



# Derby Cycling Group – Members’ Meeting Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

## 1 Present

James Bailey (JWB) – chair, Tony Gordon (TG) – minutes, Jean Baird (JB), Kim Plaskett (KP), Tony Roelich (TR), Martin Aldred (MA), Ian Dent (ID)

## 2 Campaigns

### 2.1 Station Road 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 (ongoing).

### 2.2 Duffield Road bus lane

The Council has decided not to go ahead with the bus lane. Parking on double yellow lines outside schools is still a problem.

**ID** and **JB** to send a letter to Catherine Atkinson MP asking what the current rules are about cars waiting on.

### 2.3 NCN barriers

**ID** has asked Derby City Council to remove the one final A frame barrier on the NCN (outside the Paddock pub). 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 (ongoing)

### 2.4 Allestree Park rewilding

Derby City Council have concluded that the Park is 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.

**ID** to challenge the Council's responses on the proposals and stay in contact with the relevant bodies (ongoing).

**ID** to send copy of letter from the Council to **TG** who will speak to Sandra on the Rewilding team.

## **2.5 A38 Junctions**

The A38 flyovers scheme has received approval in principle, however funding will be decided by the Government at a meeting in June. 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).

## **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 has emailed Catherine Atkinson MP.

**JB** to forward her email so meeting attendees can then email their local MPs

## **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 has planned a ride route.

**JB** to ask Mark Norbury if he will lead the 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 (ongoing).

## **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 (ongoing).

# **3 Communications**

## **3.1 Digest**

**JWB** to prepare latest digest when there is sufficient material (after the next few articles have been added to the website).

### **3.2 Newsletter**

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

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

Mark Smith has moved to a new role in school cycle training. Owen Swift is now the best contact.

**JB** to contact Owen Smith.

### **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. ID suggested contacting the Regional Mayor's new Ambassador for Active Travel Alan Simpson instead (see 3.7 below).

Action CLOSED.

### **3.5 Active Travel Forum**

Still no sign of the Derby City Active Travel Forum restarting.

Action CLOSED.

### **3.6 Chesterfield Cycle Campaign**

Chesterfield are organising a meeting for East Midlands cycle campaign groups (likely to be in the Autumn). ID has responded positively and agreed to contribute to their meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### **3.7 Annual General Meeting**

Agreed AGM date of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June with a prompt start at 7:30 for AGM business followed by a speaker. Refreshments to be provided.

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

**ID** to contact Alan Simpson as potential speaker.

## **4 Information**

### **4.1 Newark & Sherwood Campaign Group**

ID is in contact with a new campaign group which has recently been set up.

### **4.2 Birmingham Velodrome Campaign**

A campaign has been launched in Birmingham for the building of a velodrome.

**JWB/ID** to find and forward information from the Derby campaign which may be useful.

## **4.3 University**

The University Kedleston Road Campus now has high quality cycle facilities, but these are lacking on other sites, restricting students from travelling by bike between sites.

**JB** to email University Estates Team to find out who is responsible for cycle facilities so DCG can take this up with them.