Derby Cycling Group – Members' Meeting Minutes

2nd December 2025

1   Present

Ian Dent (ID), Tony Roelich (TR), James Bailey (JWB), Martin Aldred (MA), Jean Baird (JB), Ken Timmis (KT), Tony Gordon (TG) – minutes

2   Review of Infrastructure Improvement Ideas

Most of the meeting was taken up by a workshop to develop a prioritised list of infrastructure projects that we'd like to see in Derby and around as input to any future LCWIP process.

Input to the meeting included the Derby City Council "delivery programme" list that is included in the LCWIP documentation https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/d2n2-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-lcwip and Derbyshire projects that are close to Derby, plus disconnects in the existing network https://dent.org.uk/missing-links-in-derby-cycle-routes/

JB to circulate the workshop output so far. The workshop will be continued in next month's meeting.

3   EMCCA Local Transport Plan

There is a consultation event for this in Derbion Shopping Centre on Wednesday 10th December from 3-6pm. Members of the EMCCA team will be there to discuss the plan although it is not clear whether they will be taking input. All DCG members encouraged to visit. **ID** will add an item to review the effectiveness of the consultation to next month's agenda.

4   Compassionate Derby Event

TR will run a Derby Cycling Group stand at this annual ethical living event at St Peter's Church Hall next Saturday 6th December and asked anyone who is free to join him there.

5   The Loop and the Mayor

Mayor of the East Midlands, Claire Ward, is walking 150 miles across the region, following a path she hopes to formalise as The Loop. This is billed as a route for both walking and cycling. **ID** asked for suggestions at the next meeting of where and how we might request to meet her in Derby in the near future in a way that would enable us to present the case for cycling.

6   Newsletter

Topics for the next newsletter:

JB to summarise the "Beyond the Bike Lane" video

ID to write a piece on the Monsal Trail rail proposals

KT to write a piece introducing Ayup Bikes

JB to add unpublished items from the archive.

7   Campaigns

7.1   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 send out photos of the hubs and then organise a ride to view and assess how good the "secure cycle parking" is. **TR** to write to Council about shortcomings on the Six Streets parking.

7.2   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.

7.3   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.

7.4   Allestree Park rewilding

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.

7.5   Student commuting

JB requesting feedback on the video linked at

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

7.6   Infinity Garden Village

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

7.7   Castleward

The City Council apparently have plans for the Castleward area. A planning application has gone in and needs to be reviewed by DCG. **TR** to follow up.

8   Items carried over from previous meetings

8.1   Transforming Cities Funding Schemes

JWB has emailed 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. No response received, action closed for now.

8.2   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/

8.3   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

8.4   Nottingham Road work

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

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

8.5   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.

8.6   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.

9   Communications

9.1   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.

9.2   Climate Forum

TR is representing DCG on the forum.

9.3   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.