**S H E F F I E L D C I T Y C O U N C I L**

**CYCLE FORUM**

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th June

at 5.00 p.m. online

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/ATTENDANCE (to be updated)**

Apologies : Cllr Ruth Mersereau

In attendance: Cllr Peter Price (Chair) (1st half only), David Holmes, Cllr Richard Shaw, Paul Sullivan, Simon Ogden, Colin McCulloch, Rosemary Hill, Insp Kevin Smith, Tom Collister, Peter Marsh, Simon Geller, Angela Walker, James Walker, Cllr Christine Gilligan-Kubo, Cllr Ben Miskell, James Nohl, Helen Kellar, John Chapman, David Whitley

1. **NOTES**

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| The notes of Cycle Forum meeting held 16th February 23 were deemed as accurate. |

**Matter Arising  
  
1) Walking Forum Status**Still being formulated, trying to update membership. Meetings will be in person, not online. Officers agreed to support, just waiting on council nominees post full council meeting. Plan is for a meeting to take place in July.

**2) Ringinglow Road - check on historical petitions and accident record**

Still outstanding action on informal meeting between members and management.  
**ACTION** PS   
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**3 ) Fargate Servicing hours**Will be 6pm to 10 am. This may raise issues around morning and evening peak, but everything will be clearly delineated and there will be passing places

**4) Five Weirs walk**  
Parks and Countryside dept now the custodians, working on a plan, and funding options. Simon Ogden has been on a ride with Snr management team from Parks. First step is to look for funding to undertake feasibility.

5) **Outokumpo Site**  
Still to be updated   
**Post meeting note.** Development will include3 m shared use path along the access road. Blackburn Valley crossing of the access road will be via parallel crossing.

1. **TRANSPORT REGENERATION AND CLIMATE (TRC) COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Councillor Ben Miskell introduce himself as the new chair of the TRC committee, four weeks in post, want to learn from those passionate about cycling, involved with young people through profession so knows there is demand for better cycling conditions. Wants to see more investment in cycling routes for everyone not just the existing users but wants to understand what the cycling community want. Understands that there are multiple barriers. Improved safety is key.

1. **SUSTRANS UPDATE**

Local Sustrans Rangers would like to raise the following:

**Durham Ox pub Cricket Inn Road** (on the National Cycle network route NCN 627) having now been sold for redevelopment, could we alter the cycle route so that it runs in front of the building rather than the up and down dog leg behind the building as it now does. Any new building could be placed to the rear of the plot to allow this. Can this be discussed as part of any planning application?

Would like to report no issues on the routes where we’ve **removed barriers Five Weirs Walk and National Cycle Network route 627.**

Asked what are the next steps, and is there an option to just remove the adjustable sleeves that would then at least widen and could be an interim before redesign?

Council response -we’ve only received two emails in complaining about the changes we’ve made on that route, so not many for the first 6 months of operation.

Next steps, when time and funding allows, we will investigate other barriers. Current priority is the barriers between Meadowhall Interchange cycle hub and the Blackburn Valley route. We will work with Sustrans on these. Then we will look at the Forge Dam barrier issue. Our small schemes funding is fully allocated for this year so would need a scheme or two to be under budget to look at both these locations this year.

**Attercliffe Waterside** development Sustrans would be very keen to see good quality cycle infrastructure connecting that to the various cycle routes that are already in place and those planned as part of Connecting Sheffield. Have any discussions taken place?  
  
Transport planning have not yet commented, land agreements were only signed in May, so quite early in the process.

**Holiday Inn Express** is providing accommodation for many asylum seekers. There is an organisation called Comac who pick up unwanted bikes from around the city, basically refurbish them and get them to asylum seekers.

However, there is no real cycle parking at the hotel, so they've been chaining them to, whatever they can - fences for example. It's not very satisfactory, quite a few have been stolen. They're exposed to the weather, and it looks very untidy.

We are looking at providing some funding for some cycle parking, so any ideas please feed them through to Simon Geller.

We have objected to the planning application re the siting of the telecoms mast on **East Bank Road**

**Tinsley Park Road**  
Please see attached pdf covering the slides that were presented to the forum regarding the issues at Tinsley Park Road where it runs under Greenland Road/Broughton Lane  


Sustrans rangers have been undertaking some work on usage and issues in this location.  
It is felt that it is a well-used and important east west link. Predominantly male users. The overhead bridge makes it quite dark as there is no lighting. It is a concealed area used for fly tipping and other anti-social behaviour. Current users put up with it but it is not welcoming to encourage new users. Generally feels unsafe.  
Sustrans rangers would like this area improved as a start and then look at options for this section to be closed off to motorised vehicles.

