



# Derby Cycling Group – Members’ Meeting Minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

## 1 Present

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

## 2 Campaigns

### 2.1 Infrastructure projects

After discussion at the last 2 meetings, a draft list of projects has been created and circulated by JB. **ID** will plan to incorporate these into a map for discussion at next meeting.

### 2.2 Council communication

**TR** is due to meet with Owen Swift at Derby City Council and will report back on Council active travel team structure and future opportunities for closer working.

### 2.3 Local Transport Plan

**TR** has created a set of recommendations for how to complete the Local Transport Plan consultation. **TR** to create the text for a final reminder email to members. **ID** to send this out. <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/2026/01/big-transport-conversation/>

**TR** also to try and engage with key people at EMCCA.

## 2.4 Mayor walking “The Loop”

JB has offered to ride sections of the EMCCA's mayor travel around the region. It is possible that it will be possible to join Mayor Claire around the High Peak Trail. **JB** to determine details. <https://www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk/the-mayor/the-loop/>

## 2.5 Flood works

MA does not expect any further activity. <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/derby-flood-defences-next-phase/>

## 2.6 Infinity Garden Village

**MA** will explore details of the plans from Derby City and South Derbyshire Councils for the village and provide feedback on this 4500 home project.

## 2.7 NCN barrier near Paddock

ID has asked Derby City Council to remove the one final A frame barrier on the NCN in the Derby area.

The local Councillor (Councillor Hudson) supports the removal.

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

ID has chased the City Council but has not received any reply. **ID** to continue to chase.

## 2.8 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.

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

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

**ID** to stay in contact with the relevant bodies.

## 2.9 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

## 2.10 Nottingham Road work

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

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

## 2.11 Community Cleanup

**JB** to explore 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.

## 2.12 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. **MA** to send note to his MP.

**JB** to follow up a reply from her MP and also explore contacts within the EMCCA Mayor's office.

## 2.13 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/>

## 2.14 Amber Valley Active Travel study

This work is progressing and is led by Phil Jones Associates. **ID** has provided input and will chase up with PJA. <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/amber-valley-active-travel-study/>

## 2.15 Duffield Road parking

Still no progress (9 years!) on having the no parking restrictions near to St Benedicts enforced by Derby City Council. **ID** to continue to try to progress.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/duffield-road-no-parking-restrictions/>

## 2.16 Asda island improvements

The City Council have plans and funding from EMCCA to improve the island near to Asda, Spondon. TR has contacted Cllr Swan to ensure involvement in early stages of planning but has not yet managed to engage successfully with Derby City Council transport dept. **TR** to continue to chase. **TR** to also engage with DCG members in the Spondon / Chaddesden area to try and influence local councillors.

<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/spondon-asda-island-improvements/>

## 2.17 Palm Court island

There is some media interest in the danger of the island particularly to pedestrians. Derby City Council state that there are no plans to improve things. There is an opportunity to capitalise on the local controversy to gain some momentum on improvements for cyclists as well as pedestrians. **ID** to create diagrams of the issues and engage with local councillors. <https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/derby-news/busy-derby-roundabout-labelled-unsafe-10791384>

## 2.18 Darley Abbey bridge

It seems likely that the Darley Abbey bridge closure will be long term. DCG view is that it needs to be reopened as soon as possible and that any long term solution should not include regular motor traffic.

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/news/2026/february/permanent-river-crossing-at-darley-abbey-moves-a-step-closer/>

## **3 Communications**

### **3.1 Newsletter**

**JB** to complete draft newsletter with goal of sending out by 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. **JB** to create pdf format file and **ID** to send message to members

### **3.2 Derby Bike Festival Market Hall event**

A Derby Bike Festival organised by Ay Up Bikes is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Derby Market Hall. DCG have agreed to attend and support the event. More details to be obtained from the organisers.