

**Minutes of the Pedals monthly meeting of Monday 16 January 2012  
held at The Globe PH, Rye Hill Street, Nottingham**

**Apologies for absence** from Mara Ozolins, John Bannister, Julian Bentley, Dave Miller and Peter Osborne.

**Present:** Hugh McClintock, Andrew Househam, Terry Scott, Arthur Williams (left early), Peter Elderton, Andrew Martin, Neil Bain, David Easley, Peter Briggs (later).

**Minutes of the previous Pedals Meeting (21 November 2011) and matters arising / update**

**Matters arising:**

**Pedals Marquee repair and storage:**

Hugh reported that this has now been repaired and is temporarily stored in the back of his garage but needs new permanent storage along with the rest of the Pedals display items and equipment.

**Pedals display items and equipment management and future storage:**

Still noone was willing to take over Dave Clark's former role as our Events and Displays Manager so it was agreed that we should proceed with 'Plan B'.

This means that we will now select a few (4-5) bigger events each year (such as the Nottm Green Festival and the West Bridgford Summer Gathering) where we think that our presence would be more worthwhile, and that we will find a different person to take on responsibility for organising our appearance at each of these.

This would entail:-

- liaising with the organisers, liaising with the person organising our display at the previous event (and then also subsequent events), finding people to help man the stall, ensuring that we had sufficient stocks of leaflets / maps likely be in most demand at that event,
- taking all the equipment and material to and from the stall after the event reviewing our stocks including throwing out redundant or soiled material. Hugh McClintock offered to do this for the West Bridgford Summer Gathering likely to be on Saturday 19 May. We would review other priorities for our attendance each month, according to both invitations we received and also the list of possible events being drawn up by Helen

When the new storage arrangements had been finalised we agreed that it was important to make an inventory of the stocks of materials we had and to ensure that they were up to date, e.g. including the new Nottingham Cycle Maps which came out some months after we last had a display. This inventory, with a note of sources of each item, could be based on the list on the Books and Maps section of the Pedals website.

Susan Young said that we should in future much more carefully assess the value of taking part in different events.

**Pedals marquee and display storage and coordination with 'Ridewise over invitations to future events:**

Hugh agreed to reply to Gary S-W's message of 21 November welcoming his suggested ways for Ridewise and Pedals to coordinate our responses to event invitations.

**Pedals contribution to Nottingham Light Night (Big Wheel) stall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.**

Pete Elderton produced an example of the **Membership Pack** which he proposed to have to give away at the stall to people who joined and took out a standing order. People would be

encouraged to complete the form on the spot. A free copy of the CCF book would be given to anyone taking out a standing order.

Hugh said that he would find one of the few copies we still had of a Pedals poster to put on the stall but it was agreed that we would not be bringing our display to this event, as that would not be practical until we had agreed on a new permanent storage solution.

Andrew Martin, Susan Young and Hugh McClintock said that they should all be able to help, and further offers, even just for an hour or two, would still be welcome, including help with setting up at 5.30pm (in Trinity Square).

Hugh to liaise with Tiffany at The Big Wheel about our contribution.

### **Proposed Pedals stall at the Victoria Centre**

Agreed to defer making arrangements for this until after Andrew Martin has further news from the Victoria Centre of when their refurbishment would be complete.

### **Rural Rides and other possible future funding bids;**

There was much discussion about our experience with the Awards for All grant to work with Ridewise on promoting the new Rural Rides for All programmes, and the various suggestions we have had in recent weeks for a possible fresh funding bid.

We decided, much as we have been very pleased that the Rural Rides programme has continued, through a lot of hard work from several Ridewise and Pedals people, that our priority for the foreseeable future should be to concentrate on our basic campaigning work and not to be diverted by the large amount of work that, we are sure, would be necessary, to prepare and carry through a new bid.

This partly reflects our continuing limited active manpower and, specifically, our great need at our AGM in March to find a suitable replacement Treasurer, as well as some other key activist needs, allowing for what we can realistically expect people to take on without more new fresh blood.

It was also agreed that Andrew should write to Gary at Ridewise to make clear that we remain very keen for the Rides programme to continue and that we will encourage Pedals members to support the programme in various ways, including offering to lead rides, taking part in rides and in helping to publicise them, especially among minority groups, as we recently agreed should now be given more attention.

It was also agreed that his message (to be drafted with help from Hugh and Peter Briggs) would make clear that we very much hoped that their continued efforts to find new sources of funding to put the programme on a firmer basis will be successful, hard as that no doubt is in the current financial climate.

