



Hello! Here's your update on what's going on with CycleSheffield this summer and what we're campaigning on to make Sheffield a better place to cycle and live for everyone.

We've got some new faces in our volunteer committee team who help to lead our campaigning. We all want CycleSheffield to be active in making Sheffield a better place to get around by bike for everyone (especially people who find it off-putting as it is now!), making our streets and city a nicer place to live, work and play in.



What we've been doing

20's plenty – we're pressing the council to continue their roll-out of 20mph limits on residential streets. The most recent success was the Ecclesall, Ringinglow and Greystones area, where we had some additional roads included to deter rat-running, and Woodhouse area.

Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy – the government [issued its draft](#) for consultation in May. Along with most cycling and walking organisations we were wholly unimpressed, but chose to [submit a response](#) as a group. Nick Clegg tells us he will discuss our views with the new Minister for Transport.

Trams and bikes don't mix. The council released its long-awaited report on cycle accidents and tram lines which tells us what we know (including from the 300 incidents reported to our tramcrash.co.uk site) - tram lines cause cyclists to crash, sometimes with awful consequences. However they didn't have any effective plans to fix things, but we were able to have the council withdraw it and we were involved in improving the recommendations. Councillor for transport, [Mazher Iqbal is supportive](#) of our requests and we hope to have some progress announced soon.

Plans for Sheffield Retail Quarter and Charter Square. Obviously it's great news that HSBC is moving into the city centre and the monstrous Grosvenor Hotel is coming down. We met the planners to look at Charter Square and [entered a response](#) to the consultation, and visited the open session for Phase I. Planning documents say there will be good bike facilities for employees and residents of the new buildings. We are pushing for safe and useful routes into the centre from all directions.



What do we want?

We want space for safe, convenient cycling designed into our city's roads, with **separated cycle ways** along busier roads and through junctions, reduced **traffic speeds** and **no rat-running** through neighbourhoods. Also good **bike parking** at schools and shops, and more **secure hubs** like at the station. [Find out more.](#)

We are all CycleSheffield!

Together we are the voice of people cycling (and wanting to cycle) in Sheffield, and currently there are over 450 of us. It's this that gives us any clout that we have when going to the council to raise issues, so the commitment, and backing of our members are what makes anything we do possible. Thank you!

We're working on improving how we manage our membership to make it easier, as we want to get lots more people involved. Watch this space.

What we're looking forward to next...

- getting rid of those awkward barriers on cycle paths
- better cycle parking around the city
- making the Ikea development cycle-friendly (not looking good yet!)
- finding out just what the council's £2m spend on cycling this year will be on!

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Want to get involved?

New people and ideas are always welcome! Come along to this month's meeting: Tuesday 2 Aug, 7pm Rutland Arms, or drop us an [email](#) if you want to get in touch.

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