faults with lighting can be reported on-line to SMBC, with a capacity to clearly specify the location; (ii) that padlocks previously on 'farm gates' at Green Pastures may need to be replaced, and (iii) that previously noted gaps in fencing under the M60 bridge are to be rectified
- 4.6 KE advised that volunteers have planted approximately 1 000 daffodil bulbs along the Kings Reach section; DN is in discussion with TfGM and others over the provision of a cycle and pedestrian counter along this section
- 4.7 TC shared that the Rights of Way forum had been advised of a forthcoming closure to the footpath across the Gorsey Bank / Geoff Funnel bridge. DN was asked to clarify whether any such closure could be avoided / minimised. **(Action 6 – DN)**

5. Cycle map and Bike Life updates

- 5.1 The group welcomed the upbeat information shown in the Bike Life report. It was suggested that making the report available to all Councillors should be investigated. **(Action 7 – DN)**
- 5.2 DN explained the timescales for updating the Stockport / TfGM cycle map: on-line version Jan 2016; paper map spring 2016. CUG members continue to be invited to share comment on these updates. **(Action 8 – all)**

6. Any other business

- 6.1 MW wondered why Edgerton Rd North speed humps had been replaced, still without having space near the kerb to cycle through; the issue of parked cars blocking the 'cycle gate' continues
- 6.2 DN shared latest advice that the Tiviot Dale cycle hub is expected to open shortly, although there is currently no power into it

- 6.3 Heaton Mersey: it was requested that DN check if any safety measures in the vicinity of the crossing at the Griffin pub are to be progressed; also the state of any signing at the new ramp behind St John's church. **(Action 9 – DN)**
- 6.4 AS and ME mentioned another forthcoming quiz (Dec 18th) at the Tandem Café

7. Dates of future meetings

- 7.1 DN to arrange and circulate 2016 dates as a matter of urgency. **(Action 10 – DN)**