

## Cycle Forum Meeting Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2010

Item	Discussion	Action Required By	When
<b>Action sheet previous meeting Matter arising</b>	<b>The route over the Moss from Swinton to Clifton</b> – Lee to check on the designation of footpath and whether possible to upgrade/ improve. Also to check status of the path through Blackleach Country Park over the motorway.	Lee to double check	January
<b>Highways Maintenance</b>	<p>Steven Lee, Director of Engineering delivered a presentation giving an overview on highways maintenance in the City. Copies of the presentation are available on request. The current intervention criteria is 25mm for trips in the footway and 50mm for potholes. They are normally repaired within 28 days - emergencies are dealt with within 2 or 24 hours. Reports arise from various sources including routine inspections (the frequency of is determined by how busy areas are) this does make it difficult to give feedback. Steve also provided examples of emergency, non emergency works and examples which would not attract a repair. Recent innovations have been adopted to improve resurfacing and patching including the use of velocity patching and infrared patching. Steve also touched upon street lighting, illuminated signs and future works to improve the highways.</p> <p>Cycle paths fall under the same criteria for intervention but as members discussed the depth of potholes can have a significant impact on cyclists causing accidents, damage or other dangers when cyclist take avoiding action. Steps are being taken to consider the potential for reducing the intervention criteria to 40mm on the highway and inspectors are beginning to look closely at the areas cyclists use to the side of roads. Members asked about street cleaning frequency in a particular area this will be investigated and reported back to the members that raised the issue. It was also pointed out that via Salford's website <a href="http://salford.gov.uk">salford.gov.uk</a> you can enter a postcode to find out information on the specific street cleansing timetable. Similarly info on street works can be found via the link <a href="#">Salford Maps</a></p> <p>The Forum supports the reduction of the intervention criteria and the steps to improve surface quality near the roadside.</p>	Ged Steadman	As soon as possible
<b>Local Transport Plan</b>	<p>Lee Evans informed the meeting of the start of consultation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Greater Manchester Local transport Plan. Decisions on transport for the next 15 years are outlined for comments and observation. You can access the consultation on <a href="http://www.gmppte.com/LTP3/">http://www.gmppte.com/LTP3/</a> You can make your individual comments and share them with Lee who will also provide a joint response to the consultation on behalf of the forum.</p> <p>Early comment include; the area within the plan given to cycling is quite small; focus on arterial routes, this will help replace car journeys; link up leisure facilities for families and leisure cyclists; joined up approach across greater Manchester authorities.</p>	All members	Before end November

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<b>Air Quality Plan</b>	<p>Ged Steadman, the council's Environmental Monitoring Officer - Pollution/Air Quality gave a brief presentation to outline the reasons why air quality is monitored and actions taken to manage the quality. As well as describing how we monitor air quality, Ged Briefly covered the legislation and causes of poor air quality and the trends that impact on air quality. Generally we are hitting the required objectives but we are not achieving the required targets on 2 pollutants nitrogen oxide and particulates. Ged described what is happening at the national level including cleaner fuels and technological innovations and went on to describe local actions that are aimed at preserving and improving air quality. The actions are linked closely to the Local Travel Plan and include measures to reduce car dependency improve public transport and the freight network and encourage the development of local travel plans among organisations.</p> <p>Members discussed several areas including the plans for Chapel street and the 20MPH restriction which will help air quality if traffic flows smoothly through the area rather than stopping and starting which contributes to poorer air. Improving opportunities for cycling and increasing the number of journeys help to mitigate the serious problem that is poor air quality.</p>		
<b>Programme 2010/11</b>	<p>Lee outlined the progress on schemes.</p> <p><b>Cycle Parking</b> – A further 10 sites at community buildings across the city are proposed.</p> <p><b>Hessle street</b> – Design work has commenced, details will be shared with the group soon..</p> <p><b>Roe Green Loop Line phase 6</b> – Refurbishment of the lighting and steps at the East Lancs bridge will be undertaken. Signage and surfacing improvements will also be completed as part of phase 6.</p> <p>Anup asked about the budget for cycling info this has been mentioned before Lee will pass on info. Budgets have already been cut and were further impacted by the protection given to the Greater Manchester Transport Fund.</p> <p>Lee will update on further progress on schemes at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Lee</p> <p>Lee</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>January</p>
<b>Pleasant Cycle Rides</b>	Anup was able to report on the success of the led rides on the Thursday evening with up to 16 people joining the rides. With nights drawing in it has been decided to run a weekend ride the first is this Saturday (16 <sup>th</sup> Oct) Lee and Peter will help with promotion via Salford website and GMcycle and through forum contacts.	Lee & Pete	July / August
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Possible Presentations on Irwell River Park.	Tim Hewitt	October
<b>AOB</b>	Dates for future meeting will be circulated soon.	Peter	ASAP

**Next meeting Thursday 6pm – 27 January 2010**