



CYCLE FORUM

DRAFT MINUTE

Thursday, 30th September 2004, Carlton Bar, Castlegate.

Present:

Jeremy Rushton, Friends of the Earth (Chair)
 Dave Lindsey, CTC, Right to Ride Officer
 Derek Williams, CTC
 Jackie Wilkins, CTC
 Sarah Wingrove, Shell
 Ian Inglis
 Marjorie Inglis
 Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council
 Kris Howard, CTC
 Sonia Element, BP
 John Crawford, The University of Aberdeen

Apologies:

Warren Murphy, Aberdeen City Council
 Saville Gunn, Aberdeen Wheelers
 Gavin Clark
 Maureen Young, CTC
 Gerard Vlaar, CTC
 Gregor McAbery, Environmental Forum
 Helen Keron, BP

Item	Action By
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>JR welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies from WM, SG, GC, MY, GV, GM and HK. Welcome extended to JC, who is doing a dissertation on cycling and here for research purposes.</p>	
<p>2. Minute of Last Meeting (28/08/04) and Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Third Don Crossing</i> LN confirmed that a short extension had been given for the Cycle Forum to send back a response. A group with JR, SE, DW and LN to meet next Wednesday or Thursday to discuss and respond.</p> <p><i>Union Street Project</i> DL had sent a message to the Scottish Right to Ride Network asking for examples of areas where cyclists were allowed unrestricted access to pedestrianised areas. Perth had responded so far. DW had emailed the CTC asking for useful research into pedestrianisation schemes and cycling/ no cycling examples. He discussed that Joanna Beveridge would be taking the report seeking approval for the scheme to full Council on 27th October and they would then decide on which scheme to adopt. DW thought that although the Forum would be consulted through the statutory consultee process, we should continue to submit evidence/ examples of other cities' pedestrianisation schemes. JW thought the Forum should be lobbying at the pre-detailed design stage.</p> <p><i>Local Plan</i> The closing date for objections to the Local Plan had been at 5pm that day (30th September). An objection had not yet gone in from the Cycle Forum. DL to send a response to LN. LN to ask the Local Plan team whether they would accept the objection – otherwise it go in as a late objection and there would hopefully be an opportunity to adopt any changes at the review stage.</p>	<p>DL, LN</p>

<p><i>NESTRANS Money</i> Environment & Infrastructure Committee had approved this. The Forum would be asked to identify projects to spend the £50,000 available. LN to set up a meeting with Graeme McKenzie and the group that had put forward the original suggestions for the first round of NESTRANS money – JR, HK and DL.</p> <p><i>Cycle Map</i> LN found out the cost of another print run from Lovell Johns: 1000 - £2,060.00 2000 - £2,620.00 LN believed that requirements for the cycle maps would decrease and it would then make more sense to do another run once the current map had been updated. It was thought that this matter should be deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Western Peripheral Route</i> LN had contacted Tony Grant at Sustrans and spoken to him about the WPR Managing Agents decision not to allow cycle access on the new bridges to be built over the Don, and especially the Dee. TG had agreed to pass on LN's email to someone who worked in the Trunk Roads department of the Scottish Executive who was the unofficial cycling officer.</p> <p><i>Cycle Parking</i> JW confirmed that SW, DT and herself had met up to the Cycle Parking Audit. They had divided the city centre into 3 areas and were seeing where people were unofficially parking their bikes. They were working on the premise that new sites should be identified and that little and often was the key. They had arranged a meeting for Monday where they would be prioritising the sites in order to spend all of the £10,000 the City Centre Partnership had put forward.</p>	LN
<p>3. Loose Ends</p> <p><i>Green Route to Hazelhead</i> DW to email Cllr Greig and progress this issue. LN believed that it was being partially addressed by a planning application for the Kepplestone site and that the Access Officer was looking at funding an upgrade of the route out to Hazelhead.</p> <p><i>Cycle Map Audit</i> Item deferred until next meeting.</p> <p><i>Cycle Training</i> LN had recently received a number of queries about this and was uncertain of how to progress the issue. DW to speak to Ewen Kay in order to find out his views – as EK had written that cycle training needed to be addressed to reduce cycling casualties. DL to speak to Cycling Scotland to find out how often they came up to Aberdeen and how much they cost. He would also find out what role other Council's played in cycle training.</p> <p><i>Constitution</i> JK, LN and JW to look at.</p>	DW DW
<p>4. Possible new project – cycle links to Torry Deferred until next meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Finance DL had raised this issue as there was a small amount of money left in the bank account that could still be spent.</p>	
<p>6. Format of future meetings</p>	

<p>It was thought that links should be established with other organisations – to include health, police and travel awareness representatives and that these people could be invited along for half an hour on specific issues. It was thought that Colin Morsley, the new NESTRANS Travel Awareness Co-ordinator could be invited to Novembers meeting. There could then be a discussion on what NESTRANS’ remit was with cycling and how the Forum could help him achieve it. LN to invite.</p>	<p>LN</p>
<p>7. Any Other Business</p> <p><i>Council Consultations</i></p> <p>SW to respond to Riverside Drive proposals – indicating that the Cycle Forum would like to see a contraflow in place.</p> <p>DW to respond regarding the pedestrian island consultation.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>DW</p>
<p>8. Next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, 26th October, 8.00pm-9.30pm, Committee Room 4, Town House. The meeting will start at 8pm due to a number of Members being in a meeting earlier in the evening.</p>	