



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport public Cycle User Group

Thursday 21st September 2017

Stockport Town Hall

PRESENT

Ian Barker	(local cyclist)	Janet Bellingall	(local cyclist)
Kathy England	(TPT/Sustrans)	Roger Hubbard	
Don Naylor	(SMBC; Chair)	Nick Robinson	(SMBC; minutes)
Peter Vickerman	(local cyclist)	Max Wild	
Andrew Fisher		Jim Court	(SCCC)
Nick Harris	(GMCC)	Keith Rogers	
Amy Beasley	(SMBC)	Pete Black	
Andy Shaw			

GMCC = Greater Manchester Cycling Campaign; SCCC = Stockport Community Cycling Club

APOLOGIES: Edgar Ernstbrunner, Councillor Geoff Abell

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved (proposed Max Wild; seconded Jim Court)

Matters arising: (numbers ref from previous minutes)

1.1.a Copies of the Road Safety document from the SMBC website were handed round.

2.1 a discussion of the new surfacing on Dark Lane/Goyt Valley. Described by NR.

2.2 Abney Park entrance. DN/NR have spoken with colleagues. The issue is live, and work may be possible on the back of a National Productivity Infrastructure Fund bid focussed on Roscoe's Roundabout and its connections. If the bid fails, the council will still consider this issue separately.

2.3 Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP). The second consultation will start on the 16th October and be open for 12 weeks.

5.5 there will be a snagging process to be completed for the Lancashire Hill scheme, the proposal to better highlight the Penny Lane road hump will be raised as part of this.

It was stated that signing is poor in this area and should also be considered.

It was reported that the sign is missing where the path splits above the Tame footbridge and needs an urgent replacement. This is where two separate lots of work have recently been completed: Town Centre Access Plan (TCAP) and National Grid

2. SEMMMS Refresh (presented by AB)

The original South East Manchester Multi-Modal (SEMMM) Strategy was formulated in 2001, and work is now underway to review the strategy up to 2040.

As the first phase of the refresh process, the Council has undertaken a public consultation looking at transport issues and potential options in Stockport. Feedback received during the consultation will be fed in to the wider process with partner local authorities to develop a draft SEMMM Strategy. This will be published for further public consultation across the SEMMM area in the New Year. The Stockport Issues and Options paper is available to view on the Council's website (<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/showcase/stockport-local-plan>) and hard copies are available in local libraries and at the Town Hall.

Comments from CUG members:

- changes since 2001 have been mostly about roads; it was asked if there would be a mechanism in place to ensure and emphasis on the "Multi Modal" idea?
- the strategy should set out priorities so that when money becomes available the correct schemes are advanced
- the land use plan and the transport plan are not integrated, and it was suggested that they should be one document; also that the SEMMMs strategy is incompatible with TfGM's 2040 vision.

AB: the consultation is to establish this-priorities *will* be set as a result of the responses.

There was further comment that the Issues paper does not give the background as to how the issues have been arrived at, and that disability groups would need support to be able to give an informed response. The Disability Access Forum was brought to the meeting's attention.

A formal presentation of the content of the strategy was requested, as was the status of acknowledgement of responses

AB: stated that there will be a paper to the Cabinet (Council Executive) summarising responses to the consultation.

3. Cycle and Walking Strategy.

The work being done to develop a new Cycling and Walking Strategy for Stockport was explained, and that a consultation process will be undertaken later this year was noted. It was pointed out that the Council particularly wishes to target non- or infrequent cyclists, recognising the desirability of making cycling more attractive to those groups.

4. Mobike. An update was provided on the potential to expand the MoBike bike sharing scheme. Some basic principles of Mobike were explained, as were some of the issues experienced in Manchester and Salford. It was also referenced that a decision by the Council's Cabinet was due on the 3rd October to endorse further discussions with MoBike regarding the scheme's expansion into Stockport. It was agreed that an update would be provided at the next meeting.

5. CUG terms of reference.

Several comments arose in discussion.

- a. Should we have 3 cycle champions, one from each of the main parties? It was felt that this could be a good idea because of the relative parity in party strengths. Council Officers explained that this would be a suggestion for campaigners to make directly to the relevant political parties as it was a political decision.
- b. Local Access Forum. There was some comment relating to the fact that membership of the Forum is subject to nomination / approval – there are cyclists involved
- c. Does the Forum meet in the evening? Yes
- d. Minutes are available here

<http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=604>