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Thank you for your support ~ A personal comment from Lib Dem candidate Andrew Brown ~



As you will probably know, I didn't succeed in becoming one of your Councillors in the election in May, losing out to Labour's Sam Mongon by just seven votes.

I would like to thank all those 1,100 who did vote for me - the scale of your support was truly humbling. I hope I would have repaid your trust, had I been elected.

I was fortunate in having the support and endorsement of Councillor Mark Bailey and of (now retired) Councillor Alf Havvock - and I want to publicly thank them for all their efforts as

Councillors, and on my behalf during the campaign.

I wish Sam all the best in his role as Councillor, and will follow his career in the Council House with interest.

My own commitment to campaigning on behalf of our communities continues: my contact details if you want to get in touch are on the back of this edition of Focus.

Once again, thank you for your support,

Andrew Brown

Cycling Ambition stalls on St Luke's Road

As you will probably be aware, the proposed scheme to improve cycling and pedestrian access on St Luke's Road has been cancelled due to Council Officers being unable to accommodate all the various issues identified in the public consultation.

The funding, which had been part of the Cycling Ambition Fund, is now being redirected into other projects, such as the new bridge across the New Cut from Camden Road to a Chocolate Path. In addition, complications with a scheme to improve cycle access to the Banana Bridge mean a new bridge will now be erected alongside it as well.

In an effort to salvage something from the situation, Cllr Mark Bailey has contacted the Project Board with suggestions of how the road could be made more cycle friendly, as part of the approach route to the new Langton Road bridge.

These include the following:

- Install a raised table/crossing to slow traffic on St Luke's Road, making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians to cross.
- Remove the pavement build-out adjacent to Mead Street and the little island so that two lanes of traffic and a cycle lane can be created from the bridge to York Road.
- Make the section of the road under the bridge and either side 'no overtaking' so that vehicles do not try to squeeze past cyclists in the narrow confines of the bridge.
- Improve the signage so as to slow motorists entering the bridge and to make them more aware of cyclists using this section of the road.

We will keep you updated with any progress.



Campaign for equality for Bristol

Of all the UK cities that have held a poll on having a mayor, Bristol is unique: there is no provision in law for the decision to be reversed.

Other cities are able to arrange further referendums to review the mayoral model and change to other methods of local government **but Bristol can't.**

This means that Bristol would require the approval of Westminster.

Bristol Liberal Democrats believe that decisions about the way the city is governed should rest with the people of Bristol and have launched a petition to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government asking for this power to be returned to the city.

If you agree that Bristol should have control over the way it is governed - sign our petition: tinyurl.com/bristolmayorreferendum

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