

Derby Cycling Group – Members' Meeting Minutes

4th November 2026

1 Present

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

2 Hospital

Ian Dent reported that he had been contacted by Natalie Roddis, who is responsible for Sustainability/Active Travel at Burton and Derby Hospitals. Our discussion included Thinking about bike parking for visitors and day patients at the hospital as well as concerns about the security of staff parking. We have also been involved in considering and planning routes to (in particular) to Royal Derby Hospital from areas within the city from (Kingsway and Normanton, train station/bus station) that circumvent the sometimes inappropriate route on Uttoxeter New Road. Ian to ask James if he would be interested in taking a lead and following this up.

3 Infrastructure

The recent "Wheels On The Ground" ride Harvey Rd/Blue Peter Island/Raynesway Island yielded the following observations; in short - Beech Ave was a suitable route to connect Raynesway/Blue Peter Islands; however despite arrangements for stands for bike parking there is no provision for cycling in the pedestrian shopping area in Alvaston.

4 MegaLoughton Lane Rail Crossing

It was noted on the ride that the route over the A52/Raynesway was dangerous, and the route alongside the A52 north of the railway line was also concerning and unsuitable because of its remoteness and the flights of stairs with missing rails for bicycles. It was also noted that the alternative to this - the railway crossing at Megaloughton Lane was closed. Subsequent investigations with the Rights of Way department at DCC revealed that the crossing was closed in September for six months after safety

concerns raised by Network Rail. These included cycling across the line and children placing objects on the tracks. A-Frame barriers are/have been installed on the approach to the crossing. Jean Baird/Ian Dent are keeping an eye on this to report when Network Rail reopen the junction. Also to note the other rail crossings at Barton Road and at the Meadow Lane/Long Lane junction that are crucial as routes to access Attenborough Nature Reserve and cycling routes through it towards Nottingham Canal.

5 Palm Court Island

Ian Dent and Tony Roelich have both been interviewed by the Derby Telegraph (Feb/Nov 26) with respect to the dangers for both cyclist and pedestrians at Palm Court Island, the junction of the A6/A38 near Allestree/Duffield. Councillor Steve Hassell has taken the problem to the council but there is unlikely to be any action. The latest update on Palm Court Island has been posted by Ian D. on the website <https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/site/2026/11/palm-court-island-still-a-danger/>

6 EMCCA influencing

Tony Roelich has co-ordinated a response to the request from DJH Smith (Pedals) regarding the meaningful engagement and consultative arrangements between DCiC and Active Travel stakeholders: The experience of Derby Cycling Group (DCG) with respect to active travel engagement with Derby City Council (DCiC). These are to be sent to Alan Simpson so that he can present them to the Mayor, Claire Ward.

7 Compassionate Derby

Tony R. is representing DCG with a stall at Compassionate Derby 2026 10.30-16.00 @ St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Street on Saturday 5th December. He asks that committee and other members turn up at various points in the day to allow him some breaks and hopefully lunch!

8 City Centre "no cycling"

Tony R. reports that Alan Simpson (EMCCA) urges us to seek 'radical solutions' and that Derby advocates need collaborative conversations with councillor Carmel Swan. At his recent meeting with Cllr Sarah Chambers and city centre team regarding cycling in the city centre, Tony urges that the current negative representation of where/when cycling is allowed (banned between 10.00am -17.00pm) is altered to a more positive and encouraging message to engage with active travel (allowed before 10.00am and after 17.00pm). Also that the rules for cycling in the city: East St/St. Peter's Churchyard/St.Peter's Street are the same throughout the area.

9 Trent Bridge (Trent Lock)

Pleased to report that Tony Gordon and Tony Roelich will be joining me on Nov. 9th for the online Teams Meeting regarding the RosChet bridge over the Trent, a campaign directed by Hugh McLintock from Pedals, Nottingham.

10 People's Emergency Briefing

Jean Baird has asked the group to consider hosting a screening of the "People's Emergency Briefing" on climate change, either alongside the Six Streets/Three Streets community or as a separate event particularly involving those involved in cycling.

11 Planned rides

The next episode of "Wheels On The Ground" will be to explore a route along Stores Road to the Meteor Centre which is/should be a destination in terms of our mapping and infrastructure projects: including a ride on the newly opened and extended Little Eaton Greenway. Jean B. will circulate more details on this in due course.

12 Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st December 7:30pm at Mr Grundys.