



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport Public Cycle User Group

Thursday 13th November 2014 6pm

Stockport Town Hall Room 6

PRESENT

Pete Abel	(Love Your Bike)		PA	
Geoff Abell	(Councillor Cycling Champion, SMBC)			GA
Ian Barker	(local cyclist)	IB		
Janet Bellingall	(local cyclist)	JB		
Dave Butler	(GMCC/CTC)		DB	
Tim Carlisle			TC	
Jim Court		JC		
Julieta Duran	(Sustrans)	JD		
Kathy England	(TPT/Sustrans Ranger)		KE	
Peter Hartt		PH		
Andy Howard	(TfGM)	AH		
Charlie Hulme	(local cyclist)	CH		
Joanna Hulme	(local cyclist)	JH		
Don Naylor	(SMBC Cycling)(Chair)		DN	
Jonothan Riddell	(Visitor)	JR		
Nick Robinson	(SMBC Walking & Cycling)(minutes)		NR	
Keith Rogers	(local cyclist)		KR	
Andy Shaw		AS		
Sue Stevenson	(Investing in Growth Manager, SMBC)		SS	
Ian Tate	(Love Your Bike/FoE)	IT		
Max Wild	(TPT volunteer)	MW		

APOLOGIES

Edgar Ernstbrunner
Brian Pendlebury
Jim Pritchett

Agenda dealt with out of order due to prior commitments of attendees

1. **Agenda item 2- Town Centre Access Package (TCAP) consultation.**

- 1.1 SS reported on this. She stated that there was a perceived attitude shift in favour of cycling compared to previous consultations.
- 1.2 The scheme is in the process of producing a business plan, which will be in two phases.
- 1.3 Phase 1 (delivery 2015-16) is focussed on schemes which already have permissions and St Mary's Way, while Phase 2 (delivery 2017-20) will contain more of the off road cycling provision.
- 1.4 The results of the consultation will be reported to the Executive Committee in December

Q1: The actual concept of the Bridgefield development was questioned. SS replied that research has shown that a multipurpose town centre attracts more people than a narrowly focused retail area.

Q2 (IT): Noted a lack of modelling re traffic flow and air quality-asked how we can be sure that the stated benefits will accrue? SS referred to previous work on town centre modelling, and said more detailed information will be brought forward as part of the business plan

Q3 (DB): Asked about emergent themes in consultation responses. These included support for off road routes, A6 cycle lanes, Mersey Valley routes, and concern re coherence and continuity of routes.

KE commented that continuity between schemes was of great importance.

Q4 (IT): asked that if the St Marys Way scheme worked in removing traffic from the A6, would we need to bother with the new link road?

SS explained that each scheme had individual effects while contributing to the overall plan. The link road ties into other aspects of the scheme, particularly re removing traffic from St George's Rd and Heaton Lane.

Q5 (JD): Will there be feedback on comments?

Yes, a summary as part of December's report and a consultation log which will take longer to produce as it will deal with each comment.

Q6 (DB): How wide is the scope of the business case?

The business case is to a set format (WebTAG) background on which may be found on the Department for Transport website, and includes quantification of benefits.

1.5 SS expressed a willingness to come back and go through the business case when it is published. **Action 1 (SS)**

2. **Agenda Item 6-Stockport Cycle Hub**

2.1 The latest proposal was shown. The original plan has changed as the Transport Interchange is in motion. There will be a hub in the interchange when complete, but there will also be a new hub at Tiviot Dale.

2.2 AH explained the attributes of the hub. There will be a delay in providing the standardised entry system as used at other similar hubs across Greater Manchester until the interchange is complete. A temporary system will be set up.

2.3 CH commented that there was no need for a hub in the bus station.

Q7: Will the hub be linked to the BLUC scheme? AH stated that the two types of provision are fundamentally different.

Q8: How was the hub capacity assessed? This will be comparable with the hubs elsewhere (eg Ashton, Bury and Rochdale)

3. **Agenda Item 3-TPT**

3.1 Work is being done on Kings Reach section by CDL (local employer)-hoping to improve the TPT and the local area. They have been organising volunteer days with their own workforce and Groundwork.

3.2 This section is to be dedicated as a bridleway.

3.3 TfGM will attend the CUG meeting in January to explain the development of the Interchange and its implications for the TPT. **Action 2 (DN / AH / TfGM)**

3.4 Cycle City Ambition Grant (CCAG) -some money to be spent on improving the riverside TPT from Green Pastures to the town centre. Information on proposed surfacing has been circulated to interested parties for assessment of priorities.

3.5 Issues have been raised re Toptrek, but it is believed that consistency of the material mix issues have been resolved

3.6 Sustrans are looking for more volunteers. An event is being held at Tandem Café 13th December to raise interest

3.7 It was suggested that Sustrans may mount patrols to assess paths, signage etc.

3.8 DN suggested that the Council can help in the search for volunteers, and for this process to be further reviewed at January's CUG **Action 3 (DN / KE / JD)**

Q9 (CH): will the route across the bridge to Gorse Bank be designated a bridleway? Yes.

Q10 (CH): is headroom a defining limit on bridleway designation? DN to report back. **Action 4 (DN)**

4. **Chadkirk**

4.1 Ernest Nama (Senior PRow Officer, SMBC) took a report to Werneth Area Committee in March. Path from car park round field to chapel to be upgraded to a bridleway. This would provide an option for cyclists and pedestrians to avoid narrow section of road.

4.2 It was noted that there has been much discussion on this issue within the wider community with, as yet, no clear consensus.

5. **Agenda item 1**

5.1 Apologies (see above)

5.2 Previous minutes accepted.

Matters arising from July minutes

Didsbury Rd/Burnage Lane-work in prospect. There is now a proposal for the pedestrian refuge to be upgraded, and kerb line to be moved to reduce vehicle speeds when entering Burnage La

Parrs Wood Tunnel - it is believed that Manchester City Council will undertake work in early 2015; DN to get an update. **Action 5 (DN)**

CH concerned over cycle parking at and near railway station

Item (2.11) has been actioned, including motorcycle parking options

Item (6.1) is moving forward through the Council's Greenspace team

(7.0) DN has arranged meeting dates to April 2015; the future format of the group may still be considered **Action 6 (DN / all)**

6. Agenda item 4 CCAG

6.1 Riverside links covered in Item 3.

6.2 Manchester Rd. Work on Stockport section will be substantially complete in next two weeks. Motorway bridge details not finalised

6.3 Brinksway-Chestergate - on site in the New Year as per most recent plan. KE raised concerns as to safety where the two lanes of through traffic merge. Stated that the problem is the junction design.

DN commented that junction design would be addressed in TCAP-Toucans to be upgraded at the same time. DN to bring latest working drawings to the December sub-group meeting. **Action 7 (DN)**

6.4 the latest New Bridge Lane plan will be brought to the December sub-group. The meeting felt that there should be an explicit commitment to revisiting and redesigning problematic pieces of infrastructure instead of letting them go on until the next redevelopment. To be added to a future agenda for further discussion

Action 8 (DN)

7. Agenda item 5

TfGM cycle maps. A new format is being considered. CUG members input is invited. **Action 9 (all)**

KE stated the maps were very useful and much used

8. Agenda item 7

Brief discussion of Cycloan, which now operates from Stockport College, and provides low-cost recycled bikes to the community.

9. A request from Councillor Sue Derbyshire. Some cyclists are riding in Vernon Park. Please encourage others to desist in this. **Action 10 (all)**

10. Dates of future meetings

11th December 2014 6pm Sub group meeting

21st January 2015 full meeting