



Derby Cycling Group - Members Meeting

4th October 2016 – 7:30 @ The Golden Eagle Public House

1) Present (Round the Table Introductions)

Mark Hicklin (mins), Tony Roelich, Ian Dent, Daryl Coulborn, Dave Clasby, Martin Aldred (+1), Andy Farndale, Kim Plaskett, Dave Waldram, Jean Baird, Lucy Care, Ian Care

2) Apologies

Ian Alexander, Phil Harris

3) Minutes of previous meeting

- Sept Minutes approved.

4) Actions from previous Meeting.

- 2015-16 DCG accounts to be audited by **Dave Clasby** before next meeting.

5) Membership

- Cycle Nation Membership for 269 members confirmed
- A number of new members signed up at the recent S4C ride.

6) Newsletter

- Next edition to be a Space For Cycling (S4C) focused newsletter – estimated end of October.
- Input & articles required for all newsletters - welcomed from all members.
- Photo & article about using Raynesway tip by bike to be sent to Daryl – **Dave Waldram**
- An article on the chesterfield cycle path was suggested.

7) Events Diary

- Sat 8th Oct - **Cycling UK members conference** – Manchester (**Dave W** attending)
<http://www.cyclinguk.org/Cycling-UK-Annual-Members-Get-Together>
- Thurs 13th Oct - **Healthy Networking Fair** - Derby (**Dave W** attending)
<http://www.communityactionderby.org.uk/news/healthy-networking-fair>
- Sat 15th Oct - **East Midland Cycle Forum** – Chesterfield (**Dave C & Dave W** attending)
<http://www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk/node/96>
- Sat 29th Oct - **Space for Cycling workshop** – Birmingham (**Ian D** attending)
<http://www.cyclinguk.org/event/space-cycling-workshop-birmingham>
[also Leeds 12th Nov & Crewe 3rd Dec]
- Sat 19th Nov - **Cyclenation conference** - St Albans
<http://www.cyclenation.org.uk/conference>

- Future events – All members are encouraged to make suggestions for any suitable event and lead the event organisation.

8) Campaigns & Strategy

- A Space For Cycling (S4C) Derby Rally was held on Saturday 1st October, aimed to raise awareness for S4C and general cycling in Derby.
 - A big thanks to all the people who organised this successful event and to all those who participated.
 - Approx 60 people met at the council house, after an introductory talk, riders were split into 2 manageable groups to cycle around the city centre. Music was also provided in one of the groups!
 - The Rally was “non-aggressive” & fun to encourage cyclists, pedestrians & motorists to co-exist.
 - Another success of the ride was that it also encouraged less confident cyclists to get on their bikes and join in the fun.
 - The event was planned by a number of methods including Facebook, Twitter, DCG website, posters, etc.. (The use of Twitter managed to get the event shared to 10,000’s of people!) Other publicity including a DET press release and a very successful radio interview by Dave Clasby.
 - A repeat event is provisionally planned in May 2017 to be timed for council elections.
 - As an initial ride organised by volunteers it was a great success, however feedback from the ride highlighted a number of improvements, as follows:
 - Pedestrians are a big part of our target audience, so communication/advertisements to pedestrians needs to be improved to spread the good word regarding the S4C purpose of the ride.
 - A ‘commercial’ between the music tracks to explain the purpose may be a good idea.
 - Better cohesion within the cycling group so people ride as a group at suitable pace.
 - A finish point with a purpose is required, to continue the event for socialising & discussion.
 - Potential route changes may be incorporated to widen the impact – Inner Ring Road?
- Space For Cycling (S4C)
 - Meetings with 4 DCC councillors (LibDem, UKIP, Con & Lab) are now complete.
 - An online S4C petition has been added to the DCG website & Facebook for supporters to sign. The aim is to get over 1000 signatures.
 - Hard copies of the petition are available from **TR** for all members to get involved and gain signatures. All Members encouraged to obtain signatures at any appropriate place, e.g. schools, clubs, work, etc..
 - Existing signatories to be contacted to encourage more signatures
 - DCG to present S4C and other related issues to Derby Mercury on forthcoming Derby Mercury meeting on a suitable evening in 2016.

9) AOB

- **Cyclescape** website <https://www.cyclescape.org/> was presented – looks a good campaigning web tool – **ID** to investigate.
- **Kingsway/Sainsbury’s Roundabout** – A discussion about the new roundabouts with controversial traffic lights was discussed with regards to pedestrian/cyclist safety.
- **Samways** - The recent closure of this excellent local long standing Derby Cycle Shop was noted by all DCG members as a sad loss to the city, Derby cycling and its community.

Meeting Closed @ 9:45

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st November 2016

7:30pm @ The Golden Eagle Public House (upstairs)