

A10 Corridor Cycling Campaign meeting

Monday July 12th 2021
7.30-8.45pm

Meeting via Zoom

Present: Susan Van de Ven (Chair), Terry Adams (Treasurer & Royston Rep), Ian Driver (Webmaster), Tina Filby (Secretary), James Hobro (Fowlmere Parish Councillor), Mike Prior-Jones (Vice-Chair), Alex Prosser-Snelling, Francis Sedgmore, John Somerville, Mike Stapleton & Daniel Washington (Transport Officer, NHDC)

Apologies:

1) Welcome and apologies: Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Minutes of previous meeting, Jan 18th 2021: there were no corrections: minutes were approved.

3) Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Melbourn Greenway update

Melbourn Greenway extends from Trumpington to Royston along the A10, and through Foxton and Melbourn – <https://a10corridorcycle.com/2020/06/28/melbourn-greenway-approved/>

- GCP consultants for Melbourn Greenway have been appointed and we hope to interact with them in the early autumn. Work on the bridge to Royston is seen as a priority.
- Herts CC have pledged funding to maintain the bridge, once built.
- Greenway will pass through Foxton & Melbourn and outline proposals include 20 mph speed limit through both villages. Detailed proposals and consultation to come.
- New proposed Foxton Travel Hub will impact on current cycle path and has been criticised by local councillors, as it focuses overwhelmingly on car parking and lacks the features one would expect from a 'Travel Hub'. As members of the Non-Motorised User Group, Mike P-J and Cambridge Cycle Campaign suggested some changes to the original plans, which have been modified and the draft plan improved as much as it possibly can be. Planning permission is still pending.
- Daniel emphasised importance of the Melbourn Greenway and bridge featuring in the Local Cambridge Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), which Hertfordshire will fully support.
- There is a North Herts LCWIP workshop this week and GCP have been invited to attend. Mike S had kindly volunteered to do this, and to feedback to the campaign.
- James asked about the Greenway link to Newton from the Harston London Road junction. GCP Officers will consult with local residents and 'interested parties' (eg. A10 CCC) about these. Mike P-J suggested emailing suggestions & possible sketch to Simon Manville, via A10 Campaign.
- Francis suggested lobbying for more support in Royston.
- Susan suggested the A10 Campaign needs to continue expressing support for the Greenway scheme and also maintain the cross-county border goodwill and cooperation.
- Alex thought it would be good to raise awareness at the present time and attract more members for the Campaign.
- Time-frame: Melbourn Greenway should be completed over the next three years.

4) Cycle path maintenance update

- Vegetation alongside path can be cut back hard once more, using remaining Astra-Zeneca funding – ideally in November or December.
- Mike P-J has suggested to GCP officers setting up a trust for each Greenway to manage ringfenced

maintenance funding, which is under consideration.

- Tim Stebbing, the litter picker employed by Melbourn Parish Council has now moved away, but the bike trailer provided South Cambs District Council (SCDC), could be used by the Campaign. (Melbourn PC have agreed to this.) Local Scout Group are also planning their annual litter pick and could borrow the trailer.

5) Autumn Awareness Ride

- Sunday October 3rd, 10.30am.
- Francis kindly offered to lead the Ride and will need the usual volunteer marshals. Terry, Alex and John volunteered to help. More volunteers will be needed as marshals and to help with refreshments.
- Susan offered to contact Trumpington P&R and also Phillimore Garden Centre.
- It was agreed that it would be too dangerous to lead a ride from Royston, or even extend the ride from Phillimore to the A505, as this would involve crossing the busy A10!

6) Any Other Business

- Consultation for Cambs Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan closes on July 13th. Please can people quickly respond, emphasising the need for maintenance for capital projects. Susan had submitted a response in councillor role.
- John S will ask PA Consulting for a letter of support for the Melbourn Greenway and bridge when the project is signed off.
- Sam Wardill has left Sartorius Stedim, but has passed on the name of a new contact.
- Mike announced that he will be moving at the end of the year to Cardiff, where he has taken up a new post. This will be a great loss to the campaign as Mike has provided enormous and valuable input.

7) Date of next meeting: 23 September 7:30: brief organizing meeting for Oct 3rd Awareness Ride.