

**Minutes of the Luton and Dunstable Cycling Forum Wednesday held
9th September at 7:10pm at Kent Athletic Club, Tenby Drive.**

Attendance 11, Peter Devine (PD) , Richard Williams (RW) , Barry Gregson(Barry), Ben Garner (Ben), Terry Colver(TC), David Woodroffe (DW) , George Cowan (GC) , Robin Cowan (RC) , John Pratt (JP), Peter Woodruff (PW) and Steve Lakin (SL) *comments after meeting Trevor Brennan (TB)*

1) Apologies

Adam Bell, Alister Barclay, Doug Hook, Paul Caruana (RC agreed to take the minutes in Adam's absence)

2) Minutes of last meeting

proposed John Pratt

3) Luton and Central Beds Issues

a. End of funding from LSTF etc resulting in Sustrans cut backs. **The end of LSTF funding has resulted in a number of cycling support personnel being lost in both Luton and Central Beds, this is very regrettable and we thank and wish all affected all the best in the future.**

b. NCN6 South of Luton very over grown, who looks after the path, Luton, Central Bed, Herts Council or Sustrans. (SL) Central Beds has just spent £5,000 on cutting back the vegetation on the path, from Airport way to Thrales End Road. (TB) *LBC has had a number of complaints concerning the over growth, we have referred the matter back to Peter Bates at Sustrans and I believe CBC have or will be cutting an clearing, it was pencilled in for the week of Aug 27th but we have a another complaint last week so I think the work has not been completed, have asked Peter Bates to find out what has happened.*

c. Busway improvements when are they timetabled to happen, (SL) reported that improve although slow were moving and was hoping for barriers and tarmac would start soon, the barriers at Courts Drive being the first. (TB) *Design and build is currently being progressed, 1st stage off works planned is improvements to 5 access points and resurfacing of the path from White Lion to Sainsbury's, new stops and resurfacing other sections of path will follow. All the works will be finished before 31st of March 2016 in line with the funding we have received. Once all the works have been programmed we are happy to forward time line of delivery, and will identify any areas or time when the path or Busway might be closed.*

d. Busway closure and tidy. (TB) *All major works were completed during the closure period, a few outstanding litter issues remain at stops which are being dealt, I would like to thank the forum for raising a number of issues and concerns before the closure as we were able to deal with these too.*

e. New Luton & Dunstable cycle map how close to publication **Need to send an E-mail to Viv RC to action**

f. Motor bikes on cycle paths

i. Police responses (SL) recommended always reporting motor cyclists to the police non-emergency line 101.

ii. New Bike barriers x 3 (Underwood Close) (RC) reported that there are now three new barriers in Underwood Close, in Luton

4) Luton Issues

Mountain bike trail Winsdon Hill (Farley Hill). RC report back that he had been walked around by Tom Dunn on the proposed Mountain bike trail. He asked the forum to support these plans, which they agreed to. RC to write letter of support.

NCN6 Park Street newly Tarmacked RC reported that NCN6 on Park Street had been tarmacked resulting in a far better surface, as yet there are not cycle lanes.

New information centre by Luton train Centre. *(TB) Travel Centre is now open at the Luton Station Interchange, located within the Starbucks. It opens at 7am in the morning and closes as 6pm in the evening (normally). Bus, train and travel advice are being provided by Arriva and LBC staff.*

(DW) reported that the vegetation on Stopsley Way was dangerous and need to be cut back.
(RC) would try and get up and photograph the issue.

5) Central Beds Issues

(SL) reported that Brewers Hill Road improvement to take place in the coming month.
Improvement to Dog Kennel path / Arenson Way.

(SL) reported that the work at the bottom of Chalk Hill north of Dunstable where it goes into the A5 M1 link road way. There is a sign suggesting that cyclist turn right and use a path which is a dangerous way route. He is trying to get the sign remove / updated.

6) Treasurers report

6a) incomes and expenditure since last meeting

6b) account balances £1894.75

The online transaction from the charity cycle ride have yet to be paid into our account (JP) to progress.

7) Lead ride, Cycle events and future rides

Suggested that we only cycle for one charity next year, four was too many.

Look at starting in a village hall instead of the visitor centre, possible Whipsnade, Kensworth or Studham

Rider could be given a route map next year.

Social cycle ride Wednesday 14th October 7pm, where should we go? **Bricklayers, High Town Road Luton**

Five Bell cycle Stanbridge cycle event ABF cycle ride 6th September

Luton and Dunstable Cycling forum charity cycle ride 26th June 2016

Luton and Dunstable Cycling forum Led rides for the Winter 2015/2016

8) Members issues

None

9) AOB

None

Next meeting November 11th at 6:30pm at the Hub Dunstable.

Meeting closed 9:10pm