



Derby Cycling Group – Members’ Meeting Minutes

5th November 2024

1 Present

Ian Dent (ID) - minutes, Jean Baird (JB) - chair, Tony Roelich (TR)

2 Membership

Current membership is 356

3 Campaigns

3.1 Ride with Council Active Travel Team

JB to agree date with Mark Smith of Derby City Council. Likely to be during working hours. **JB** to circulate planned route and notes.

3.2 Station Road Crossing

Still no crossing in place on Station Road in Mickleover although “promised” for FY24-25 (i.e. before April 2025). TR has been in contact with local Councillors as has James Bailey and Tony Gordon. **TR, Tony Gordon and James Bailey** to coordinate on following this up including asking for plans and a chance to comment on the plans before they are implemented.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/station-road-mickleover-crossing/>

3.3 Local work in progress

Cycle related work is in progress on Ashbourne Road, Spondon area (around Asda) and Nottingham Road in Chaddesden. To be reviewed on completion. Feedback on plans was provided previously – as work is now in progress the plans can no longer be influenced.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/derby-road-spondon/>

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/ashbourne-road-safer-road-consultation/>

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/2023/12/nottingham-road-cycleway/>

3.4 Duffield Road bus lane

ID met with Derby City Council and has provided feedback via Derby's Lets Talk on behalf of the DCG. DCG is not supportive of the plans as they currently stand as the experience for cyclists will be worse than that currently in place. ID to submit, again, detailed information to the Council. Consultation period has now ended. Detailed write-up available on DCG website.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/duffield-road-bus-lane-proposals/>

3.5 Active Travel Map

ID to update online Active Travel Map and plan for how to update new changes involving membership. Secondary project to also review "recommended" routes. This is a large project so will take a few months to bring to fruition. <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/active-travel-map/>

3.6 NCN barriers

Just one A frame barrier remains on NCN in Derby area (other restrictions remain – e.g. steep slopes, narrow sections). ID has documented the extensive improvements to the National Cycle Network in the Derby area (see DCG website) and has asked Derby City Council to remove the one final A frame barrier on the NCN. Derby City Council are "looking at what can be done".

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/improvements-to-ncn-in-derby-area/>

3.7 Allestree Park rewilding

ID met with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) to discuss active travel to, and through, the Park. ID to maintain contact with the DWT and Derby City Council.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/allestree-park-rewilding/>

3.8 A38 Junctions

No news on whether the A38 flyovers scheme is to proceed or not. There is scope to ask for the active travel aspects to be continued (and funded) by National Highways in the event that the scheme is cancelled. TR to write to his MP to suggest this.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/A38-junctions/>

4 Communications

4.1 Digest

James Bailey to prepare latest digest

4.2 Newsletter

JB to progress newsletter focusing on understanding members' cycling experiences.

4.3 Active Travel Alliance

DCG is a member of the Alliance which has the goal of influencing the new regional mayor and her team. Agreed that DCG would continue as a member of the Alliance.

4.4 Active Travel Forum

Plans for restarting the Derby active travel forum are unclear. DCG believe that a local forum or similar is necessary to ensure good two way communication with the City Council. TR is in ongoing discussions with Derby City Council on this subject and will report back.

5 Information

5.1 LCWIP

It is understood that Derby City Council are preparing a city focused LCWIP. No timescales or further information. Creation of a new version of the LCWIP would be a useful action for the local active travel forum.

5.2 Derbyshire Cycling Plan

This was launched in 2016 with the goal of making Derbyshire “the most connected county for cycling by 2030”. Discussion with the group responsible for the plan (Active Derbyshire) is that the various stakeholders do not see the plan as a priority and, instead, focus will be on schemes such as Walk Derbyshire. In the future, cycle related activities will be through involvement in the Active Travel Alliance. <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/transport-plans/sustainable-travel/cycling-walking-plans/cycling-and-walking-plans.aspx>

5.3 Sustrans volunteers

Various Sustrans local volunteer opportunities are currently available.

https://volunteer.sustrans.org.uk/opportunities/results#display=grid&search=Derbyshire&s=date_advertised&o=desc&limit=14&include=image&public_search=true