

# Derby Cycling Group – Members Meeting Minutes

3rd September 2024

## Present

Jean Baird - minutes; Martin Aldred, James W. Bailey, Ian Dent, Mark Norbury, Kim Plaskett, Tony Roelich.

## Membership

Currently DCG has 354 members.

Following the resignation of the Chair, Ken Timmis, DCG will be led by a coalition formed by the current committee: MA, JWB, JB, ID. Emails addressed to the Chair will be reviewed in the first instance by JWB.

## Campaigns

### Ride with Council Active Travel Team

Ken Timmis, former chair, has contacted Mark Smith to inform him that Jean Baird is now organising this route. To date we have received no response; JB has drawn together a potential route and will contact MS directly to progress the ride. JB will also arrange to ride the route with Kate Ball to identify any issues as regards access, barriers and compliance with LTN1/20.

### Station Road Crossing

Point of action for Tony Gordon from last month (TG not present at this meeting) Please see <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/station-road-mickleover-crossing/> Tony Roelich discussed the issue of the nature of the proposed crossing in relation to the speed limit that is/should be imposed for motor traffic - 30mph. TR/JWB to email Nigel Brian, Head of Highways, for information and to progress.

### Ashbourne Road

JWB to follow up on Let's Talk Derby.

### Feedback on Completed Schemes

City Council is asking for feedback on cycle schemes recently completed deadline was midnight on 3rd September 2024. JWB included topic in digest encouraging members to reply personally and to feedback to DCG. Jean Baird responded to the survey in respect of the Castleward area and the other recently completed schemes. Several other DCG members present indicated that they would or have also responded.

## Duffield Road

City Council have published plans for bus lane and shared cycle lane: <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/duffield-road-bus-service-improvement-plan-consultation> Ian Dent discussed the proposal with Tim Banton (Derby City Council) and Adrian Critchlow (Traffic & Transportation DCC). ID has reservations as to whether these proposals are better for cyclists, and perhaps schoolchildren (who should be enabled to cycle to school). The proposals may impact the issues that DCG have raised with parking at St. Benedict's <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/duffield-road-cycle-lane-and-school-parking/>. ID to write an article, to be published on the website, and to invite Adrian and Tim to comment.

Members are also encouraged to respond; deadline is midnight 27.10.24, see online address above.

## Osmaston Road

City Council have published plans for bus lane and shared cycle lane. James Bailey and Jean Baird to ride the route and then produce response on behalf of DCG. Members to also be encouraged to respond <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/osmaston-road-bus-service-improvement-plan-consultation>.

## Active Travel Map

The project to update the the Derby Active Travel Map and also review 'recommended' routes is still active, and we would very much like to involve the wider membership in this. Please see proposals for the Newsletter below which may help develop the map.

## NCN Barriers

Just one barrier remains on NCN in Derby area: at the entrance to the Breadsall Greenway at the Paddock pub. Ian Dent to document current situation (positive) and encourage City Council to remove remaining barrier. Jean Baird brought up the issue of the triple barriers at the entrance to the underpass approaching Arleston Lane, a continuation of Sinfin Moor Lane that is part of Route 66. This is no longer a NCN route; transferred into the care of the city council? Perhaps this is something for future consideration.

## Communications

### Digest

James W. Bailey has recently issued Digest #004 at the end of August.

### Newsletter

Jean Baird to progress newsletter to focus on accounts of DCG members cycling experiences in and around Derby, also in relation to travel patterns using data from PCT and Strava Metro. This should help with updating the Active Travel Map (see above). Martin Aldred suggested looking at the ride leader reports from CTC in relation to drawing up a template to help solicit responses from members. Mark Norbury has volunteered to write up his experiences of having senior management at Aldi remove some plants and vegetation that were preventing the Sheffield Stands at that store being accessed for parking cycles for the next newsletter.

## **Information**

### **Active Travel Forum**

City Council is planning to restart Active Travel Forum. Tony Roelich informed the meeting that invitations to participate are to be sent out in September. Mark Norbury recommended that the group might like to have a look at the Active Travel Cafe on You Tube for information and inspiration: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBvZRCYwuQKxYmOI1niWHkA>

### **LCWIP**

It is understood that Derby City Council are preparing a city focused LCWIP (Mark Smith). No timescales or further information.

### **Cycle Route Maintenance**

DCG are delighted to note the clearance of a stretch of NCN 54 between Pektron Island and Little Eaton Island. James Bailey has provided an excellent dramatisation of before and after the clearance, complete with musical accompaniment: <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/2024/08/deforestation-derby/> .