### **RRFA Awards for All final monitoring report:**

The meeting thanked Peter Briggs very warmly for all his work on preparing and managing our Awards for All grant, and liaising with the Lottery. He said that he was now about to submit the Evaluation report, along with a brief explanation of why the exact expenditure had varied a bit from what was in our bid document. This had already been agreed in principle with the Lottery.

In addition it was agreed that Hugh and Peter would help Andrew to draft a message to NCVS to express our gratitude for all the support and advice of Richard Bacon and David Saunders and to

give them with news of our decision, while making clear that we might well take up some of their bid suggestions in future, for other Pedals purposes.

### **Pedals monthly rides in 2012:**

The meeting also agreed to Arthur William's suggestion that we try again in the 2012 Rural Rides Programme to have a monthly Pedals ride as part of the Rural Rides programme, on the Wednesday preceding our meeting day on the third Monday of each month. Agreed to discuss this further in February.

### **Pedals Finances**

Andrew Martin is still chasing up Lloyds Bank account problems and has now contacted the Financial Services Ombudsman. Agreed that we had to be careful to make sure that any action via the FOS did not cause adverse personal repercussions for Susan Young, who was anyway due the next day to take the matter up once again with Lloyds.

Peter Briggs said that we should be seeking substantive compensation for all the frustration and wasted time and effort.

### **Report on recent meetings by people who have attended on behalf of Pedals.**

#### **Greater Nottm Cycling Development Group meeting, 22 Nov: Matters arising:**

##### **Broadmarsh bus station cycle parking facility: issues raised by Peter Briggs on early closing of the facility etc."**

Agreed that it was very unsatisfactory that this closed at 9pm and that it was closed altogether between Christmas and New Year.

##### **Lenton Lane parking obstructions**

No further news of the consultation on the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

##### **Proposed cycle routes alongside the tram extensions to Clifton and Toton**

The County Council are now being difficult about including anything more than footpaths alongside these NET extension routes, in view of their anti-tram and anti-cycling stance! We will continue to pursue this, e.g. at the meeting planned for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Trent Bridge House with Mitch Stevens to discuss all the detailed alignment proposals.

Susan Young commented that she was very concerned that it looked as though it was not going to be possible to avoid hazards for cyclists on the High Road section.

##### **Transition Sherwood Bike Group meeting on Monday 9th January**

Andrew Martin said that this had been a useful meeting and that the group were keen to keep in contact with Pedals (and Ridewise)

### **Future Pedals Meetings:**

Hugh will contact Heidi Duffy of Notts. Constabulary about the timing of her slot at our next meeting on **Monday 20 February**, saying that we can give her up to 45 minutes including questions and discussions. Agreed that we will need to be very efficient at getting through the rest of our business and still finishing by 10pm.

David Easley, in response to the recent appeal from Andrew Martin, agreed to phone The Globe just before the meeting to confirm arrangements.

People seemed generally happy with the experimental circular layout Andrew had introduced at this meeting which seemed more friendly!

Hugh floated various **ideas for speakers at future meetings**, from April onwards, including an update on the Ucycle Project and its extension to FE colleges, and perhaps having John Lee to talk about City rights of way work.

Hugh also suggested having Andy Gibbons along again to talk about progress with the City Chargecard bike hire / storage scheme.

Pete Elderton suggested a speaker on the NET extension, although Hugh said that, if we did this, we would have to be careful not to get too bogged down in detailed points about the alignment on each section, which might be rather tedious for most people attending, especially those living well away from the two new routes.

**Pedals AGM, Friends Meeting House, Saturday 31 March 2012:**

Andrew Martin to draft a press release, as well as to invite other local organisations.

Details of ride, and contents of message to all members, to be finalised next month.

**Other future meetings:**

**19 Jan: Meeting at Trent Bridge House with Mitch Stevens to discuss the detailed alignment of the two NET extension lines, following on the one to discuss the stretches in Broxtowe Borough which took place in Beeston on 16 December.**

Hugh and Peter Briggs would be representing Pedals, Gary S-W and Adrian Juffs representing Ridewise and Bryony Cheeseman the Sustrans Ucycle Project. Keith Morgan from the City Council and John Delaney and Cllr. Steve Barber from Broxtowe BC would also be coming, as well as Stephen Tipping from the County Council.

**Wed. 25 Jan: Broxtowe Partnership Transport Group:**

Peter Briggs will be attending.

