

# October 2019 Derby Cycling Group Meeting Minutes

*The Tap Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019*

- 1) **Present** Martin Aldred, Tony Roelich, Ian Dent, Kim Plaskett, David Shield, James Thatcher, Ken Timmis, Cathy Tester, Jean Baird, Lucy Care, Lucy Giuliano
- 2) **Apologies** Dave Clasby, Mark Hicklin, Hardy Saleh
- 3) **Minutes of September meeting** Accepted.
- 4) **Mission and Vision.** The versions proposed by Ken were accepted and will be added to the website by **ID**.

- 5) **Website.** Discussion about the content and style of the website. The meeting thought changes were needed. In particular information on current campaigns.

Website should be seen as the “shop-front” for the DCG for non members and the general public. Any parts used for communication (e.g. lists of old minutes) can be more hidden on the website.

The importance of having content as well as the right style was emphasised. Without frequently changing, interesting content visitors will be few. Too much of the current content is old.

It was agreed that **ALL** would send comments to ID and a “sub-group” would be formed to refine a new style and layout.

- 6) **Charity.** Feedback has been obtained from Sheffield and Exeter. ID proposed that further consideration should be given to the details and that we should work towards a decision in good time for a proposal to the 2020 AGM. LC raised question of why not CIC. **ID** to update detailed document for further discussion as future meeting.

Grants are available for charities (and non charitable organisations) and some sources were discussed.

- 7) **Fee Free structure.** ID had previously circulated a document detailing the pros and cons of moving to a fee free structure. After discussion it was agreed that **ID** will create the necessary forms in Mailchimp for a final decision at November’s meeting. At this point it is proposed we run a 4-5 month trial of non fees for membership which can then be reviewed and a decision made for agreement at AGM.

Some discussion as to the number of classes of members we have. Finally agreed to have just one (i.e. on the mailing list = supporter = voting member). This can be enhanced in the future if necessary.

**ALL** to provide any feedback to ID.

- 8) **Cycle September.** The meeting expressed its thanks to Lucy Giuliano for her work in making the Cycle September events successful.

The launch event was thought good and it was tentatively proposed to repeat it in May 2020. **KT** to action.

JT said that Sustrans rangers are planning events (International Women's Day – March, Alvaston Fun Day – June/July, Elvaston Castle Woodland event) and would welcome joint attendance with DCG and other organisations.

Other events were suggested including a hospital based event.

Continuing the calendar of events was thought useful as a way of showing the breadth of activities. LG hopes to be able to do this as part of her ongoing role but no decisions yet on the role continuing.

- 9) **Newsletter.** Thanks were expressed to Tim for his work on the newsletter. Next edition is expected around the end of 2019. **ALL** to send items to Tim in good time.
- 10) **Film Festival.** KT is keen to organise a Derby cycling film festival. **KT** to explore further and make proposals.
- 11) **Heatherton A38.** LC has been working with Highways England to get a cycle route alongside the A38 but, so far, has been unsuccessful due to land ownership issues. **LC** to progress.
- 12) **Kedleston Road new estate.** 400 houses are planned to the edge of the city in Amber Valley with no cycle provision to leave the estate. The estate affects Derby city, Derbyshire and Amber Valley but seemingly only Amber Valley has been involved in the planning. ID has written to the planning department and local councillors in city, county, parish and district councils to try and get joint working. No success yet.  
Suggested that proposal should be sent to people creating LCWIP. **ID** to action.
- 13) **A38 junctions.** TR has been trying to get engagement with Highways England and Derby City to discuss non motorised transport options but without great success. TR has a registered as an “interested party” for the planning inspector with first meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October. **TR** to continue to progress.  
TR also working on a statement of common interest with Sustrans.
- 14) **Derby Cycle Map.** After discussion at Cycle September launch event involving CT, KT, ID, LG about how to create a new version of the map and whether DCG could take this on, the City council has decided to explore creating a new edition of the map. An initial meeting to assess feasibility is set for 9<sup>th</sup> Oct and **ID** will attend.
- 15) **Tandem donation.** No progress. Action on **TR**.
- 16) **Highways Maintenance.** LC reported useful discussion with David Kinsey of the city council who is leading a national initiative for maintenance of cycling and walking routes. This to include a method of providing feedback on necessary maintenance from “authorised” members of the public. **DS** to explore further with assistance from **LC**.

- 17) **Police.** The initiative to collect video of poor driving from the public has been running for a while and feedback from the police would be welcomed. **DS** to progress with Active Travel Forum.
- 18) **Venue.** It was noted that future dates for meetings at the The Tap will coincide with the monthly comedy club. It was decided to stick with the Tap as a venue and “see how it goes”.
- 19) **Events.** Forthcoming include Green Forum (10<sup>th</sup> October), Active Travel Forum (15<sup>th</sup> October).

**Next Meeting:** 19.30 (7.30pm), Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, The Tap.