

Portsmouth Cycle Forum General Meeting on Thursday 7 July 2011.

7pm - Meeting Room 1 - Portsmouth Guildhall.

Minutes

Present:

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| 1. Charles Burns | |
| 2. Chris Cheetham | |
| 3. David Page | |
| 4. Gill Adams | |
| 5. Hilary Reed | Secretary |
| 6. Jayne Rodgers | |
| 7. Joe McGannan | |
| 8. John Holland | Chair |
| 9. Jon Spencer | |
| 10. Mike Ridley | |
| 11. Roger Inkpen | Treasurer |
| 12. Tim Parker | |
| 13. Walter Soldeau | |

1. **Welcome and introduction by the Chairman:** John Holland.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Chris Davies, Mike Dobson, Eric de Greef, Marcia Smith.
3. **Last minutes:** approved.
4. **Matters arising:** No news from John Lucas about the school bike train.
5. **Conference: Building Cycling Cultures:** Jayne Rodgers reported on this conference and the attendance by New York transport managers. The city planners have ushered in a golden age for bicyclists, pedestrians and environmentalists. 250 miles of new NY cycle paths, lanes and greenways have been installed in 4 years. Two-wheeled ridership has doubled, European-style rapid-transit buses now ply exclusive, camera-enforced lanes; and fewer people have been killed in traffic accidents on New York's streets than at any time in the past century, according to city records. NY created its own standards and used lots of paint. They are very popular.

6. Community Recycling Centre CRC

Chris Cheetham outlined its history and updated on good progress. It needs unwanted bikes to pass on to the community.

CRC is run by volunteers, mainly from the Portsmouth Cycle Forum and are entirely supported by donations. It provides facility for unwanted cycles to be repaired and distributed to the community and a drop-in facility for cycle maintenance. The project is 100% funded from donations and other sales and services. We have an online presence - FaceBook, Webpage, Twitter and marketing materials. In recent months we have Attendance at Green Fairs, PCC events etc.

The project is working on a funding bid with the British Heart Foundation to help cardiac rehab patients through cycling. We have carried out repairs on a bicycle destined for Romania and have loaned bicycles to children from holidaying here from Chernobyl.

What we might do in the future: Create an EBay shop for better quality/restored bikes; Work with the University Student Union and other community groups/projects (including a kids football team).

We ask for a financial donation for each bike. Typical amounts: £35 for an adult bike £15 for a teenager's bike £10 for a child's bike. Repairs and maintenance depend on how much work is required. The project is open to the public on the first and third Saturdays of each month between 10am and 12pm at the Stacey Centre in Walsall Road, Copnor.

Comments:

- It would be good to restore some vintage and classic bikes for more money.
- Seeking grant aid leads to grant dependency.
- FOE as a partner charity means that CRC could benefit from its admin support / policies e.g. safeguarding.

7. Infrastructure: Jon Spencer outlined current issues:

- East West Routes.
- Portsdown Hill,
- Clarence Parade echelon parking: This was re-instated with no change. PCC had not replied to PCF change request within the PCC 10 day standard.
- Trafalgar Link: New problems have arisen.
- Signage is inconsistent throughout the city.
- Tipner regeneration: There is evidence of loss of provision and connectivity in the plans.
- Mile End Road shared path - hedge encroachment.
- No replacement green paint in Stamshaw Road.
- A city wide cycle route audit had been promised. It would be good to mobilize cyclists to inform this to create good baseline data.

Jayne Rodgers reported that PCC scrutiny panel indicated that it will not create more cycle routes with major routes. It has expressed a willingness to consider a dedicated network using residential 20mph side streets.

Members asked:

- Has this been ratified by Cabinet? A: No: A combined walking/ cycling strategy has superseded it. This needs costing. Collaboration with local walkers to focus on shared issues is difficult.
- What the hierarchy relationship was between the PCC scrutiny panel and Traffic and Transportation?
- Who would the report go to?
- Who is responsible for implementation?
- Where / what is the budget?
- Can we promote this with Neighbourhood fora? A: This typically is reduced to "pavement cycling bashing" and is not productive.
- Bus services need to promote walking.

8. Topics for next Meeting:

Invite

- a. Councillors.
- b. Community Infrastructure Levy PCC officer.
- c. Pam Turton: LTP3 implementation.

Meeting closed at 9pm.