

## **Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held on Monday 19 July at 7.30 pm at the Union Chapel, Wellington Road, Fallowfield. All members are welcome to this important meeting. Formal business will comprise reports from the officers, and the appointment of officers and committee members for the forthcoming year. Current officers are: Chair, Sandy Broadhurst; Secretary, David Beetham; Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Dick Venes; Minutes Secretary, Steve Keeney; Website, Julian Fox; Archivist, Cos Harnasz. Other Committee members are Pam Flynn and Linda Moulding. Former Councillor Alec Cowan is resigning as a Committee member, and we are grateful to him for his substantial contribution to our work, especially for liaison with Highfield Park and Levenshulme residents and community groups. Any new nominations for any of the above posts may be sent to the Secretary before the meeting or made at the meeting itself. The Secretary's Report for the year is printed overleaf. Other business will include a discussion of our priorities for the coming year.

## **Social Rides**

Details of all the rides for the past year are included overleaf. Here it is worth reporting on highlights of the rides since the last newsletter. The 4 Canals and 2 Football Grounds ride introduced members to a completely off-road route through the city centre. The adult social ride enabled the many participants to keep up to date with England's World Cup match as they progressed from pub to pub. The joint ride with the Mersey Valley Wardens had 40 participants – a drop from last year, but easier to keep together. All these were held in splendid weather, and much enjoyed.

## **Fallowfield District Centre Consultation**

Our submission to the Council's consultation, as agreed at the last members' meeting, included the following priorities for the Loop and its surroundings:

1. A major improvement of the crossing at Wilmslow Road, *either* through reopening the tunnel under Wilmslow Road, *or* building a pedestrian and cycle bridge across the main road. Failing these, or as an interim solution, there must be a safer and more direct crossing established across the main road.
2. An improved cycle route along the Wilmslow Road corridor, including good quality Sheffield stands with cctv cameras at the main shopping points.
3. Dog bins and litter bins to be installed at the entrance points to the Loop at Sherwood Street and Ladybarn Lane.

**Information Stall.** We are planning to have a stall at the Chorlton Park Festival, Saturday 17 July, 12 to 5 pm. Offers of help welcome to David on 0161 445 1524.

## Secretary's Report July 2009-June 2010

### Organised rides

- 16 August 2009, TPT west to Heatley and back via the Brigewater Canal
- 10 September, evening ride from Chorlton Water Park to Vale Cottage Inn
- 11 October, Chorlton Wanderers' ride to Werneth Low, including Loop
- 29 November, ride to celebrate Connect2 improvement Stretford to Sale
- 3 January 2010, New Year ride to Vale Cottage Inn, Gorton
- 14 February, Chorlton Wanderers' ride, Mersey Valley and Reddish Vale
- 23 May, 4 canals and 2 football grounds circuit, including city centre.
- 18 June, adult social ride, including stops in Chorlton, Stretford and Sale
- 20 June, 'Loop the Loop' ride around the Loop and city centre.
- 27 June, ride with Mersey Valley wardens including Loop and TPT east

### Grant management and completion

- Installation of street signs on almost all bridges, thanks to Tom and colleague (Transport Thematic Partnership Grant)
- Design of questionnaire on Loop use, circulation to members and interviews with Loop users, 16 October and 7 November; analysis of results as required for TTP grant completion
- Installation of new informational lectern at Sherwood Street entrance (Ward Cash Grant)
- New lectern commissioned and installed from Hough End residual grant, to mark site of aircraft parts delivery in World War One.

### Environmental

- 7 November 2009, big clean-up from Yew Tree Road to St. Werburgh's Road
- 14 February 2010, bramble and sapling clearing both sides of Wellington Road entrance with clean-up (Sale and Altrincham Conservation Volunteers)
- 1 May, contribution of members to Levenshulme section clean-up
- Liaison with Sustrans office on biodiversity and other environmental issues
- Ongoing clean-up work by Rangers throughout the year

### Information and promotion

- Information stalls at Chorlton Big Green Festival, 27 March, and Platt Fields Centenary Festival, 8 May.
- Film showing *The Age of Stupid*, with discussion and hot supper, 9 February
- Submissions to MCC consultations on City Centre Transport Plan and Fallowfield District Centre Plan
- Lobbying for new entrances to Loop, improved barriers and development of cycle routes linking with Loop (Chorlton to Salford Quays, Bridgewater Canal to Castlefield)
- Six bi-monthly newsletters to members and stake-holders
- Ongoing promotion of Community Mapping Guide to key locations