



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport public Cycle User Group

Thursday 29th March 2018

Stockport Town Hall

PRESENT

Ian Barker	(local cyclist)	Kathy England	(TPT/Sustrans)
Charlie Hulme	(local cyclist)	Joanna Hulme	(local cyclist)
Don Naylor	(SMBC; Chair)	Nick Robinson	(SMBC; minutes)
Dave Butler	(local cyclist)	Steve Essex	(local cyclist)
Pete Vickerman	(local cyclist)	Andy Shaw	(SCCC)
Richard Clark	(TfGM)	Edgar Ernstbrunner	(Ramblers Ass.)
Jonny Downing	(local cyclist)	Jim Court	(SCCC)
Janet Bellingall	(local cyclist)	Nick Harris	(SLH)
Mike Padfield	(local cyclist)		

SLH = Sustainable Living in The Heaton, TfGM = Transport for Greater Manchester, SCCC = Stockport Community Cycling Club, TPT = Trans Pennine Trail, GMCA = Greater Manchester Combined Authority

APOLOGIES: Ian Tate; Max Wild; Norman Lowndes

1. It was noted that today's meeting marked the 25th Anniversary of the Cycle User Group, which first met in a slightly different form in March 1993.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting**
Approved
3. **Matters Arising:** Item 6; It was requested that something be done about the problem of antisocial behaviour on the new Aurora/Gorsey Bank cycle route, specifically by fencing off the "seating" area under the railway bridge. It is felt that congregating youths here will put off users, especially later in the evening.
It was suggested that a kick rail be installed near the footbridge, to stop cyclists using the grass slope instead of the correct route.
Action 1: SMBC cycling officers to raise both of the above with Council Highways colleagues
The issue of the insecure/non-operative cycle hub at Cheadle Hulme Station was raised.
Action 2: Richard Clark (TfGM) has said he will follow this up.
4. **Walking and Cycling Workshop:** the recent workshop led by Brian Deegan, on behalf of GMCA, and attended by council officers, TfGM reps and local cyclists and organisational

representatives was described, and its process explained with additional comment from CUG attendees who were present at the meeting. The event was felt to be very positive, as also shown by social media comment afterwards.

The Stockport workshop was one of 10 planned, with an overall GM Plan being the desired result.

5. **Walking and Cycling Strategy/LCWIP:** recent progress outlined, and how the above workshop fits into the picture with these two processes. They are three separate but overlapping processes that can be used to prioritise schemes to improve the cycling and walking network.
6. **Proposed A6 cycle lanes:** CUG have asked that they be fully involved as new options and designs emerge for the creation of the A6 MARR/Middlewood Way/High Lane link. It was suggested that cycle only footways may become an option in similar situations (as at Otterspool Rd)
Action 3: SMBC cycling officers to raise with relevant Council colleagues
7. **Mobike:** a general discussion around the recent launch of Mobike in Stockport, including some clarification from Council reps on the rumours of withdrawal.
8. **Updates on TCAP and other new infrastructure**
CCAG2: work is underway on the northern section, but the southern section (Ladybridge Rd to Bramhall Park) is still under negotiation. CUG suggest that the path from Ladybridge Rd to Cheadle Hulme station be looked at again. **Action 4:** cycling officers to get full updates on CCAG2 to add to minutes.
Trans Pennine Trail: TPT rep requested copies of the plans for Hollywood Way bridge and junction. See post-meeting Note 1
NPIF scheme, Roscoes Roundabout: briefly discussed. This scheme is still in its initial stages.
Middlewood Way: is currently being cleaned up and resurfaced.
Otterspool Rd: off carriageway cycle route from Otterspool to Hatherlow is currently under construction. **Action 5:** cycling officers to circulate the expected completion date
Warren Rd/Wilmslow Rd: the issue of installing a Toucan crossing at this point was raised. It was noted that one element of the GMCA-led process is to identify locations for new or improved crossings

9. AOB

- a. **When will Heaton Norris Park bridge be reopened?** This link has been identified as in potential need of replacement by Highways England, SMBC Walking and Cycling

Strategy and at the recent workshop. There are issues and opportunities due to the age of the bridge. CUG will be kept informed.

b. Dark Lane: CUG requested an update on progress with this. **Action 6** : cycling officers to provide

c. Next meetings: 26th April, Fred Perry House Conference Room; 30th May, Town Hall.

Post-meeting Note 1 A site meeting was subsequently scheduled for April 12th, to include this location on the itinerary, and for TPT reps to be involved

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