SCC haven’t had the resource to look at this, would need to understand the scale of intervention and cost, and look to see if we can improve through the small schemes budget. Will have to wait for 23/24 allocation as this years budget is committed. Lighting is the key if we want it to be used 24/7 that has implications regarding maintenance costs.

The Police are aware from the local Southeast neighbourhood team that covers that area, that's one of the locations where they've had quite a few issues. It seems to have got better recently It was being used for people smoking weed and then driving off or taking nitrous or dealing from that particular spot. I know it's on the radar for the local neighbourhood team, but it's probably one that they might be worth linking directly with them. So whoever takes this on please get in touch with Inspector Kevin Smith around any proposals so that I can pass them on to the local neighbourhood inspector.

The Canal and River Trust have appointed a new community liaison officer, she maybe able to help with any proposals as can Sustrans who in terms of network development is focusing on currently undertaking a number of meetings with local authority partners to understand what the strategic priorities are and looking at how we can work more closely together. Aligning the councils plans with the NCN development and then understanding where Sustrans can add in funding.

As part of any proposal can we look at realigning the ramp so that you turn left from the bridge rather than do a u turn and replace the steps with a ramp so its accessible for wheeled vehicles.

**Lynwood Gardens which forms part of** National Cycle Route 6. there's a stepping stone at the bottom which causes an issue a number of people raised it. Ward fund could be used to tackle.

1. **SCHEMES UPDATE**

As the April forum was cancelled an update on all schemes was circulated in May. The following covers updates from that point.

**Active Travel Fund 4**

South Yorkshire Combined Authority did not get quite as much as was bid for. To date we haven’t had feedback on what the issue was with the bid. At the time of the forum we don’t know what our allocation will be from that reduced amount.

Sheffield element was just for design not for build of four schemes  
 - Penistone road upgrade and extension  
 - Sheaf Valley extension  
- East Bank Road extension  
 - Broomhill/Endcliffe pedestrian improvements

Two schemes have been funded (Penistone Road and East Bank Road)

Penistone Road will look to improve the standard of the existing route between Rutland Road and Claywheels Lane, initially identifying the weakest areas and bringing them up to current standard. The design will cover the entire route. The design will also look at extensions to Southey and Parson Cross.

Why did we only bid for feasibility funding not build funding like Liverpool. We cant comment on Liverpools bid but for Sheffield we knew we couldn’t deliver the schemes in the time frame set out by central government, we have no schemes designed (on the shelf), we can only presume Liverpool and others do.

Please can we look at what others have bid for and learn from them funding is critical, and means we can do the big stuff and the small like barrier alteration etc.

To clarify we can only fund specific schemes detailed in any bid, we only have a small discretionary pot for minor changes, the two aren’t linked.

**Post meeting note on funding.** In the current period 2019 to 2027 SCC has just over £110 million to fund active travel schemes, this equates to approximately £21 per pop head (584,000) per annum.

please see list of ATF 4 funding allocations (funding to be spent by March 2024)

