



# Derby Cycling Group – Members’ Meeting Minutes

**6th May 2025**

**Present:** Ian Dent (ID), James W. Bailey (JWB), Jean Baird (JB), Tony Roelich (TR).

The committee would like to thank Tony Gordon for his excellent work collating the DCG minutes for April 2025.

## **AGM**

19.30 10th June 2025.

ID will chair this meeting and send a note to members once we have confirmed the venue. JWB has informed us that the WECC (West End Community Centre DE22 3BL) may not be able to accommodate this meeting. Various locations were discussed. Friends Meeting House (DE1 3HY) is the most likely accessible venue. JWB to ascertain that this is available to book.

We need to source a digital projector (TR). Alan Simpson, the Derby Mayor’s Sustainable Travel Ambassador for the East Midlands Combined Authority is confirmed as the main speaker (ID). “The EMCCA (regional mayor) now has responsibility for transport budgets and Alan works for the mayor concentrating on active travel things. He is keen to meet and learn from local groups so should be an excellent guest speaker for our AGM. He is responsible across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Notts so Derby will only be a small part of his responsibility but, nevertheless, a chance to understand more from him and influence his future focus and plans.” (ID)

ID to ask Mark Hicklin to handle refreshments.

## **Campaigns**

**Alleestree Park** - ongoing: action from minutes 1/4/25: ID to send copy of letter from the Council to TG who will speak to Sandra on the Re-Wilding team. (ID/ TG)

Parking outside **St.Benedicts School, Duffield Rd** - ongoing: note from last months meeting indicate that ID is planning to publicise the non enforcement policy of the City Council for yellow lines near schools.

Removal of **NCN Barrier** at the entrance to the **Breadsall Greenway** at The Paddock, Chester Green - ongoing. (ID)

**Cycles On Trains**; DCG support for Pedals (Nottingham) campaign. JB has sent letter to Catherine Aitkinson, MP for Derby North, regarding the provision of cycles on trains. Impetus for this campaign comes from a campaign started by Pedals in respect of the design of new trains for EMR where the provision for cycles is limited and unsuitable/unsustainable for many cycling journeys. Pedals have asked us to send letters to as many MP's as possible in our region to garner support for sustainable active travel. JB to write up Pedals campaign for the website.

We are requesting that similar letters in support of this campaign be sent to the MP's for Derbyshire South (Baggy Shanker) and Mid Derbyshire (Jonathan Davies). For the attention of Martin Aldred - Derby South, and Ian Dent - Mid Derbyshire, who live in these respective constituencies. There are three other MP's who could also be contacted by one of the constituents in their areas: John Whitby, Samantha Niblett, Louise Jones.

### **A38 Junctions**

We discussed the controversial plans for expanded road junctions A38/A61 to the North and West of Derby. While individual members of DCG committee have varying views on these proposals and the impact of the work on the environment and the encouragement of motor traffic, the focus for the group has to be on monitoring and proposing that much improved cycle facilities be implemented as part of this scheme whether or not it comes to fruition in the way the government intend. Tony Roelich has put forward detailed proposals for segregated cycle infrastructure through Markeaton, Kingsway Island, Little Eaton roundabouts possibly also including Palm Court Island which would link with existing cycle lanes and join up cycling provision through and around Derby City. Please see these plans which have been posted on the DCG website, May 2025 <<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/A38-junctions/>>

**Tony Roelich** is representing DCG at a meeting with the Friends Of The Earth coordinated **EMCCA Climate Coalition (Anne Robinson)** on the 8th May 2025. Tony to report back to the group as and when.

### **Digest/Newsletter/Website/Rides**

We had a discussion about traffic lights that don't register cycles. Report to Streetpride: (Siddals Road into Town) <https://www.derby.gov.uk/streetpride/> (JB)

JWB will review the Nottingham Road cycle lane scheme now that the work has been completed.(website)

JB is revising the **“Write Up Your Ride”** document in terms of inviting the wider membership to submit a short narrative of their journey for potential publication in the newsletter. There is an opportunity to link this up to the proposed “Aldi” ride around various supermarkets to check on bike parking provision and how the space is used for “other” kinds of parking (Kim Plaskett) following the example raised by Mark Norbury. There may be some opportunity to host occasional rides in conjunction with CTC (Cycling UK) where members are encouraged to join in.

JB is to contact Owen Swift re the planned infrastructure ride that was originally planned with Mark Smith.

TR has raised a complaint with DCiC about the downgrading of the mandatory cycle lanes to the West side of Derby Royal Hospital along Uttoxeter Road, to advisory lanes.

This has also been picked up by councillor Lucy Care, who was delighted that Tony was on the case and has subsequently received confirmation that this would be corrected. Tony’s complaint and narrative surrounding it - the use of an outdated Google Earth image by the planners - is a great good news story for DCG that could find a place in the digest or newsletter?

JB to contact Anthony Walkington, Environment and Sustainable Travel Manager, Derby University, to see if he will share the University’s plans for Markeaton Brook with the group but also to ask him about cycle facilities for students and staff at campuses other than Ked Road with it’s “feature” hub.