

# Aberdeen Cycle Forum – minutes of meeting Townhouse – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## Present

DL Dave Lindsey	GM Gail McMillan	FF Fiona Fraser	Marcus Linkelmann
RK Rada Kessar	DW Derek Willians	CG Carl Gerrard	NF Neil Fraser
DC Dave Cheseldine	MX Mike		

## Apologies

None

## 1 - Minutes and Matters Arising

**Cycle Map 2010** – Changes have all been done. DW reported Union Square (US) have agreed to sponsor it, some final details remain to be solved e.g. US want to link to an electronic copy of the map (hosted by ACC)

**Dobbies**– The new cycle stands ones at Dobies garden centre look pretty but are not that useful, the entrance of Dobies into the Langstracht has impinged on the new cycle route. DL has complained to ACC (LN and GM)

## 2 – Council Matters

**Meeting Joanna Murray (JM).** DW has recently corresponded with JM, over how our proposed priorities for cycle spending by Nestrans have been “filtered” out by her department before reaching Nestrans board. JM has agreed to meet us to discuss process improvements.

DW is organising – proposed date **19<sup>th</sup> April 17:00 – 18:30 @ St Nicholas house**, DL, FF, DW can go.

**A96 Consultation** – Christopher Peters has communicated with FF, ACC now have funding for a detailed survey (from Nestrans). this year. FF has also learned the ‘shire are planning for their “end” as well.

**Market St.** - We have had another email from concerned cyclist who does route Torry →University, “feeling more insecure”. Discussed and agreed we have tried on this matter many time with limited success. An opportunity exists with the move of various organisations (Scottish Natural Heritage, Marine Lab) to the new Inverdee house for the organisations to increase the pressure on ACC to do something.

DW is in contact with SNH, CG also has some marine lab contacts on distribution list and will provide to DW. MX offered to provide a list of some potential routes?

**Dropped Kerbs** DC reported the one at bottom of Bedford road, road (made non accessible to cars) has been removed

**CWSS spend** – The usual mad dash for the financial year end has now started, and some works have been noticed –CG will write to Doug Richie in 3 weeks to determine what was done with the money.

**Cycle stands** – DC has been chasing GM, who reported the “council modified” ones for the bridge deck outside the Mall trinity have not worked. New ones have been ordered and are planned to be fitted “after” the 12<sup>th</sup> April. As ever we await with eager anticipation.

### **3 - Bike Week**

**Dates** are 19-27 June

**Filmfest** DL offered to contact Belmont RE running a film event again – after last years success seen as Belmont will probably want to do it themselves e.g. source film etc, we will just help with some publicity and have a stand in Foyer. Suggested film by MX was “*The bicycle thieves*”

**Commuter/Workplace challenge.** DW investigated the CTC organised “workplace challenge” – it appears CTC want money to run it, Nestrans (the likely funding provider) are not keen so seems off for now.

Entries in our own web-based challenge have tailed off in recent years – discussed if this is due to the idea becoming dated, or due to the lack of publicity. We can run it again – all the “back end” still exists but if we are going to get the publicity we need help.

CG will speak to Don Kent - if he can't help with the decent publicity (posters, PR etc etc etc) we should probably not go ahead.

### **4 - Cycle Stats / Count**

See : <http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=103>

Discussed and agreed that while positive (and many officers in ACC are getting excited) given the sample size and margin of error we should proceed with caution.

**Proposed dates for next ACF cycle count  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May – Tue/Wed. 07:30 – 09:00**

If you can help on either day please get in contact ([info@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk](mailto:info@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk)) further details to follow...

### **5 - Spring Newsletter**

FF provided a draft of the content, it is now looking positive – a few extra additions were provided. We hope to issue by next ACF meeting.

### **6 – Constitution**

DW presented the draft from some time back, healthy discussion followed on the topic of:

- Why do we need one / Do we need one / are we ready for one.
- Would it turn people off
- What form would it take.

Given late stage of meeting, agreed we will defer further discussions until next meeting – agreed point of action was to see if other organisations have one, following agreed to enquire

Warrington Cycle Campaign – CG, Spokes – DL, Pedals (Nottingham) – DC

## **7 - 20mph limit in town centre enforcement**

Due to no feb meeting this is now old news, see details here:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/north\\_east/8510986.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/north_east/8510986.stm)

## **8 – Taxis and Cyclists**

Due to time limitations limited discussion took place, proposed to revisit in April meeting. Key action before then is to take a e-consultation of the wider “membership” on views, particularly since taxi’s have been (legally) allowed into bus/cycle lanes.

## **9 AOB**

**Roadsense** (AWPR campaign organisation) - DL reported latest news, Roadsense have undertaken a legal review of the AWPR and hope to mount a challenge in courts. To do this a “fighting fund” is required. We have been asked if we can circulate the appeal on the ACF list. Discussed, key points:

- The AWPR is a topic many have strong views on.
- recognizing everyone has individual views, ACF collective stance has always been to get the most for cyclists whatever happens.
- The question in this case is should we allow another organisation to use our list for fundraising purposes.
- We receive many requests to use the mailing list e.g. individuals sponsored cycle BLANK for charity, requests to go and participate in a mass lobby of Holyrood/Westminster, *I've lost my bike can we see if anyone has found it.*
- Experience when we have circulated such things before (2007/8) is the mailing list shrinks as people unsubscribe. Since then we have politely declined such requests unless we are directly involved.

We will decline.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Don crossing public meeting** – DC attended, Tom Rogers (ACC design engineer) received a lot of heated feedback from Tillydrone residents. Maggie Bochel was also there – she got good feedback on what residents thought of the plan.

**Cycle Campaign Network** – DL reported a number of organisations such as ourselves are now joining a national cycle campaign network. DL will get further details on what it does and what it would cost us to join.

**Communications Update** – Mailing list has 569 members, 50 followers on Twitter

**Cycle parking at B&Q** – further improvements have been made to the facilities, it is now possible for the cyclist to be lifted and lowered from their bikes.

