



Derby Cycling Group – Members Meeting

Tues 6th August 2019 – 7:30pm @ The Tap Public House

Round the Table Introductions

1. **Present:** Mark Hicklin, Ian Dent, Dave Clasby, Ken Timmis, Cathy Tester, Kim Plaskett, Tim Saul, Patric Harting, Martin Aldred, Jean Baird, Paul Taylor, Lucy Giuliano, Hardy Saleh
2. **Apologies:** Tony Roelich, Lucy Care, David Shield
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** July Minutes approved.
4. **Actions from previous Meeting:** N/A

5. Membership

- DCG Mission Statement & Objectives
It is felt that an updated statement is required for the DCG website. An excellent initial draft proposal or the text was produced by Ken. The draft was discussed and a few edits were suggested. Any further suggestions or feedback should be sent to Ken.
- Transforming the DCG into Charity status.
This topic was also discussed and highlighted that some further research is required. Charity status has many benefits (including Gift aid) and improves any liability issues with DCG. However, this may also be able to be done by forming a Community Interest company (CIC) or a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)?
It was suggested that any charity needs £5000 in the bank (which the DCG does not have) Charity status also may require other requirements (e.g. accounts audited, etc)
- The topic of free membership was discussed again.
Cycle Sheffield explained their success of this formula at the East Mids Cycle Forum (EMCF). The Facebook group could be used as official member numbers and members could sign up for a Mailing List for newsletters, etc.
it is unsure that all members have email.
Many existing members aren't on Facebook.

Pros	Cons
Make membership easier (hence increase membership)	Lack of funds
Less Admin	Reliant on donations/crowdfunding
Grants may be available for funding?	Less 'official' membership numbers
Paying by cheques is 'outdated' / off-putting	Could not afford annual printed newsletter

A better understanding of how the Sheffield system works is required to fully understand the principle – **All members**

6. Newsletter

- Next Newsletter will be scheduled for end of September. EMCF article to be included. Other articles welcomed from all members, to get to Tim in August/Sept.
- Articles & suggestions are welcomed by all members for future newsletters
Contact: articles@derbycyclinggroup.org.uk

7. Events Diary

- **Thurs 8th August – Cycle to Work Day**
- **Sat 17th August – West End Fun Day – Markeaton Rec - Family fun day**
Dave to host Dr Bike
- **Cycle September** – hosted by Love to Ride <https://www.lovetoride.net/>
register to record your rides for the chance to win a number of prizes.
- **Tues 3rd September – ‘Be Active in Derby’ – 11am – 3pm**
launch event for Cycle September to be held at the Spot
event to include Police Bike Marking, Bikeback Derby, Wheels to Work, etc..
- **2-3 Sept 2019 - Cycling and Society Research Group Annual Symposium 2019** – Chester
see website if interested: <http://www.cyclingandsociety.org/2019-symposium-chester/>
- **Tues 15th October – Active Travel Forum**
- All members are encouraged to make suggestions for suitable future events & lead the organisation of the event.

8. Campaigns & Strategy

- **Derby Air Quality Proposal**
The Air Quality topic and its effect on Friar Gate & neighbouring streets is still on going.
- **A38 Improvements** – It is understood that a ‘Statement of Common Ground’ is to be agreed between the Council and interested parties.
- **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

- **Love to Ride** – <https://www.lovetoride.net/derby> – an online platform to promote cycling including Cycle September and Workplace & global challenges. Prizes, offers & vouchers to be won. Rider to log on and register and then connect other apps, eg Strava etc.
- **Derby Bike Shop Discounts** – listed on DCG website:
<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/blog/become-a-member/>

Meeting Closed @ 09:30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd September 2019 @ The Tap pub