



Derby Cycling Group – Members Meeting

Tues 7th August 2018 – 7:30pm @ The Golden Eagle Public House

Round the Table Introductions (*with freshly picked raspberries provided from Dave's allotment!*)

1. Present:

Mark Hicklin, Ian Dent, Martin Aldred, Dave Clasby, Tim Saul, Patric Harting, Kim Plaskett, Ken Timmis

2. Apologies:

Tony Roelich

3. Minutes of previous meeting

- July Minutes approved.

4. Actions from previous Meeting.

- Minutes of August Members meeting to be sent out to all members via Mail Chimp for a trial period, while we don't have a Newsletter editor.

5. Membership / AGM

- Cyclenation membership not renewed due to difficulty contacting them.
- The membership form needs updating! Any proposals/suggestions welcomed from all members. A4/A5/B&W/colour/folded? Original can be found on documents page of DCG website:
<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/blog/documents/>

6. Newsletter

- New Newsletter editor volunteer is required – any members interested to compile articles for publication to the members?
- Articles welcomed by all members for future newsletters

7. Events Diary

Saturday 1st September - Social Bike Ride to Elvaston Castle organised by Derby Sustrans Rangers.

10am start at Derby Rowing Club and cycle to Elvaston Castle. Free, but please register your interest to estimate the no. of volunteers, etc. Info also posted on DCG Facebook.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-bike-ride-to-elvaston-castle-tickets-48131915856>

- **Active Travel Forum** quarterly meetings set up by Derby City Council to discuss Active Travel topics in Derby seems to have become defunct. It is hoped the recent introduction of the eBike scheme will reinvigorate them.
- All members are encouraged to make suggestions for suitable future events & lead the organisation of the event.

8. Campaigns & Strategy

- **Derby eBikes Scheme** - The recent eBike introduction seems to have been a resounding success in the initial month.
However, it is felt that more docking stations are required around Derby especially in housing areas (e.g. Mickleover, Oakwood, etc..) or near to existing cycle paths.
Any new developments in Derby should be encouraged to provide eBike Docking stations and/or regular cycle racks.
A simplified map of the Derby Cycle paths would be a worthwhile addition to the scheme, however it is understood that the existing map currently out of print.
http://www.derbyconnected.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Derby_Web-Map.pdf
May a link from the eBike app would be useful?
- **St Peters Street Cycle Access** – It is apparent that the rules for cycling through Derby City Centre is dependent on which road you are on! St Peters Street, Market Place, East Street & St James Street all have different rules for cyclists! This is extremely confusing to everybody and requires simplification & explanation.
- **Derby Air Quality Consultation** - Derby City Council are asking local residents, businesses and stakeholders to comment on proposals to tackle air quality in the city. 3 options suggested by the council on the website.
<https://news.derby.gov.uk/public-asked-for-their-views-on-councils-proposals-to-improve-air-quality/>
All members urged to complete the questionnaire and focus on cycling improvements.
It is felt that this has been presented as only an issue on Stafford Street rather than a city-wide problem. It is also understood that the pollution levels quoted are estimated/modelled values and not actual kerbside readings.
The answer is to have less cars/trucks in the city, rather than better ones.
Much more information is required. e.g. Where are the top 10 worst places? What are the improvements to the cycling facilities/infrastructure?
- **DCG Suggested Projects / Improvements**
<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/blog/suggest-projects/>
A list of suggested improvements for the Derby cycle infrastructure is being compiled. This list includes anything from quick fixes, repeat problems, large projects etc. All DCG members are encouraged to add topics.

9. AOB

- **Mansfield Road / Greenway** – With more housing plans near Oakwood, could the Greenway cycle path be improved with a better surface and more links to new & existing housing estates? This would be beneficial to all cyclists and take more cycle traffic away from Mansfield road.
- **HS2** – Nottingham Pedals organisation have contacted DCG regarding the HS2 proposal and the significant effect it will have on Toton and surrounding areas. Resulting in considerable increase in traffic to/from the station.
Could cycle routes be improved from Derby & Nottingham to Toton?
Will more bikes be allowed on the HS2 trains?
Dave Clasby to communicate with Nottingham Pedals.
- **Derby Bike Shop Discounts** – listed on DCG website <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/blog/become-a-member/>

Meeting Closed @ 9:30pm

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th September 2018
7:30pm @ The Golden Eagle Public House (upstairs)**