



Derby Cycling Group – Members’ Meeting Minutes

4th November 2025

1 Present

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

2 Campaigns

2.1 Council EV charging and secure cycle parking

Council press release <https://www.derby.gov.uk/news/2025/october/sustainability-success-in-six-streets/> includes information on “secure cycle parking” as part of the “Mobility hubs” installed around Derby. **JB** to determine locations of the hubs and then organise a ride to view each and to assess how good the “secure cycle parking” is. **TR** to write to Council about shortcomings on the Six Streets parking.

2.2 Flood works

Some discussion on the suitability of diversions for cycles arising from the current flood works. **MA** to do on-the-ground survey and then follow up with the contractors if any shortcomings. Some diversions may only be suitable for pedestrians and not cycles.

2.3 Hospital

It was noted that markings on the entrance to the Derby Royal Hospital have been repainted. **TR** has suggestions for further improvements and will contact the Council for full details of existing work and to pass on ideas.

2.4 Local Transport Plan

The process for collecting information for the next Local Transport Plan (to be created by EMCCA) is about to start. Feedback is likely to be via the constituent Councils in the mayor’s area – i.e. locally via Derby City. **TR** to investigate more details of the consultation process.

2.5 LCWIP

The split between the LCWIP and the LTP is unclear but thought to be that the LTP will be a higher level and will make reference to the LCWIP which will contain more detail.

It was decided that DCG should have their own draft set of priority projects and the December meeting will be to determine (and prioritise) the important projects. This will use the Derby City Council's list of projects as a starting point. See

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/d2n2-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-lcwip> for the plans.

It was noted that the 2023 LCWIP consultation process was a complete waste of time (and money – Aecom were contracted to collect the feedback). 568 responses were collected (including a detailed one from DCG) but zero changes were made to the draft LCWIP document (the document date remains as April 2021). <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/2025/11/a-new-low-for-local-authority-consultation/>

ID to circulate background information in preparation for December meeting.

2.6 NCN barrier near Paddock

Just one A frame barrier remains on NCN in Derby area (other restrictions remain – e.g. steep slopes, narrow sections). ID has asked Derby City Council to remove the one final A frame barrier on the NCN.

The local Councillor (Councillor Hudson) supports the removal.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/paddock-a-frame-removal/>

ID has chased the City Council for progress but has not received any reply (both in August and November). ID to continue to chase.

2.7 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 and rejected by the Parks and Transport teams at Derby City Council.

No progress has been made since the rewilding project started on:

- improving access to the Park for cyclists
- Improving access within the Park for cyclists by creating a network of well surfaced paths.

The local MP, Jonathan Davies has been supportive of the suggested improvements and has written to, and gained support from, Councillor Ndukwe and will follow up further.

In addition, the Derbyshire County Councillor is trying to get improvements for the use of Duffield Road for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users.

Allestree Hall has now been sold and the new owners are in the process of fencing off the Hall and surrounding land. The land included in the sale includes key areas necessary for improving the

paths network. ID has objected to the inclusion of these areas (received standard response from City Council that doesn't address the points raised).

The new Hall owners have applied for planning permission to change use of the Hall to a wedding venue and hotel. As part of this application an inadequate "Travel Plan" was included purporting to show how staff would be able to reach the Hall via walking, cycling or buses.

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

ID to stay in contact with the relevant bodies.

2.8 Student commuting

JB requesting feedback on the video linked at

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/2025/10/beyond-the-bike-lane/>

2.9 Infinity Garden Village

MA will explore details of the plans from Derby City and South Derbyshire Councils for the village and provide feedback

2.10 Castleward

The City Council apparently have plans for the Castleward area. TR to investigate further

3 Items carried over from previous meetings

3.1 Transforming Cities Funding Schemes

JWB to email Rob Waite, the former programme lead for the Transforming Cities Funding scheme to ask for a list of the projects, associated costs and likelihood for feedback and assessment of their effectiveness.

3.2 Ratcliffe on Soar bridge

Long term project being led by Pedals (Nottingham) but supported in principle by DCG. JB to review wealth of information that has been circulated.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/proposal-for-new-cycle-bridge-over-the-trent/>

3.3 Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding

JWB to email Cllr Carmel Swan regarding the Bus Service Improvement Plan funding originally earmarked for the now-cancelled bus lanes on Duffield Road and Osmaston Road

3.4 Nottingham Road work

JWB to review work on Nottingham Road when complete and document his views.

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

3.5 Community Cleanup

JB to lobby the membership for ideas on where littering is particularly bad on the Derby cycling network. She will then organise a clean up event in conjunction with support from Derby City Council.

3.6 Bikes on Trains

This is a Pedals led campaign <https://www.pedals.org.uk/2024/12/08/pedalsemrcampaign/> **JB** is to encourage members around Derby to write to their local MPs.

4 Communications

4.1 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.

JWB and **TR** to attend on behalf of DCG.

4.2 Climate Forum

TR is representing DCG on the forum.

4.3 Market Hall event

There are plans to hold a cycling focused event in the Derby Market Hall. It was agreed that DCG would support such an event. More details to follow.