For info SYMCAs bid was circa £14million

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| Allocated funding |  |  |
| Local authority | Capability level | Allocated funding |
| Bedford Unitary Authority | 1 | £263,130 |
| Blackburn with Darwen Unitary Authority | 1 | £157,270 |
| Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Unitary | 2 | £3,780,000 |
| Bracknell Forest Unitary Authority | 1 | £30,000 |
| Brighton and Hove Unitary Authority | 2 | £3,000,000 |
| Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority | 2 | £477,199 |
| Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined | 2 | £3,896,590 |
| Central Bedfordshire Unitary Authority | 1 | £252,605 |
| Cheshire East Unitary Authority | 1 | £1,297,882 |
| Cheshire West and Chester Unitary Authority | 1 | £274,100 |
| Cornwall Unitary Authority | 1 | £500,000 |
| Cumbria County Council | 2 | £1,602,359 |
| Derby Unitary Authority | 1 | £140,000 |
| Derbyshire County Council | 1 | £3,005,000 |
| Devon County Council | 2 | £1,825,000 |
| Dorset Unitary Authority | 1 | £1,978,000 |
| East Riding of Yorkshire Unitary Authority | 2 | £855,200 |
| East Sussex County Council | 1 | £1,223,826 |
| Essex County Council | 2 | £5,270,000 |
| Gloucestershire County Council | 2 | £5,365,000 |
| Greater Manchester Combined Authority | 3 | £23,719,500 |
| Hampshire County Council | 2 | £2,477,515 |
| Herefordshire Unitary Authority | 1 | £306,000 |
| Hertfordshire County Council | 2 | £4,620,803 |
| Isle of Wight Unitary Authority | 1 | £700,000 |
| Isles of Scilly | 1 | £11,000 |
| Kent County Council | 1 | £1,569,000 |
| Kingston upon Hull Unitary Authority | 1 | £362,000 |
| Lancashire County Council | 2 | £5,529,992 |
| Leicester Unitary Authority | 3 | £1,800,000 |
| Liverpool City Region Combined Authority | 2 | £14,400,000 |
| Medway Unitary Authority | 1 | £486,418 |
| Milton Keynes Unitary Authority | 1 | £1,182,516 |
| Norfolk County Council | 2 | £2,240,000 |
| North East Joint Transport Committee | 2 | £7,203,211 |
| North Somerset Unitary Authority | 1 | £417,640 |
| Nottingham Unitary Authority | 3 | £1,762,288 |
| Nottinghamshire County Council | 2 | £1,081,761 |
| Plymouth Unitary Authority | 2 | £2,480,000 |
| Portsmouth Unitary Authority | 1 | £653,580 |
| Reading Unitary Authority | 2 | £75,000 |
| Shropshire Unitary Authority | 1 | £612,800 |
| Slough Unitary Authority | 1 | £413,000 |
| Somerset County Council | 2 | £1,583,322 |
| Southampton Unitary Authority | 2 | £814,464 |
| South Yorkshire Combined Authority | 2 | £2,430,943 |
| Staffordshire County Council | 1 | £669,087 |
| Stoke-on-Trent Unitary Authority | 1 | £509,320 |
| Suffolk County Council | 2 | £7,933,216 |
| Surrey County Council | 2 | £997,843 |
| Swindon Unitary Authority | 1 | £381,500 |
| Tees Valley Combined Authority | 2 | £441,269 |
| Telford and Wrekin Unitary Authority | 2 | £1,895,772 |
| Thurrock Unitary Authority | 1 | £305,000 |
| Torbay Unitary Authority | 1 | £237,366 |
| Warrington Unitary Authority | 2 | £727,950 |
| Warwickshire County Council | 2 | £4,761,000 |
| West Berkshire Unitary Authority | 1 | £275,000 |
| West Midlands Combined Authority | 3 | £12,608,201 |
| West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority | 1 | £673,314 |
| West of England Combined Authority | 2 | £3,641,803 |
| West Yorkshire Combined Authority | 3 | £17,430,668 |
| Wiltshire Unitary Authority | 1 | £978,000 |
| Windsor and Maidenhead Unitary Authority | 1 | £262,100 |
| Wokingham Unitary Authority | 2 | £606,215 |
| York Unitary Authority | 1 | £1,103,095 |

Cllr Miskell agrees we need to show leadership, take responsibility and make sure we are ambitious with our funding. And we will be.

**Active Travel Fund 3- East Bank Road**Still waiting on a decision to extend the funding before we can proceed. We are aware Active Travel England have taken on regional representatives. We’ve not yet met them. Sustrans to share the Organogram (see attached)



**Active Travel Fund 2 - Sheaf Valley – Asline Road and Shoreham Street**Asline Road - We need to be able to deliver a scheme we can afford in the long term in terms of maintenance, while at the same time manage out the known parking problem. Some of the solutions being explored have not been tried in Sheffield before so a lot of discussion between planning, design and highways, and Amey. We need a solution we can afford for the next 25 years.

Shoreham Street the issue is the crossing into Matilda Street, and ensuring that is safe. When we’ve got down to the detail it’s become problematic especially with the levels of traffic in that area.

This need to be resolved before the rest of Shoreham Street is constructed, as this is brand new infrastructure that cannot be let down by its weakest point. It differs from Asline in that Asline is an upgrade of existing.

**Active Travel Fund 2   
Active Travel Neighbourhoods -** Reports on the three low traffic/ active travel neighbourhoods will be going to committee in September. This will determine the future of each. We are currently just finishing off the latest round of traffic surveys and perception surveys. The results of which, along with all the other consultation that we've been undertaking over the last 18 months will inform those reports. So hopefully we'll have an update in the autumn on those three schemes.

