

MINUTES OF DYNAMO MEETING HELD 1 JUNE 2017

Present: Ben Cooper, Patricia Clarke, Jim Davies, Dick Follows, Paul Stubbins

1. A6 PETITION AND NEW CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

We still need to examine the data for the KSI figures between 2013 and 2016 received from the police in relation to the A6. Paul will do this. (See <https://lancasterdynamo.wordpress.com/2017/04/18/road-accidents-involving-cyclists-2014-16/>)

Paul has still to chase Eddie Mills re A6 safety.

Following the County Council elections, the new Cabinet member for Highways and Transport is Keith Iddon, a Conservative councillor for Chorley Rural West. We should write to Mr Iddon to welcome him, enquiring politely about future consultation on cycling measures (and whether this could be done through the county-wide and city-wide fora). Also point out that the focus of our recent campaign has been the A6; some works are still ongoing and were agreed with the previous administration, and we would be grateful if he could direct us to the right person. Patricia will draft a letter.

Action: Paul, Patricia

2. FINDING OUT WHAT PROPORTION OF THE COUNTY TRANSPORT BUDGET IS DEVOTED TO CYCLING

Dick had drafted a letter to the County Council under FOI legislation. We need to specify the years for which we are seeking information, i.e. 2011-16. We must be precise whether we want the budget or the actual spend; it was agreed that we need figures for actual spend but we should also ask for the budget.

Action: Dick

3. RESPONSES FROM CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

Patricia wrote to all nine candidates for our two constituencies in the general election and has received a positive if careful response from Cat Smith, which Patricia will put on the blog.

Dick received responses from some County Council candidates, some more positive than others. Robin Long, the Lib Dem candidate (also for the general election) cycles himself and was very positive. Dick will circulate his response and reply to Robin Long.

Action: Patricia

4. AIR POLLUTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Patricia still has to find out this. Also look at <https://beardsandtriathlons.wordpress.com/category/air-quality/>. Could we contact him re future planning applications to see if there are air quality grounds for objections?

Action: Patricia

5. POLICE AND SAFETY SCHEMES

Following Patricia's total failure to chase the Police Commissioner, Dick raised the 1.5m mat scheme (safe cycling distance – see <https://lancasterdynamo.wordpress.com/2017/03/16/undercover-cycle-cops/>) and proposed contacting Inspector Steve Bell in Lancaster about this.

Ben had heard that the police were looking for quotes for cameras for cycling and that they were intending to use them to check driving hazardous to cyclists. If this does go ahead, could these bike-mounted cameras be used to monitor illegal use of the cut-through by the bus station?

Action: Dick

6. SEMINAR IN MANCHESTER ON 5 JULY

This is organised by the North West Active Travel Network and entitled "Improving Consultation and Engagement: Managing Change, Reducing Conflict". Nobody from the committee is able to attend. Patricia will forward it to Dynamo members and ask if anyone would like to attend (fee and rail fare to be reimbursed) and report back to a future Dynamo meeting.

Action: Patricia

7. SPREADING OURSELVES MORE ACROSS THE DISTRICT - REPRISÉ

Patricia will investigate Broadway and bits of Morecambe so as not to neglect the rest of the district that we cover. Get our leaflets into bike shops. Look further at the accident statistics around Broadway.

Ben works in Morecambe and can take leaflets to cycle shops. First we need to get some more printed.

Action: Patricia

8. SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Should we get out during the summer and talk to cyclists? See item below. It was agreed to take this further at the next meeting.

9. NEWSLETTER ITEM AND REACHING OUT

The suggestion was made that we could ask people to write/dictate 50 words on cycling for the newsletter and use snippets for a page on "local cycling".

Should we have more regular e-newsletters with what is coming up as well as what is happening? Patricia will draft one and email local cycling groups to ask them if they wish to publicise anything. Check out cycle training and promote. Offer Dynamo vests to any member who hasn't already got one (subject to availability).

Action: Patricia

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13 July at 7.30 p.m. at Dick and Patricia's.