



## Derby Cycling Group – Members Meeting

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – 7:30pm @ The Tap Public House

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### Round the Table Introductions

1. **Present:** Mark Hicklin, Tony Roelich, Dave Clasby, Ken Timmis, Dave Shield, Martin Aldred, Tim Saul, Lucy Care, Ian Care, Patric Harting, Jean Baird
2. **Apologies:** Kim Plaskett, Ian Dent
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** February Minutes approved.
4. **Actions from previous Meeting:** N/A
5. **Membership**
  - Provisional AGM date: Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – **MH** to book & provide refreshments  
Intro – **Patric** / Accounts – **Kim** / Campaigns – **Tony**  
Speaker Suggestions required – **all members**,  
Discussed: Steve Gaskin (DCC)? Cambridge Science ?  
Awards suggestions required - **all members**,  
Discussed: Cycle Derby/Leigh Timmis/Mark Smith – for work in schools
6. **Newsletter**
  - Articles & suggestions are welcomed by all members for future newsletters  
Contact: [articles@derbycyclinggroup.org.uk](mailto:articles@derbycyclinggroup.org.uk)
  - Next Newsletter will be the printed annual newsletter, included in annual letter. Also to be emailed or put on website.
  - Envelope packing planned for Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March in Brewery Tap (downstairs)
  - Next Newsletter will be scheduled for June – Any articles to be sent by end May  
Aiming to include Q&A article with World Record Cyclist Leigh Timmis.
7. **Events Diary**
  - Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March - “Leigh Timmis - 16:10:45” – relocated to Deda - tickets required.
  - **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March, 11am** – Path opening event - Moorways Lane to Oaklands Ave off-road path
  - **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April** – Sustrans ride to Alvaston & Elvaston. Start 10am @ Council House
  - **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June - East Midlands Cycle Forum** – DCG to host – date agreed with associated parties.  
Venue TBC – **DC** to confirm.
  - All members are encouraged to make suggestions for suitable future events & lead the organisation of the event.

## 8. Campaigns & Strategy

- **Derby Air Quality Proposal**

Current understanding is that the Ashbourne Road bus/cycle lane is to be removed in order to allow more traffic, thus making cyclists even more vulnerable.

This is viewed as an intentional degrading of Derby cycling infrastructure.

A successful protest was on organised **Sat 16th Feb.**

A massive thanks to **Dave Clasby** and anybody else involved in the organisation.

The '**Stripping away our Safety**' event was very well attended with a number of people joining in with the stripping of clothes!

Good media coverage was achieved on the day, including: BBC East Midlands, Road.CC, NewsJack, Sunday Times, etc..

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-47264927>

<https://road.cc/content/news/256357-derby-cyclists-strip-protest-scrapping-bus-and-cycle-lane>

### **NEXT STEP....**

The plans appear to have been re-assessed/modified slightly, but the Bus/cycle lane still remains removed.

Letters to Michael Gove (Dept for Environment, Food & rural Affairs / DEFRA) are required from all members to register concern. A letter Template to be circulated by **TR**

Details of the Safety Audit & the Public Health Assessment for this proposal are not known.

- **Active Travel Forum** – The February meeting was attended by DCG members 'The Big Pedal' was discussed, which is an initiative by Cycle Derby to promote cycling & Active Travel in Derby schools.
- 'Transforming Cities' – Derby & Notts to bid for funding up to £70 Million.
- **Cycle Lanes** – much needed work has finally begun on the 'Pektron' Roundabout to Little Eaton.
- **Flood Defences** – it was noted that work has begun behind the Council House, with initial work cutting down numerous mature healthy trees.
- **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

- **Cycle Derby** have rebranded their website with some excellent videos & content.
- A50 Consultation / 'Infinity Garden Village' is available on website
- **Derby Bike Shop Discounts** – listed on DCG website:  
<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/blog/become-a-member/>

*Meeting Closed @ 09:30pm*

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 @ The Tap pub**