



# Derby Cycling Group – Members Meeting

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 – 7:30pm @ The Golden Eagle Public House

Round the Table Introductions

## 1. Present

Mark Hicklin (mins), Tony Roelich, Martin Aldred, Dave Shield, Ian Dent, Kim Plaskett, Tim Saul

## 2. Apologies

Ian Care Lucy Care

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting

- December Minutes approved.

## 4. Actions from previous Meeting.

- Derbyshire strategic cycle network consultation - **TR** to prepare a formal response on behalf of the DCG – Expiry Date 'late' Jan ?

## 5. Membership

- 2018 membership prices to remain.
- Actions required for renewals/AGM to begin. **MH/TR**
- A discussion was held to determine the future possibilities of membership. The possibility of a free membership, as introduced by Sheffield cycle group.

Some of the many pros & cons for a PAID or FREE membership were discussed as below:

PAID Membership	FREE Membership
A more credible group	Increased use of Website / Social media
More realistic membership numbers	Higher membership numbers not believable or representative of DCG supporters
Not all members have email?	email contact only
Regular money incoming	Grants (~£500) could be applied for ?
Membership cards	No renewals to send, so much less membership admin tasks.
Paper newsletters	Significant amount of annual fees are spent on annual mail shot

- Paid/Free membership to be discussed at AGM.
- Incorporation of DCG into 'Charity' Status to be discussed at AGM – **ID**

## 6. Newsletter

- Next newsletter scheduled ASAP - **DarylC**
- Articles welcomed by all members for future newsletters

- Ideas for future 'newsletter' formats to be discussed in February meeting, e.g. a less formal web update? Use of Social media, etc..

## 7. Events Diary

- All members are encouraged to make suggestions for suitable future events & lead the organisation of the event.
- 2/3 June 2018 – Belper Goes Green – volunteers welcomed to run a DCG stall.

## 8. Campaigns & Strategy

- **Active Travel Forum** - Working meetings required to help with planning issues  
Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018
- **Abbey Street / Curzon Street Modifications/Improvements**  
Planning proposal to improve cycling infrastructure as part of the 'Western Corridor' route, from Derby to the Derby Royal Hospital. It is hoped the planners are considering the suggestions proposed by TR.
- **Cathedral Road**  
Planning Proposal regarding Cathedral Road, incorporating additional parking spaces (outside Queens Street swimming baths). Concerns for detrimental effect of angled parking spaces which require reversing to exit and a cycle path on the pavement.  
Thanks to **DS** for submitting objection letter on behalf of DCG.
- **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

- **Darley Park Cycle Path**  
It was noted by **ID**, that the council Conservation committee has recommended refusal of planning permission but, it seems, not on any conservation basis but just on the personal views of the people on the committee and their views of cyclists. Not sure when the council planning committee are considering this but there is a meeting on 11th Jan.  
*Resolution:*  
*Object and recommend refusal as the Committee felt a 3m wide path would severely impact on the character and functioning of the Park (a 2m wide path was considered more acceptable). Also the proposed materials of construction were also considered inappropriate (Committee suggested soft edging to the path). Committee raised concerns over the design of the proposed flat bridge. They felt this was designed to maximise the throughput of cyclists and was inappropriate. CAAC would prefer a more attractive design or retention of the existing bridge humped bridge.*
- **DCG Principles / Strategy**  
The requirement for a DCG strategy document was discussed. Such a document would state the aims, purpose & aspirations of the DCG. It is agreed that is a worthwhile document and needs collating / progressing this year.

**Meeting Closed @ 9:30pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**  
**7:30pm @ The Golden Eagle Public House (upstairs)**