

Minutes of Aberdeen Cycle Forum Meeting 28 March 2006

Present:

Jeremy Rushton (JR), Andrew Harrington (AH), Chris Howard (CH), Gerrard Vlaar (GV), Derek Williams (DW): chair, Sonia Element (SE), Dave Lindsey (DL), Neil Fraser (NF), Fiona Fraser (FF), John Pantebrick (JP), Sarah Wingrove (SW), Dave Cheseldine (DC)

Apologies:

Carl Gerrard (CG), Ian Wilkie (IW), Councillor Greig (CCG) Louise Napier (LN)

Amendments to minutes of February ACF meeting

Nick Badd should be Nick Batt.

Bike stations report attributable to DL, not DW

JW should be JR in several places.

MATTERS ARISING

There was a subgroup meeting on Urban Bike Trails attended by DW, DC, Nick Batt, Phil, Maureen. The group identified 5 possible routes, and these are to be road-tested. DW said Glasgow already has Urban Bike Trails. Maureen is getting more information on these. AH said he would like to be involved in this group, and pointed out that it is difficult to find a safe route to the Beach. NF, FF, JR would also like to be involved.

SE asked what we are doing for Bike Week. DW said: Try Cycling and the Prize Draw.

ACTION: DL to register these events with Bike Week organisers.

DW said the Urban Trail announcement could be decoupled from Bike Week. Bike week pack: no progress so far. DW said probably the pack could be made available on the web. SE suggested another Newsletter before Bike Week advertising web links. DL said there was an article from the Guardian we could use in the next Newsletter.

DW has written to police about the Forum's concerns re cyclist safety, but has not had a reply yet. There was a discussion about what constitutes a "slight accident".

GV said the Union St north to south is very badly surfaced. DW said Holborn Street is also bad.

ACTION: GV to write to council re surfaces on these roads.

Constitution

Sandy Mavis from Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations is coming to a meeting to talk about this.

Environmental Forum

DL and JR did a presentation to the Forum. DW said it would be good if the Forum had a 5 minute presentation to use as needed.

ACTION: SW to pass on a presentation she and Carl did to DW, GV

Code of Conduct and Manifesto

No further progress. JR to progress as possible.

DL will investigate setting up a mailing list on the university servers.

DW pointed out we currently have a number of email lists.

Cycle Lanes

Great Western Road: Louise Napier has been considering the option of a part-time bike lane with parking allowed on it at other times. There was a long discussion about this.

ACTION: JR to forward LN's email about this to several people for comment. JR also to pass on conclusions from the discussion that on balance the negative aspects of the part-time lanes outweighed the positive aspects.

Bike Station Seminar in Edinburgh

DL and AH attended this event. DW asked if should meet the lady from Aberdeen Forward to discuss setting up something similar in Aberdeen. AH also interested in meeting her.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Critical Mass

JP gave a quick resume about the 2nd Mass. General discussion ended with the conclusion that the ACF was not in a position to support the Critical Mass. DW suggested the forum should continue to distribute information about it. DW said awareness raising materials to distribute on the ride would be good.

Western Peripheral Road.

ACTION: DW to send letters to Transport Scotland re the Western Peripheral Road.

Ecocity has been rebranded and wants more innovative stands.

ACTION: DW to ring EcoCity to find out what they are looking for.