



# Derby Cycling Group – Members’ Meeting Minutes

4<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## 1 Present

Ian Dent (ID) - minutes, Tony Roelich (TR), James Bailey (JWB), Martin Aldred (MA)

## 2 Campaigns

### 2.1 Station Road Crossing

Pleased to see the Toucan crossing is now in place and open for use. A decent job seems to have been done. Well done to Tony Gordon, JB, TR, ID and others for keeping up pressure on the Council to deliver on their promises.

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

The cycle route through the new estate is still not open and housebuilding is still in progress. TR to speak with site manager to get an update on plans and timescales.

### 2.2 Duffield Road bus lane

No update on plans since submitting feedback but an update is promised by the Council by 7<sup>th</sup> March.

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

ID to monitor

### 2.3 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 and has asked Derby City Council to remove the one final A frame barrier on the NCN.

An issue was raised by Derby City Council as to whether themselves or Derbyshire County were responsible for this section of the greenway. **ID** to chase for resolution.

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

## 2.4 Allestree Park rewilding

After discussion with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and, via them, with Derby City Council, the suggestions made for improving cycle access to the Park and through the Park have been considered by the Parks and Transport teams at Derby City Council.

The results were not positive. It was concluded that the Park was too hilly to allow safe cycle routes and would not be used for commuting. Suggestions for improvements within the Park to improve roads around the Park were not seriously considered. There are possible plans to consider making Woodlands Lane a “quiet lane” although this doesn’t address the fundamental issue of it being too narrow for pedestrian / cycle use. There has also been very little consideration of travel to the Park from any direction but from Derby City (e.g. from Quarndon, Duffield, Belper,...).

Allestree Hall has now been sold and the new owners are in the process of fencing off the Hall and surrounding land.

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

**ID** to challenge the Council’s responses on the proposals and stay in contact with the relevant bodies.

## 2.5 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.

Ongoing

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

## 2.6 Provision for cycles on trains

Pedals (Nottingham cycle campaign group) have an ongoing campaign to try and get East Midlands Railway to improve the provision for cycles on their newest trains. **JB** to investigate and propose how DCG can best support this campaign.

## 2.7 Nottingham Road work

**JWB** to review work on Nottingham Road when complete and document his views. Construction work is still in progress.

## **2.8 Supermarket cycle parking**

JB proposed a ride to visit a number of supermarkets around Derby to assess their cycle parking and then to write-up the results. **JB** to organise date for this ride.

## **2.9 City Centre improvements**

The work on Albert St and Victoria St is now nearing completion. **JWB** to review and write up his impressions.

## **2.10 Smart Parc**

The old Celanese site includes an attractive and useful cycle route linking the Riverside Path and Spondon but, while complete, this is yet to be opened. ID has been in touch with the site management to understand timescales. Likely to open in May but dependent on agreement with tenants on site and the City Council. **ID** to monitor.

# **3 Communications**

## **3.1 Digest**

**JWB** to prepare latest digest when there is sufficient material

## **3.2 Newsletter**

**JB** to progress newsletter focusing on understanding members' cycling experiences, cycle parking provision at supermarkets and review of Nottingham Road work.

## **3.3 Ride with Council Active Travel Team**

Given the current weather, it was decided that a meeting with Mark Smith's team instead of a ride may be a better solution. **JB** to agree date with Mark Smith. Likely to be during working hours.

## **3.4 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.

There have been very few activities from the Alliance during 2025.

## **3.5 Active Travel Forum**

Still no sign of the Derby City Active Travel Forum restarting. **TR** to monitor and try to influence.

## **3.6 Chesterfield Cycle Campaign**

Chesterfield are organising a meeting for East Midlands cycle campaign groups (likely to be in the Autumn).

DCG are supportive of these plans and have agreed to contribute presentations.

### **3.7 Annual General Meeting**

This is due to be held in the period April-June. **ALL** - Details to be agreed at next monthly meeting.

**JWB** to finalise accounts for period to end of March 2025 ready for AGM.

## **4 Information**

### **4.1 Membership**

Current membership is 357.

### **4.2 Darley Abbey Bridge**

It was noted that the City Council have plans to design a replacement bridge for Darley Abbey and there is a question as to whether motor traffic will be allowed. DCG would like any new bridge to be restricted to walking, wheeling and cycling. The group will keep an eye on plans and influence them when possible.

### **4.3 University**

It was noted that the new Accessibility Hub at the University Kedleston Road site (to be Park Campus) is now open and looks impressive. It includes a tool station and pump.