

Agenda for North Staffs Cycling AGM – 7.30 pm 4 November 2018

At Newcastle under Lyme Community Fire Station, Knutton Lane, ST5 2SL

Present – Mike Barr, John Bradbury, Dave Brindley, Geoff Cartlidge, Greg Dancer, Mike Durkin Ben Edwards, Rob Fearn, Angela Hill, Alf Joynson, Clive Parrott.

Apologies – Mick Bennett

1 Minutes of 2017 AGM - agreed

2 Reports and discussion

2.1 finance

Membership = 37 members in 2018;

Income = membership (£185) + CTC birthday rides donation (£20)

Expenses = Cycling UK affiliation (£75) + printing newsletter and leaflet (£75) + admin £5)

Club funds in 2018 = £509 (Exc 2018 printing costs).

Annual dinner will be at 7 (for 7.30 pm) on Wednesday 5 December 2018 at Wolstanton golf club. Cost = £18.

2.2 long rides

The pace of rides was widely discussed and in future there will be 2 ride groups i.e. a fast group and a slow group. Ride start times and venues will be posted on our Facebook but the fast group will leave first. The intention is for both groups to meet at café stops where convenient.

2.3 medium & greenway rides

The monthly “Medium” rides will continue in 2019 with start time and venue normally similar to the long rides.

There will be at least 2 “greenway rides” in 2019 (June and September)

2.4 publicity

Hopefully the 2018 Newsletter and 2019 leaflet will be available for the annual dinner.

2.5 campaign – (see campaign report)

3 Election of officials and committee members

chair - Geoff Cartlidge; secretary – Geoff Killford; treasurer & membership secretary - John Bradbury:

long rides organiser – Clive Parrott; medium rides, publicity and campaign – Mike Barr

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5 Any other business

Xmas breakfast (1) – 11 am Sunday 16 December 2018 – The venetian

Xmas breakfast (2) – 11 am Wednesday 19 December 2018 – Sandbach, Wetherspoons

Campaign report

Highlights

1. government aim to double cycling (from 2% of trips to 4%) between 2013 and 2025
2. councils to prepare local cycling and walking plans (LCWIPs)
3. some funding opportunities for local cycle schemes (LTP, transforming cities, development)
4. money for cycle training for schools (bikeability) till 2020.

Lowlights

1. government cycling funding, outside London and Cycling ambition cities, (£2 per person) is way below recommended levels (£10-£25 per person).
2. Lots of funding for increasing traffic flows (£80 per person) nationally and a lot of money locally e.g. Hanley Bentilee link (24M), Cobridge junction (5M), Joiners Square junction?
3. Lack of support for cycling and active travel from councillors and Local Enterprise Partnerships
4. Lack of funding and staff within councils for cycling and active travel

Local cycling and walking investment plans (LCWIPs);

1. a network of cycling and walking routes and core zones to develop further
2. a prioritised programme of schemes
3. an analysis to support and justify the identified network and prioritised schemes

Stoke and Staffordshire councils to prepare LCWIPs in 2019.

North Staffs Cycling campaign intends to have input. The campaign long term aim is a network of cycle routes that allow most people to cycle to work or school etc safely and conveniently.

The network would be a mix of greenways, cycle paths/ lanes on main roads and 20 mph areas and roads.

Campaign section of our website shows some suggested schemes and a priority list was submitted to Stoke and Staffordshire transport planners for consideration.

Local Schemes

Recent– Festival Way (continues future link road from Wolstanton roundabout, T&M towpath surface improvement at Trentham, wayfinding signs Stoke/Hanley/Westport

Future – Biddulph Valley Way (rough section), Berryhill greenway (rough section), Fenton Road (Leek Road to St Paters Academy)

Local cycle funding

Cycle funding generally included in other funds such as the “Transforming cities fund” where Stoke is shortlisted as 1 of 10 cities to bid for access to £M 840 for funding improved transport connections. Includes transforming Stoke-on-Trent Railway Station into a major transport hub, improving public transport links – particularly between the station, city centre and Etruria Valley – and enhancing walking and cycling links across the city. Other funds that contain some funds for cycling include LTP and development contributions.