

Derby Cycling Group – Members Meeting

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – 7:30pm @ West End Community Centre

Present: Tony Roelich, Ian Dent, James Thatcher, Dave Clasby, Ken Timmis, Cathy Tester, Tim Saul, Kim Plaskett, Martin Aldred, Lucy Giuliano, Hardy Saleh, David Shield

Apologies: Mark Hicklin

Minutes of previous meeting: December Minutes approved.

Campaigns

A38 Junction Update

Tony Roelich gave an update on the issue specific hearing which he attended with Lucy Giuliano. Not a lot of time was given for verbal representation but a full written submission was sent to the head planning officer.

There was a useful discussion between DCC and Highways England (HE) to improve communication between the behavior change group and HE project team.

Lucy Giuliano and Dave Clasby also attended the open meeting with XR Derby.

DCC are organizing a cycling focused behavior change public event at West End Community Centre on Saturday 15th March.

Dave Clasby will be organizing a separate event to provide information to local residents of the west end concerning A38 plans.

Tony Roelich will manage the DCG response for the next issue specific hearings with HE and the planning authority.

Campaigns for 2020

A roundtable of campaign ideas was presented which yielded a large number of diverse ideas:

- Why we cycle; a collection of voices, video of people cycling in Derby
- International Women's Day
- Accessibility; ensure all paths are useable by everyone
- Space for cycling
- Friar Gate
- A38
- Police liaison; close pass
- Access to hospital
- Kedleston Estate
- Canals
- Existing projects/campaigns identified by member on the website
- Increase diversity and engagement
- Women cycling - to support and encourage women cycling
- Secure bike parking; end of journey
- Cycling strategy for city and surroundings
- Air Quality - measurement of city pollution to baseline

No consensus on which campaigns to support although small groups were keen to pursue some of the ideas. Lucy Giuliano asked whether this was the right forum for selecting campaigns or whether it should be opened up to the wider membership. It was agreed that campaigns are only effective if people want to work on them.

There are two campaigns that are currently being actively worked on:

- A38
- International Women's Day

Other campaigns that created the most discussion were:

- Accessibility; ensure all paths are useable by everyone
- Air quality

Group Admin

Website

A link was sent round for people to view the new website. It was agreed that Ian Dent will make the website live and minor changes can be made when needed. Two main comments:

1. Kim Plaskett asked for a search field to be added
2. Lucy Giuliano pointed out that a better range of more diverse images are required including women, people of different ethnicities and people on other types of cycle.

Charity Status

Sub-group has been formed and the next meeting is on 22nd January, please send any questions or comments to Ian Dent.

Fee Free

The new fee free structure has been live since November and we had an additional 50 members join in December.

Slack

There has been a considerable amount of activity on Slack but there were some questions:

- Kim Plaskett: asked why he can't get notifications of messages by email?
Response: It is not possible to get email notifications for every message posted. <https://slack.com/intl/en-gb/help/articles/201355156-Guide-to-desktop-notifications#email-notifications>
- Ian Dent: said that he missed messages which were sent as part of a thread.
Response: It is possible to follow a thread in order to get notifications or view all thread replies using the Threads view. <https://slack.com/intl/en-gb/help/articles/115000769927-Use-threads-to-organise-discussions->
- James Thatcher: Can we make sure only admins can invite people to join the DCG slack.
Response: This is possible, Hardy will look into it.

AOB

Tony Roelich asked Ken Timmis to create a summarised version of his traffic analysis document which has some headline figures which can be used for marketing.

James Thatcher asked if meetings should be promoted on facebook. It was agreed that the format and detail of the meetings might not be appropriate for a casual member to attend.

James Thatcher will write new welcome text for the email sent to new members after they join.

Ken Timmis is proposing to organise a cycle trip to The Netherlands to look at their cycle infrastructure.

Tim Saul: Request for newsletter articles and question of whether we print and mail the newsletter to be discussed at next meeting.

Dave Clasby: WEA is running a 10 week course starting on 1st Feb about Climate Change.
https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2019/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C2342943&utm_source=website&utm_medium=brochure&utm_campaign=brochure-referral&utm_content=East%20Midlands