

April 2015 Derby Cycling Group Meeting **Minutes**

Blessington Carriage, Function Room, Tuesday 7th April 2015.

- 1) **Present** Daryl Coulborn, Martin Aldred, Derek Gascoyne, Tony Roelich, Ian Dent
- 2) **Apologies** Ian Alexander, Mark Hicklin, Pete Greenfield, Stephen Crispin, Dave Clasby
- 3) **Minutes of March meeting** Accepted.

4) Actions from March meeting

AGM booking made for 19th May at Friends Meeting House.

ID has created one-off newsletter. TR has created member letters. **PG** to get material printed (subsequent to meeting, ID has sent order to printers and **PG** to pay and collect materials). 21st April set for packing – **IA** to book Blessington if possible.

DG has made contact with Derby Sports Forum and will represent DCG on the Forum. He has also offered to Cycle Derby to represent DCG at their meetings.

Extension of train franchise by Direct Award (Jim Hudson). The East Midlands Franchise is to be extended for two years without going out to full tender. Are there any improvements we can seek, as part of this process? **IA** to contact other EM groups for a consensus. Contact is John.Macquarrie@railexecutive.gsi.gov.uk.

- 5) **Meeting Venue.** It was agreed DCG would continue to meet in the Blessington Carriage Function Room for now. **IA** to book.

6) Events diary

- Derby Arena opening. IA provided the following report “This was a good event to attend, with plenty of the Derby public visiting the newly opened Derby Arena. Shame on the Saturday that the carpeted village Green area was partially hidden behind the football/volleyball/badminton court curtain, so we didn't get much “passing trade”. Tony distributed plenty of leaflets though. I cleared up on Sunday afternoon at 4pm, a day with higher footfall to the area as the curtains had been pulled back, and there were about 800 more visitors attending the arena than on Saturday. I was told there had been plenty of people browsing the stall, and taking leaflets by our Sunday neighbour (Purple Harry Bike Maintenance). Whether this will

result in some new members joining us remains to be seen, but certainly a worthwhile event to attend. Thanks to Tony, Ian Dent and Martin Aldred for their assistance.”

- Summer of Cycling/ Alice Wheeldon ride 2015. **PG** leading DCG involvement in event.
- Belper goes Green 30th and 31st May. **ID** leading involvement. **DG** offered to assist.
- Breadsall Open gardens and band concert event - 5th July. **ID** leading involvement.

ID to investigate CTC group insurance and make recommendation at next meeting.

7) Campaigns and Strategy

- a) Space for Cycling update. **TR** reported on latest activities and plans. Immediate future is to gain response from each political party on their policies regarding cycling and then to publicise these responses on local radio and newspapers. **TR** and **DC** to consider how best to gain interest from media.
- b) **TR** would like more involvement in campaigning from local cycle clubs. Plans to be considered for later action by **TR, PG, DG, IA**
- c) Vote Bike. CTC campaign to get local parliamentary candidates to commit to cycling improvements. Volunteer needed to lead DCG's involvement.
- d) A38 Junctions. **TR** has received response from Highways Agency offering a meeting to discuss his comments on behalf of DCG in more detail. No date set yet. **TR** to circulate details once date set. **TR** to also try and involve Derbyshire CC in agreeing to improve A61 cyclepath.

8) AGM

Possible guest speakers for AGM discussed. **DC** to try and find suitable person to speak on Leicester experiences.

Currently there are no nominations for “Awards”. **ALL** to consider possibles for next meeting.

Need to consider recommendations for committee for next meeting. **ALL**

9) Project Suggestions

The process for getting suggestions from members for possible cycling enhancements has been set up by **ID** at <http://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/blog/suggest-projects/> **SC** has collated some ideas and updated the webpage. **ALL** to add their ideas.

10) AOB

ID to add Daryl Coulborn to the distribution list.

Next Meeting: 19.30 (7.30pm), Tuesday 5th May 2015, Function Room, Blessington Carriage.