

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of meeting 30th May 2006

1 Present:

CG Carl Gerrard
SW Sarah Wingrove
NF Neal Fraser
FF Fiona Fraser
DC Dave Cheseldine
SE Sonia Element
DL Dave Lindesy
LL Liz Lindsey
JR Jeremy Rushton
LN Louise Napier

Apologies

GV Gerard Vlaar
JW Jackie Wilkins
MC Mark O'Connor

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

Bike week registration – DL confirmed commuter challenge and try cycling were now registered on www.bikeweek.org.uk Post meeting note : Denburn sea to source now also added

Bike week publicity – discussed at meeting, see below

Quality Cycle Corridors – the Netsrans submission was welcomed by the board and we have now also passed to relevant officers within different Councils.

ACTION : LN to find out re: NESTRANS meeting and whether expenditure was approved.

Berryden/ Hutcheon Junction – DC has sent letter to Maggie Bochel, we await a response

North Sea Cycle Route – 10 volunteers took part – Aberdeenshire cyclists were a bit late (were they lost), article to go into newsletter

3. Bike Week Planning

Try Cycling going from Duthie Park. Some confusion about route and whether connecting to Hazelhead. **ACTION :** CG to contact GV to confirm with Maureen and Gerard

Commuter Challenge – after discussion it was agreed on one prize of £250 Council £200, Cycle forum £50.

ACTION : LN to arrange the council contribution before departing

Publicity – Derek will draft press release, it was discussed who could be available for a photo call at short notice – most could be if an evening next week. Nestrans have already agreed to link from their website. Poster available for download from website?

ACTION : LN to have bike week packs in work. Telephone number to go on web and one of colleagues will send out pack – will contain Bike maps, Try Cycling leaflets and posters, two types of bike leaflets, etc.

ACTION : CG to e-mail entire list before start of bikeweek

Ecocity / Highland Games (Hazelhead Park) – Derek has arranged a stall, more details to follow

4 Newsletter

Newsletter content. "Final draft" distributed at meeting and a few questions answered,. LN to send article on 5th Anniversary of NSCR to SE. Exactly 6 pages. Try to make 8. JR to take forward formatting and printing.

5 Consultations / Updates

Westhill to Kingswells cycle route – LN can provide update

CWSS (Cycle, Walking & Safer Streets) cash approved (£48k), for more cycle parking, red ASL boxes etc.

Aberdeen Council Press Release on council spending on cycling this year - copy sent to DW from the council – no one saw it published!

6) AOB

Whilst away, email account will have list of contacts on OOF – contact Graham McKenzie in traffic with ideas / comments on proposals.

ACTION: LN to provide email address for Graham.

Cycle Trainers course – update from DL:

- Hard work, 9-5:30 plus homework!
- Good instructor, have 2 training manuals to share if anyone would like a look. LN to keep spare copy for sharing, other to be retained by DL.
- Covered manoeuvring, tactics, bike maintenance etc.
- Very worthwhile, now qualified to train adults or children

Skene Square School – Liz/Sandy/Jackie/DL organised as part of their Health Awareness Week.

- Each class out for 10 – 15 min session
- Range of unusual bikes – Jeremy's "3-man bike", recumbent bike, folding Brompton bike, and even a tandem with wooden jointed skeleton!
- Well received – focus on safety (bike helmets etc)
- School running "Park & Stride" scheme, and very pro cycling. Encouraging!!

DC shared for info: Northfield Academy pupils received 10 mountain bikes (donated from Exxon Mobil) – Const. Keith Mulloy (Police Liaison Officer) trained to take the kids out for rides. DC emailed Police for an update, but no reply yet (approx. month ago).

ACTION : DM to chase up and find out what they're being used for, maintenance, how inserted into curriculum, cost etc, and also invite Keith along to meetings if he's keen.

DC shared for info: exert from Local Transport Today- 6 wall mounted bike racks to be installed into 2 tenement blocks in Edinburgh. Comment from LN – tried to promote similar schemes here, but to no avail yet. Tried to get details from Ed Council, but to reply yet (month or so ago) Suggestion DL – ask Spokes?

Louise's Leaflets: really would like comments back please, if after tomorrow can contact graphics designer (may be too late though!)

ACTION : Louise to email his/her address.

Date of Next Meeting: 27th June 2006.

(Townhouse has been booked until September)