**Cycle hub** – couple of minor but lengthy issues to resolve around electricity meter and supply. The logo is up though, still hoping for a summer opening.

**Transforming Cities Fund**Kelham Neepsend city scheme is on site  
**ACTION** PS to discover programme as to when Ball Street Bridge will be on site, and the improved crossing of Rutland Road at Neepsend Lane.

Darnall Attercliffe city centre should be on site Jan 24

The link from Magna Tinsley to Meadowhall should be Feb 24  
  
Nether Edge to city centre and city centre earmarked for August 24

**City Region Sustainable Transport settlement**

This funding stream runs to 2027 and will fund improvements known as Northern Communities, creating an active travel route from the NGH to the city centre, and looking at improving links around the NGH.

**City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement 2**

Confirmed but no amounts allocated to date  
  
**Small Schemes**

South West Local Area Committee have funded the installation of 16 cycle stands in their area.  
  
Removal of the raised lane and changes to the arrangement under Prince of Wales bridge to take place in late July.  
  
Still working toward August for some resurfacing of the Five Weirs Walk between East Coast Road and Stevenson Road.

No update on Darnall mini holland.

Stocksbridge Towns fund (STF) There are three options being discussed, but it is with the board to decide on next steps.

Question about why work has paused, and why options aren’t being discussed with stakeholders. Concern funding is going to be reallocated away for the trails. We need openness and transparency in the process, and to be involved.

The whole STF funding programmed has been paused it’s not just the trail element, the whole programme is being reviewed.

Upper Don Trail Trust (UDT) have tried to communicate with the project champion and the programme manager but have yet to hear back.

Sustrans keen to be involved, aware that the cycling and walking elements were key to the success of the original bid.

Suggestion to get the active travel commissioner involved.

**Action** DW to speak to programme manager to get latest position Could Cllr Miskell take this up with project champion Cllr Grocutt?

Also concerned about the lack of progress on the Oughtibridge paper mills site, six route options being looked at, but whichever option is chosen the section 106 funding will not be enough, but we are exploring additional funding options.

Sustrans have put forward a funding request as part of their bid to the DfT to fund a feasibility report to support the work SCC are doing.

UDT stressed the importance of the route as the alternatives are not great, and funding should be made available to cover the shortfall.

We did request that the developer pay for it all but it was agreed only a contribution, so we are looking at options to make up that shortfall.

Need to make sure the scheme stays within scope, and we do not at ongoing links to Beeley Wood which may scupper the project if not feasible.

The route within the site is being built, so essential the bridge is built as soon as possible and then tackle the onward route as there is a route there already that could be used.

**Capability fund**  
Loans and training starting in the summer, A Different Gear will be delivering this, and we will be engaging Better Points to run a sustainable transport reward scheme. Just resolving data protection issues.

Action PS to invite a Better Points rep along to a future forum.

To clarify on small and large schemes funding, if it's 30 grand then under we treat it as a small scheme. Small scheme cycle budget is only around £75 K so we try and get as much out of that as we possibly can – includes cycle parking, changing barriers, making dropping some kerbs, we can do quite a lot of that within that fund.

1. **CYCLE MATTERS**

**Relocation of the big bike racks**

We only have 6 so if the popular ones get damaged beyond repair they are replaced by a rack not used as much.

We have tried to buy more but Cyclehoop who provide them didn’t bid for the work.

**City centre pavement parking ban enforcement**   
The Traffic Regulation Order has been advertised but we are enforcing in phases, we are currently in phase 1, phase 2 should be operational by the end of the summer. Worth noting people will still try their luck. We are prioritising known issues within areas, and there maybe areas that don’t get covered for some time. **7. AOB**

**Sustrans school streets** event 22nd June in partnership with Road Safety Trust, Devon County Council and Southampton city council. Focus on reducing traffic danger through co design, engagement process. Open to officers and councillors.

At the June Transport Regeneration and Climate Change Committee meeting there was a request to see if we can increase the resources that we've got in our **Modeshift Stars programme**, which is about promoting active travel among young people.  
Sheffield did incredibly well last year, including Phillimore Primary School, having the national champion in terms of modeshift stars. That's something that we should be proud of. The request for additional resources was approved at committee, so the intention now is to get another member of the Mode shift Stars team on board to start.in the new term come September.

**Terms of Reference** Have been circulated, an updated version will be circulated again for input including how we deal with the pre-election period and scheduled forums.

**Date of next meeting: Online 5pm 17th August 2023**

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