

## Aberdeen Cycle Forum minutes of meeting 29 June 2010-06-30

Present: Markus Linckelmann ML, Kris Howard KH, Fiona Fraser FF, Neil Fraser NF, Dave Cheseldine DC, Derek Williams DW, Dave Lindsey DL

Apologies: Carl Gerrard CG, Radha Kessar RK

1. Matters arising from last meeting: someone has offered to be Deputy webmaster. CG is meeting them late July.  
A Kate Dean positive quote was in the Citizen about cycling rates being the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in Scotland.
2. Bike Week: Union Square event very good despite BikeFit and Adventure Aberdeen no-shows. Stall had a lot of interest particularly after each stunt show performance. 300 maps distributed.  
Highland Games: ACF 'Highly Commended' for Try Cycling and its schools training in EcoCity awards.  
Spoke reflectors were very popular.  
Try Cycling: nobody came to 1 of the 2 bike week events. DL will raise low attendance at next CTC meeting.  
FF reported on Commuter Challenge: 9 companies volunteered to take part. Several more declined (including Shell). Of the 9, 6 of them actually promoted it within their organisations. The other 3, as far as we can tell, did nothing (AVC, PSN and Total E&P).  
Total entries for Challenge currently at 155: well up on last year. 20% were new to cycling to work. **ACTION:** DL to analyse Best / Worst comments from Challenge. CG to prepare final results and arrangements to award winners.
3. Constitution: No objections to draft constitution changes. DW pointed out we will need a subtle way to move members from existing arrangement, and that there will be a requirement for an AGM with posts to fill. DL asked about minimum numbers for an AGM. DW: not seen this specified on any other constitutions.  
Suggested rewording: 2 C: "transport strategies" -> "transport strategies and practice"  
4(3): "subscription due" -> "subscription due if required".  
6(1): "by the secretary by means of a public notice" -> "by the secretary to members."  
The Constitution was adopted subjected to the above changes being approved at the next meeting.
4. Council matters:  
CG and DW met Doug Ritchie and Graeme Mackenzie to discuss CWSS. £67.5K available in current financial year for cycling. 30K to be spent on wide lanes through islands. 36K will be spent on smaller measures. 1.5K will be spent on publicity. Also some extra money for drop kerbs via another budget. CG and DW suggested at the meeting money could be spent on a larger project and suggested cycle contraflows: Hardgate, and an improvement to cycle

route at Mounthooley. Council will look into these suggestions. ACTION: ACF to get suggestions from ACF network.

DW reminded those present that Justice Mill plans are out for statutory consultation. If plans not amended to take account of ACF/CTC concerns then once they are out for public consultation we should mobilise wider membership.

DL objected to plan for removal of street cycle lane on Queens Road near Hazelhead. Finally a council officer acknowledged the on-street lane was not being removed. Hopefully it will even be renewed.

DL has asked on behalf of CTC for a biker contraflow, citing precedents of Knightsbridge & Hackney in London, where the latter borough has seen impressive increases in cycling numbers in recent years.

DW has been in correspondence with council re new road near airport planned for opening of Park and Ride as no cycle facility was planned. A facility could link into wider proposed cycle network, eg route to Inverurie.

5. Any other business:

New version of Cycling by Design is out. Cycle Action Plan Scotland (CAP) is out.

6. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July.