

Aberdeen Cycle Fourm - Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 28th June – Townhouse

Present

RC Richard Chard KS Kristen Smith GV Gerard Vlaar, KH Kris Howard,
HB Hamish Booth, RK Rhada Kessar, ML Markus Linkelmann DC Dave Cheseldine

Apologies

DW Derek Williams DL Dave Lindsey FF Fiona Fraser NF Neil Fraser

Stats:

Membership = 258. / Twitterati = 119

1 Minutes and Matters Arising

Police safety meeting – despite various efforts chasing this seems the Police are on the run and are no longer interested, CG will have one last attempt via LN who has now returned.

LOAF / MTB Tracks (Elrick) – site visit has taken place with Rachel Sharp – everyone thinks they are too large. ACC are doing as part of part of Aberdeen Green Space – various complaints, but it seems ACC not responding to it. Discussed further and seen as more of a LOAF matter than ACF one.

2 Bike Week

Commuter Challenge – was discussed at meeting, but note result were not yet publically available as journey logging close Wednesday, early indications indicate a close race in small category. Anecdotal evidence indicates several of the larger organisations signed up but then did little to promote it (e.g. we know employees who were not aware via their employer). New website back end has worked well and now automated most of the process..A few people struggled to understand the “one trip is return journey” instructions, including one who was rather abusive in their email, we will seek to make clearer next time.

Post Meeting Note: Full results: www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/challenge

Category	Company Name	SCORE
Small	Scottish Government - Aberdeen Office	905
Small	JNCC	867
Small	Scottish Natural Heritage (Aberdeen)	391
Medium	The James Hutton Institute	851
Medium	Nautronix	364
Medium	Lloyd's Register EMEA Aberdeen	119
Medium	DNV Aberdeen	70
Large	Shell U.K. Limited	234
Large	BP	94
Large	University of Aberdeen	23
Mega	Aberdeen City Council	26
Mega	NHS Grampian	16

Note: Total distance covered ~5,000 miles.

Trophies to winners per category and certificates to others will be presented

WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 17:15 at Nestrans Offices

Try Cycling - 3 over and above those who might normally come.

Get-About's roadshow – both events at Highland Games (DW and JW supported) and George St (LN and colleagues at ACC supported) were well attended, in total we estimate some 800 people – mainly kids – went “through” the system.

General consensus is there was little “central” publicity for Bike week in Aberdeen, e.g. no media advertising and we got very little traffic via the bikeweek website.”*what has bike week ever done for us*”

CG has been dealing directly with a reporter at the P&J – we got two (small) pieces in covering the challenge and the George street roadshow. May yet be further coverage of the challenge prize awards ceremony. www.aberdeenvoice.com carried a full front page pictorial on count results and challenge it.

3 Justice Mill Lane (one way system)

Plans were discussed – agreed given how this cuts off access west we will go with our original objection. GV mentioned there was contraflow on Allenvale road.

4 CWSS

We had first meeting with Roads Engineers last week, CG,DW and DC attended. Went through the web generated list. Roads will come back to us with meeting 9th August to look at what is practicable./ possible.

Red Textureflex is falling out of use in these financially constrained times given it's high initial cost (the wagon from Newcastle) and even higher total lifecycle cost (fitting damages the underlying tarmac) new ASLs will not be in red.

Never too late to submit new ideas, use the link below:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=130>

5 Cyclcefest report

GV reported on the presence at Alford – approx 1,000 attended – although like at highland games many were not from local area...

AOB

Both the highland games, George st. and cycle fest results showed the need to resurrect the small A5 leaflet “who we are and what we do” no one seems to have the original of this.

DC offered to try and find and/or do a rewrite

Date of Next meeting – Tue 26th July. (Apologies from the secretary – **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED TO DO THE MINUTES**).