**26 Jan: Greater Nottm Cycling Development Group meeting:**

Hugh, Andrew and Peter Briggs to attend. Hugh would be sending through a list of suggested agenda items to Gary S-W, i.e.:-

- Cycling and the NET extension plans (and report on the 16 Dec (John Delaney) and 19 Jan (Mitch Stevens) hosted-meetings at Broxtowe BC and Trent Bridge House.
- update on 'The Hub' including smartcard access to the Secure Bike Compound, and relationship to wider EMT cycling promotion plans (Marc Turley, EMT Commercial Director)
- meeting of 17 Jan (involving Keith Morgan, Andrew Martin and myself) to discuss possible changes to alignment of Sustrans Route 6 in the Bulwell area.
- Ring Road major update
- Big Track further (local direction) signing proposals, following up the recent improvements in the Trent Bridge-Meadow Lane area.

- update on the A453 widening scheme cycling provision (including further Sustrans Route 15 proposals)

- opportunity for coordinated promotion of cycling in relation to the Notts NHS West Bridgford Practices relocation to Wilford Lane, including enhanced local cycle access routes (including link to nearby riverside path, part of NCN 15) and potential for Pedals, Ridewise and Sustrans to contribute to the development of the associated Green Travel Plan, etc.

- riverside paths (north bank) development: Colwick Park-Netherfield and Trent Lane-Trent Bridge with reference to links to and from the Sneinton Greenway, the Trent Lane and Meadow Lane proposed new cycle/ped bridges and ideas for upgrading the Daleside Road cycle path / A612 commuter cycling corridor.

- Greater Nottm Cycle Network expansion: including implications of the County Council's proposal to acquire 4 further colliery lines for conversion to trails.

- Implications for local cycling provision of the recent (DfT-commissioned) TRL (Transport Research Laboratory) report 'Infrastructure and Cyclists Safety', (available at <http://assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/infrastructure-and-cyclist-safety/infrastructure-and-cyclist-safety.pdf>) with a summary at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/infrastructure-and-cyclist-safety>

Susan Young mentioned that there was to be a **Ridewise stall in the Victoria Centre Market on 27-28 January** to publicise the Cycling for Health project and the Better Health month.

**East Midlands Cycling Forum, Derby on Sat. 11 February:**

Hugh McClintock and Peter Briggs (and possibly Andrew Martin) interested in going

**Cycle Facility and traffic management matters:**

**Wigman Road:**

Still awaiting the City Council's proposed improvement options following our site meeting in December.

**unofficial no cycling signs on the riverside path near Attenborough:**

no further news since the message from Neil Lewis (Notts CC Rights of Way) of 1 December

**Riverside path, Colwick - Netherfield (update on proposed extension as part of the EA's Flood Alleviation Scheme) (copy of message from Arthur Williams to Vernon Coaker, MP):**

Hugh agreed to contact Gary Young at the Environment Agency to clarify just how much of the path would still be built or upgraded.

He mentioned that Chris Thomson of the Rambler Association Group (Nottingham) had told him that they were also very disappointed that the whole shared path from Colwick Park to the railway bridge over the Trent would not now be built.

**Aspley Lane Road Safety Scheme –**

Hugh said that he understood that work on this scheme had now started and asked for feedback on how it was working out as this was getting rather confusing after a series of recent changes.

**Request for feedback: Sneinton Square etc. and links**

No comments at this meeting but Hugh said he would still welcome comments

**Network Rail plans to replace Trent Lane and Meadow Lane (Sneinton) rail crossings by new footbridges:**

Agreed that Arthur Williams should finalise Pedals comments, taking account of the various comments we had received, particularly with regard to the Meadow Lane bridge, and the need for these proposals to be well integrated with the Sneinton Greenway.

**Wooden fence on the bandstand end of the new shared path across the playing fields north of Victoria Embankment recently completed as part of the Environment Agency's Flood Alleviation Scheme on the Embankment:**

No further comments yet.

**Notts. County NHS Primary Care Trust: Comments on the proposed Wilford Lane (West Bridgford Practice Relocation) Health Centre**

Hugh said he was still working on a further detailed response to this, taking account of interest from both Ridewise and Sustrans.

**Miscellaneous items**

**Columns for the Nottingham Post - invitation to Pedals: message of 19 Dec from Adam Moss of the Nottingham Post**

Hugh to respond welcoming this offer.

**[CycleStreets-toolkit] Cyclescape: Moving into beta, and design screenshots (developing an online toolkit for cycle campaigners):**

Hugh appealed for more comments on this as it develops.