

Walking & Cycling Sub-Committee

12th December 2018

Attendance:

Cllr Ciaran Cuffe, Chair of Walking & Cycling Sub-Committee, DCC

Edel Kelly – Senior Transportation Officer, DCC

Christopher K Manzira, DCC

Martin Hoey, PPN

Neil O' Donohoe, Environment & Transportation TAG,DCC

Karen Hosie, Environment & Transportation ITS,DCC

Clive Ahern, Environment & Transportation, DCC

Barbara Connolly, Cycling Ireland

Niall Bolger, DCC

James Calvey, DCC

John Mc Loughlin, Bike Register

John Fleming, NTA

Con Kehely, Bus Connects

Antonia Martin, DCC

Alec Dundon, DCC

Garda Angela Costello,

Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Colm Walsh, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Helen Smirnova, DCC

Stephen McManus, I Bike

Apologies:

Dick Brady, Environment & Transportation, DCC

Fiona Kelty , National Council for the Blind of Ireland

Orlaith Maguire, RSA

Cllr Paddy Smith,

Garda William Geraghty,

Fiona McDermott, Just Walk Group

Administration: Jenny Sweeney, Marian Cheevers, DCC

1 Minutes of Cycle & Walking Sub – Committee meeting held on 27th September 2018

September 27th 2018 minutes agreed.

2 Projects

Alec Dundon presented the committee with updates to cycle projects.

Colm Ryder was not happy with the change in the presentation layout of the project list. Alec noted his concerns.

Point Junction Improvement Scheme – Construction deferred until 2020

On Street Cycle Parking – Installation February 2019, 250 cycle stands to be installed per quarter next year. Cllr Cuffe says draft plans should be circulated for discussion for this committee.

Royal Canal Phase 3 – Going to tender before Christmas.

Clontarf to City Centre – Cllr Cuffe requested an update regarding the final snagging of the S2S section. Cllr Cuffe also pointed out that there are issues of grass on the cycle track and proposes low cost solutions.

The Liffey Cycle Route – Colm Ryder told the committee that the NTA took it out of their hands, The NTA need to deliver a draft to circulate in January. There are concerns concerning the timing of the draft.

Integration is needed for bridges, the Royal Canal Bridge at the conference was mentioned.

City Centre High Density Cycle – is on hold.

Royal Canal Phase 4 – it was noted that the lighting is bad at this site by Martin Hoey of PPN.

Cllr Cuffe indicated that the Samuel Beckett Bridge should be reviewed from a cycling point of view, and that signage identifying the cycle route is important.

Tolka River Cycle Route – N2 Junction to be looked at next meeting. A meeting is to be scheduled between the stakeholders and Chris Manzira.

3 ITS Reports/Pedestrian Crossings

Karen Hosie gave an update to the committee, Colm Ryder has concerns about certain junctions. Cllr Cuffe raised concerns about Bridge Street and Cook Street.

Colm Ryder asked if there was any movement on zebra crossings.

4 Bike Register

John Mc Loughlin gave a presentation on bike Registration. There are 14,000 stolen bikes across Ireland between 2016 and 2018. All police forces in the UK use the Bike Register Data Base. It is currently being introduced to the Irish cycling public to enhance the cycling experience and is aimed at reducing theft. It is a simple service – you register your bike on to the online database, apply a warning label onto your bike, the Gardaí have access to an app to identify the owner of a stolen bike.

5 Drury Street Car Park

Alec Dundon says there will be signs put up saying there is cycle parking inside! Colleges near Drury Street have been notified to promote it. It has also been promoted on Facebook and Twitter. Colm Ryder says it needs more signage.

6 Velo City 2019

Clive Ahern gave an update. Barbara enquired if there will be any sessions talking about disability and cycling. Barbara suggested that there be a group cycle for people with disabilities, that it's an opportunity to include people with disabilities. Antonia said that there will be bike hubs at the event for inclusive cycling. Cllr Cuffe said it should be maximized.

7 Public Realm and other updates

Edel Kelly gave an update on the public realm to the committee.

The new user manual workshop was held by the Public RWG with all PM's working on projects in the Public Realm.

Liffey Street Lower - pedestrian only has progressed to part 8.

Circulate the most up to date project list for the SPC Public Realm.

8 Bypad Actions Audit

This needs to be progressed.

9 Quick Wins – Alec Dundon gave an update to the committee on Quick Wins.

10 30 KPH –

Helen Smirnova gave an update and stated that all information is available on the website.

Dublin City Council is not planning to expand the 30KPH just yet in the city. There are lots of complaints that it does not work. Garda enforcement depends on resources. There are no resources for monitoring/enforcing the speed in housing estates. It is a change in driver behaviour that is needed more so than changing the speed limit. Slow signage has shown not to work either. Dublin City Council is looking at an educational campaign in 2019. It is not enough to install signage, European countries have the same speed issues. Education is the answer to behavioural change.

Cllr Cuffe says that any decision should be brought to the SPC, and asks if there are speed measurements taking place.

Helen Smirnova says that there are measured speeds between the canals. At this moment education should go ahead. Green Schools – children should be used in a campaign to embarrass and shame speeding drivers.

Cllr Cuffe stated that there was evidence that there is speed reduction from Dermot Stevenson's presentation at last meeting. Cllr Cuffe queried when was the last speed survey taken. He said that there is overwhelming support by the council for the 30KPH.

Martin Hoey said that some estates went back to 50KPH instead of 30KPH.

Cllr Cuffe stated that it is important that we see the speed surveys.

11 Beta Project

Edel Kelly will be meeting Cllr Patrick Costello and Shane Waring from Beta to progress a project called 'School Streets'.

12 Smart Cycle Detectors

Karen Hosie says testing is ongoing at present. The segregated cycle lane at Leeson Street has Orcas installed. HGV mirror has been installed on Charlemont Street today.

Cllr Cuffe wants signs for Orcas on Leeson Street.

13 Use of Armadillo Humps

Karen Hosie gave an update

14 Contra Flow Cycle Lane

Michael Aherne said there is funding available from the NTA. Chris Manzira is to look into it and respond.

It is noted that the committee supports further contra flow lanes.

15 College Green Plaza

Cllr Cuffe said that a new application will be prepared according to Dick Brady.

Edel Kelly advised that as the project is a planning application to An Bord Pleanala, she would advise the project to be led by Planning rather than technical consultants. She also advised that the Planning Department should be closely involved and that the project team should scope with ABP.

16 Bus Connects

John Fleming from NTA gave a presentation to the committee. Upgrading the bus lanes and the benefits to the public were discussed. There is a commitment to increase the fleet and this will decrease journey times.

Concerns were raised by Stephen Mc Manus of I Bike on cyclist safety. Colm Ryder raised questions about infrastructure. Barbara Connolly and Colm Walsh enquired about Park and Ride. Cllr Cuffe stated that Luas Cross City did not deliver on cycle safety. And asked how does a cyclist cross the M50. He stated that the NTA are not showing a detailed bike route from Blanchardstown.

Cllr Cuffe is very concerned about the plans and wants it noted that there are no proposals for safe cycling lanes on the Blanchardstown route in particular.

17 Dublin Transit Commuter Coalition

There will be a report circulated to the committee that was provided by DTCC

18 AOB.

Stephen Mc Manus from I Bike wants East Wall Road to be looked at regarding cycling arrangements, there are lots of trucks on it.

Edel Kelly says that the cycle team are looking at it.