**Minutes of the Pedals Meeting** held at 7.00pm in the Vat & Fiddle Public House, Queens Bridge Road, Nottingham on **Monday, 17th March 2014**.

**Present: update** Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, Terry Scott, Arthur Williams, Andrew Martin, David Easley, Jonathan Avis, Hilary & Roland Backhouse,.

**Apologies** were received from: Mara Ozolins, David Miller, Brian Goss, Andrew Househam, Peter Briggs, Roy Wilson.

**Minutes of February Meeting** were agreed.

**Matters Arising:**

**QMC back entrance:** Still not properly resolved. Roland suggested to include Gavin Scott (UoN) in emails as he said he could get something done. There is also a problem because the wall blocks visibility. **Hugh** will raise the general issue of visibility and safety at next CDG.

**Cut-throughs in Beeston** – it would be useful to include Peter Briggs in further discussion.

**Riverside Path at the Hook, Ladybay** (part of Sustrans NCN Route 15) – see later under Facilities

**Spokes Café** – new site being sought after closure of Friar Lane Café.

**Website revamp** – Experian have not been able to supply a suitable volunteer, so we are still seeking someone to help Larry.
**Hugh** offered to contact NCVS to see if someone can be found to help with this.
**Roland** is to ask in Nottingham University to see if a student could do this as a project in the summer.
**Larry** is planning to give a list of changes that need making so that it can be updated.
**Hugh** to contact Larry and **Andrew** to contact Thomas to find out what they would be able to do, possibly paid.

**Reports on recent meetings:**

HS2 Cycleway /SS2 – regional consultation meetings to take place over the next few months. Locally this might include a new cycle bridge over the Trent in the Sawley area, although a bridge nearer to Nottingham would be more useful to local cyclists. It was agreed to stress the need for improving cycle links to the new route.
Helen Ross had hoped to attend the Regional Meeting in Beeston on 19 March to support the project from a health point of view but in the end was unable to do so though she had mentioned at a meeting at the House of Commons to discuss the health impact statement for the HS2 phase 2.
It was agreed that this development, and our lobbying, would be a useful theme for the autumn meeting of East Midlands Cycle Forum (EMCF).

Broxtowe Trail meeting**:** No update as Peter was not able to make this meeting.

GNLRT meeting – Hugh attended. An issue of interest to cyclists was the need for increased cycle parking at Hucknall P&R in order to reduce pressure on the car park.

**Membership** – Hilary reported no changes to membership.

**Finance** – Insurance has been paid; CycleNation subs are due, David has based these on 200 memberships.

**Future Pedals Meeting plans:**

**AGM:** 29 March, 10 for 10.30 start; John Holmes as guest speaker. **Hugh** to confirm timing with John. Susan has ideas for the ride in the afternoon.

28 April (not 21 April, Easter Monday) – OK for pub; Dominic Sweeting – cycling in schools; – discuss 7pm start. **Hugh** to chair.

19 May – **Andrew M** to chair.

June – Sustrans Smarter Travel team, Clare and Sarah have agreed to come. **Hugh** to chair.

Other meetings – Nottingham Green Forum – Steve Holland will attend in the morning.

**Canal & River Trust Local Waterway Forum** – Hugh McClintock agreed to attend on behalf of Peter Osborne, who will be away in London, and raise issues relating to cycling, including control of dogs on towpaths, and the width and surface quality of paths.

**CDG (Greater Nottm Cycling Development Group) –** Hugh plans to follow up regarding secure cycle marking, as there is not consistent promotion of Bike Shepherd.

Andrew suggests having a separate meeting to cover issues that do not appear to have been dealt with. To be reviewed following this month’s meeting.
Hugh also to raise issue of cycle parking for residents who have no cycle parking facilities in their home. There are much more active schemes in London and now in Paris due to political pressure to act on air quality.
Hugh to follow up what is usage of bikes on City hire scheme.

**Sustainable Travel Event in Attenborough (3rd Aug)** – it was decided that we are not able to do a stall at this event, but may liaise with Big Wheel/Ridewise to display materials.

No West Bridgford Summer Gathering this year; **Nottm Green Festival** will be Sunday 18th May; **Andrew** will contact Helen/Tiffany at the Big Wheel to suggest that we ask for a different location – e.g. next to CAMRA, he will follow up booking of stall; Roland offered to help with organizing.

**Milk Race will be in Nottingham on 25th May –** should be a good opportunity to raise profile with people who have not heard of Pedals; Cycle Live will be 21st June – **Hugh** will organize this.

**Pedals 35th Birthday Celebrations** – **Andrew M** to research possible venue for a meal in November.
additional ideas:
1. to have an informal workshop to look at mapping – share information and skills on mapping technologies and cycle route-finders. Hugh to include half page in the newsletter to propose this idea.
2. trip to London with bikes.

**Cycle Facilities/traffic management:**

Roland raised issue on Lenton Lane where the road layout has been changed near the railway bridge. It is not clear if this is temporary or a permanent arrangement. **Hugh** has maps of plans and will check.

Lenton-Radford route proposal – appears to be duplicating existing cycle route. **Hugh** to investigate what the purpose and plan is.

Haydn Road, Sherwood – **Hugh** to respond with idea of increasing parking restrictions so that the left lane is not blocked by parked cars.

Riverside path on S bank of Trent by The Hook, Ladybay (part of NCN15), – condition being monitored by Jane Baines from Rights of Way. Repairs taking place soon, funded partly by RBC and EA.

Rushcliffe BC have so far not found suitable site for a Cycle Hub in W Bridgford town centre.

**Hugh** will be attending W Bridgford Local traffic and transport Group – he will find out what is happening in relation to cycle facilities around Holme Pierrepont.

**Other Business:**

**CycleNation future options:** 3 options for the future, basically closer links to CTC, reliance on London Cycling Campaign to organise a national federation of campaign groups or gradual reduction in activity of CycleNation.

Discussion centred around the importance for representation of “everyday” or “convenience” cyclists. There was no immediate consensus on the best option. **Hugh** will circulate the options more widely and Andrew raise the issue for discussion at the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.