



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport public Cycle User Group

Wednesday 13th April 2016 6pm
Stockport Town Hall

PRESENT

Ian Barker	(local cyclist)	IB	
Janet Bellingall		JB	
Jim Court	(Stockport Community Cycling)		JC
Clare Forrest	(Gatley Village)	CF	
Kathy England	(TPT/Sustrans Ranger)		KE
Nick Harris	(GMCC)	NH	
Don Naylor	(SMBC Cycling)(Chair)		DN
Mike Padfield	(Stockport Green Party)		MP
Jim Pritchett			JP
Nick Robinson	(SMBC Walking & Cycling Officer)(minutes)		NR
Ian Tate	(Love Your Bike/FoE)	IT	
Max Wild	(TPT volunteer)	MW	
Andy Shaw		AS	
Sue Stevenson	(Strategy and Commissioning SMBC)		SS

APOLOGIES

Edgar Ernstbrunner, Dominic Smith, Joanna Hulme, Charlie Hulme, Pete Abel, Norman Lowndes, Keith Rogers

1. **Sue Stevenson** introduced herself and explained her new role: Strategy and Commissioning (Strategy, Growth and Improvement)
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting: read and agreed**

Matter arising: a vote of thanks offered to Kathy England for her work to secure £10 000 from Tesco for TPT work, with an additional £2 000 secured from CDL

3. **CCAG updates** from Don Naylor
 - a. **CCAG 1:** TfGM have installed a new counter on the TPT in Mersey Vale near Vale Rd-this will monitor all users. **Q (AS):** Where are these numbers published?
A: TfGM website

b. **CCAG 2:** the updated route proposal via Ladybrook Valley was shown and links and other details explained. The driver behind this scheme is the Cheadle Hulme Cycle Friendly District Centre, focussed on Cheadle Hulme Railway Station. This route will include newly approved parallel cycle crossings (uncontrolled) Work on the route through Bramhall Park has already started, which will allow cycling where it was previously not permitted.

The new proposal will be explored with local interests, but there will not be as wide ranging a consultation as there was over the initial proposals.

NH: GMCC is impressed with the route, but will there be lighting? **DN:** There will be lighting in Bramhall Park, but it is not proposed throughout the valley.

JP: will the path be maintained? **DN:** path maintenance will need to be further considered.

NH: is the Wilmslow Rd section of the route still a shared use path? **DN:** explained the links to the north, connecting with CCAG 1. Maintaining a continuous link means that the option of a segregated route at this point would be too expensive. Also explained was an alternative link to CCAG 1 via Cheadle Heath and Gorse Bank (Aurora Business Park). The Walnut Tree/Gorse Bank path is under construction (picture shown)

SS: the Ladybrook Valley route will be a priority, with the extended links coming under future phases of work

AS: will closures be necessary during the Gorse Bank work? **DN:** disruption should be kept to a minimum, but some closures are expected to be unavoidable.

IT: suggested that the section of Wilmslow Rd from Brookfield Park to Warren Ave should be upgraded, and that as a minimum the worn out cycle lane markings should be restored. **DN/SS:** this may be an expensive option which has previously raised some concerns, and SMBC would rather focus on the main section rather than fill in the links at this time. These sections will be considered when bidding for any further funding which becomes available.

DN: TfGM partner schools have received £100k. It is possible that some of this money can be used to improve the local network as well as on site at the schools – at least one school has commented that the surrounding roads ‘are not safe for cycling’

Cheadle Hulme station has a new secure cycle store, not commissioned as yet.

MW: stated that in his opinion the store at Heaton Chapel station was in the wrong place

IT: what will be the consultation process for the new proposal? **DN:** the current stage is feasibility, seeing if the route will be possible inc design issues, land ownership. This will be followed by a public consultation.

KE: suggested that the detailed plans should come to CUG

MW: what is the timescale? **SS:** we have 2 years to deliver. Design and feasibility will happen this year, and the scheme could start on site by the end of the year

There was a discussion on access controls, including the need to provide for livestock in the area

4. **TCAP**

DN: Tiviot Dale cycle hub is “nearly” open-no firm date at the moment, but work is continuing to raise the level of the surrounding highway to provide flush access; work is underway on the King St West toucan crossing; Heaton Lane TPT connection has been improved

5. **TfGM** are consulting on their Low Emission Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan. Contributions can be made using the online form at www.tfgm.com/GMLES. The consultation closes 29th April, and there are a number of specific proposals relating to cycling

IT: would you agree mature trees have a role in air quality management? Has the impression that more trees are being removed than replaced. **SS:** SMBC replaces removed trees at a ratio of 2:1 and there are other initiatives to replace old trees and install new ones. New trees may be planted at sites other than where they have been improved.

NH: GMCC will be engaging with this consultation

6. **Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) and Middlewood Way**

TPT the work in Reddish Vale is nearly complete, probably within next two weeks.

The most recent TPT Great Manchester districts meeting (Stockport, Trafford, Tameside, Manchester) solicited proposals for a wish list so that initial plans are in place when funding becomes available. The wider wish list is being compiled by the TPT office and the University of Sheffield.

Middlewood Way work has now started. Access will be maintained for most of the time, but one section of work will require a closure as it is too narrow to allow for public access. The work has been programmed to minimise this.

KE: suggested that this closure should avoid the upcoming bank holiday weekends.

DN: showed outline proposals for the connection from A6MARR to the Middlewood Way near High Lane. **SS:** explained some of the wider aspects of the work around this area.

7. **NH/GMCC** have offered to do a presentation at the CUG. Date tbc
Other groups are welcome to present.

Gatley Bike Fest has become a sports day on April 23rd.

National Bike Week is 11th-19th June-events may be registered now.

Please keep us informed of all events you are aware of using TfGM or the Love Your Bike sites for PR. Please also share with non- or less-frequent cyclists.

8. **Options for meeting 23rd June**

Due to the European Referendum happening on this date, we cannot meet at the town hall. Suggestions are solicited for alternative meeting venue or replacement activities.

9. **Any Other Business:** GM Love Your Bike has a full programme of events for cyclists

Stockport Community Cycling Club has rides on Mondays and Wednesdays as well as at the weekend

DN: showed map of low level lights installed in Ashton

IT: raised the issue of a road crossing of Didsbury Rd near the Griffin Hotel. The Golf Centre on Harwood Rd has a possible development planning application in the pipeline; this could have significant traffic implications. **NR/DN** will look out for the planning application in the context of being involved with the Council's internal healthy planning process that considers larger developments.