

# Aberdeen Cycle Forum

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

**Sunday 24th February 2019, 16:00, Belmont Filmhouse**

**Present:** Gavin Clark (Chair), Rachel Martin (Communications Secretary), Liz Lindsay, Marjorie Inglis, Tito Casquinha, Tom [ ], John Bolland (Extinction Rebellion).

1. **Extinction Rebellion** - We had a guest speaker from Extinction Rebellion - John Bolland - who presented the state of the climate and the work that is being done in Aberdeenshire to highlight the issue. They are trying to promote a wave of action to get the Government to act. In Aberdeenshire, work is done at the village level with setting up of groups of like-minded people to take action, whether it be through writing letters to politicians or protesting or something else.

There are strikes planned for the 15th March and Climate Week North East is planned for the 15-24 March. An international day of action will happen on 24th April. It is strictly non-violent direct action.

2. **Minutes** of last meeting are on the website.

3. **Engagement** with city council

Gavin recently met with Ross Grant about cycling-related issues in Aberdeen.

1. **Westhill petition** was raised and questions about what has happened to it. It was supposed to be brought back to the committee for discussion. Ross Grant has asked officials to investigate.
2. **Football stadium** (Kingsford)- an issue with bus parking and people walking on a shared path to get to the stadium but the use of the P&R in this way is not now proposed - there were restrictions on its use because of how the P&R had been funded.
3. **Craigshaw Drive consultation** - ACC received about 100 responses, mostly about parking.
4. **Fairburn Terrace** - we sent in a response but there had been few others. For both schemes the Council now propose to work up the TROs although there are no immediate plans for implementation.
5. **Schoolhill** - We sent in a response to the stakeholder-only consultation. The Masterplan specifies a two-way cycleway for Schoolhill which was not incorporated in the design we have seen, so we have serious concerns.
6. **Low emissions zones** - Not in place yet and still some years away.
7. **Workplace parking levy** - Not in place and still some years away.

8. **School vehicle exclusion zones** - No plans for Aberdeen at present. Schools are being encouraged to work up travel plans as a preliminary to any traffic management measures.
9. **Idling** at schools - this is something GC has been in touch with ACC about recently and there seems to be a lack of any enforcement.
10. **Bike hire for Aberdeen** - possible bike hire scheme coming to Aberdeen. There had been a ACC press announcement over a consultation although we have yet to see any details.

#### 4. Campaigns

1. **King Street Design** Competition - judging currently underway. Will present winning designs to council when it has finished and issue vouchers to the winners.
2. **Pedal on Parliament** - Suggestion to have a loop ride starting from Marischal College, down Schoolhill and turning left onto Union Terrace, then onto Union Street and back to Marischal College. Could do several loops and allow people to join at anytime if they're late.

#### 5. Any other Business?

1. There were recently 20 bikes parked outside the winter gardens at Duthie Park but only 2 bike racks. There used to be several more racks but they appear to have been removed during recent work in the vicinity of the winter gardens and cafe. GC to follow up with ACC.
2. Pot hole repairs are not well done but the city council has a reporting tool you can use to report them - <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/roads-transport-and-parking/report-problem-road-pavement-or-road-sign>

Next meeting will be on 26th March at 19:30. Venue TBA. Emma Roberts from Big Bike Revival is joining us.