

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting – Townhouse - Tuesday 26th July

Present:

Kris Howard (KH), Derek Williams (DW), Robin Chard (RC), Kristen Smith (KS), Dave Cheseldine (DC).

Apologies:

Carl Gerrard (CG)

1 - Matters arising:

Commuter Challenge: DW said he would be interested to know more about how points are allocated, as the differences between the categories is so great. It would also be interesting to know NESTRANS level of involvement.

ACF intro leaflet: DW has passed on to DC to update.

2 - Deeside Line:

Some pedestrians have said they feel threatened by speeding cyclists. Rachel Sharpe from the council has been in touch to ask if there is anything more we can do. One councillor has suggested a cycle speed limit. Rachel plans to renew signs that have been vandalised. DW suggested handing out bells at commuter time on the route one day. Someone from Forum could perhaps assist. Do we need to make the Code of Conduct stronger? Maybe the BUG at Shell could send round the Code of Conduct. Another possibility would be to widen the path up to design standard (at least 3m) for a heavily used path.

Action: RC to review current code of conduct.

3 - Consultations:

Justice Mill Lane One -way objection has been sent in. No response as yet. The objection may need to be taken to the Council Committee, probably in September 2011. We understand the Nuffield Gym to also be unhappy with the plans!

ACF has been informed of 2 big proposals: Stoneywood Estate and Davidson Estate. Comments on both have been sent, although ACF is not a statutory consultee. Initial response received from a transport engineer who liaises with the planners.

A response has also been sent to the latest batch of small transport measures proposed. It was noted that CWSS money is being spent on for example sight-lines for motorists, and for administration related to St Nicholas building car-park becoming public use. DW has written to Graeme McKenzie querying such spending of CWSS money. It may be worth alerting a Transport Minister.

4 - Upcoming meetings:

28 July 2011 meeting (called by council) about cycle path on north side of Auchmill Road. DW will attend. Also Green Brae School Cycle Demonstration Project. There is NESTRANS money to create a cycle network around this school.

9 August 2011: CWSS projects follow-up meeting at Spring Gardens. CG and DC should be able to attend. Anyone wanting to attend contact DW.

30 August, 18:30 (before next ACF meeting): meet Steven Bly from Sustainable Urban Fringe to discuss cycle access along the Don corridor. Probably in Town House.

5 - University Freshers' Fayre, 9 September 10:30 – 14:00:

ACF has been invited to have a stall. We could be short of stuff to hand out. DC to try to contact BeCycle to see if we can piggy-back. A decision on this can be taken nearer the time.

NEXT MEETING TUE 30th AUGUST 19:30hrs - townhouse