

Aberdeen Cycle Forum - Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 26th February 2008 at the Townhouse

Present

CG Carl Gerrard DW Derek Williams DC Dave Cheseldine DL Dave Lindsey
PF Pablo Fuentes GC Gavin Clarke LL Liz Lindsey DH Dan Millhouse-Hall

Apologies

GM Gail McMillan GV Gerard Maar LN Louise Napier NF Neil Fraser
FF Fiona Fraser

1 Minutes of January Meeting and Matters Arising

Contraflows - LN and Graeme MacKenzie (GM) with DL and DW have visited multiple sites round Aberdeen, the US and German design material has been received from ML - CG will scan, circulate and ensure is in filestore

Publicity - CG, GM, DM, LN and FF met with ACC's graphic designer - we have agreed on 4 of 800mm "pull ups" designs have been circulated as PDF's CG has provided some feedback to the designer - we await next set of proofs. ACTION : CG to chase

"First Choice's Bin" - due to LN's absence the status on environmental health complaint is not known, ACTION: LN to provide update

"Dragons Depot" event at Robert Gordon University - we have declined.

2 Consultations and Responses

No formal consultations received in last month, DW has attended an "access from the North" public consultation

DC reported Aberdeen University is proposing to bring in car parking charges for staff from 2009 and is currently "consulting" , we have been asked to respond ACTION: DC to draft a response and circulate.

3 Parking Update

The new stands are available at Railway station, "DC has got a reply from Ewan Matheson, re our complaint on lack of signage.

4 Newsletter

Completed by FF, published on the web and awaiting hard copy distribution by LN. ACTION: LN

5 Bike Recycling project in Aberdeen (BikeFit)

DW attended meeting of the various parties in Aberdeen, trying to start the "bike fit" initiative (recycling of old bikes and generation of community jobs, see earlier minutes). A pool of cycle trainers are needed to help deliver cycle training. There are already a few people who are accredited trainers in the area within ACF but the pool could do with a few extra. BikeFit is looking for people who can make

themselves available for a 4 day Cycling Scotland training course (in Aberdeen) and then agree to deliver a number of days of training through the year - for which they will get a fee.
Discussed and agreed we should support

ACTION: CG to draft publicity piece for the web and endout e-news distribution.

6 BikeWeek 2008

The dates for bikeweek 2008 are 14-21 June 2008 (note the dates used during the meeting were incorrect). The global theme is "Free the Family"

Commuter Challenge - after least years partnership with Nestrans the merits and demerits of running our own commuter challenge vs running on the back of Nestrans (if indeed they run one) were discussed during the meeting. Conclusion is we would be better running our own. Advances in web technology may make it possible for people to draw their own routes on the map (as done in the Manchester City Council "love your bike" site <http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/lyb/>)

Prize - DM volunteered to contact Edinburgh Bike (who sponsored Nestrans in 2007) to see if they could provide the prize, if not ACC may be able to contribute again.

ACTION : CG conduct technical feasibility study on map option

ACTION: DM contact likely sponsors for the event inc Edinburgh bike

Filmfest - DL has contacted both the Belmont cinema and the arts centre, the arts center probably remains open to us again, on same terms as last year. Two options exist at the Belmont.

1 – Pay approx £300 to rent the screen ourselves and offer the film for free.

2 - The Belmont promotes the film it itself as a "red film" i.e. people pay directly to the Belmont approx £ 4.50 per head.(3.50 concs.)

In both cases we would pay the distribution costs approx 80 per film, DW has asked Nestrans if they will support this again as in 2007)

Discussed and agreed to go with Belmont "option 2", we should have the option to have our own publicity at the event e.g. handing out leaflets etc, (perhaps even the new pull ups?)

7 Cycle Map Update / Reprint

In LN's absence deferred to next meeting

8 AOB

Date of Next Meeting : Tuesday 25th March, Committee room 5 at the townhouse