

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting – Townhouse - Tuesday 16th January 2011

Present:

GV Gerard Vlaar DW Derek Williams RK Rhada Kessar RS Robin Smith
KS Kristen Smith, DL Dave Lindsey DC Dave Cheseldine CG Carl Gerrard

Apologies : None Received

1 Minutes and Matters Arising

Changes to KG Bridge – CG reported that the cycle path had now been reinstated and a good job done, matter now closed although it does show how fast we can react to these things.

2A Roads Meeting with JM. It's probably time for another meeting with Joanna RE what has advanced or not, specifically on the Nestrans priorities. Action : CG to arrange meeting with JM for Mid February

Post meeting Note – ACC has decided the priorities themselves anyway, see Appendix 1! The Kingswells crossing is not on the Nestrans list, CG has spoken to Louise, who has confirmed the budget for this is being carried by Traffic

2B Mounthooly improvements – DW and Graeme Mckenzie had site visited Mounthooly roundabout to assess what improvements could be made to NCN route 1. Sustrans funds possibly available for this. To date, design plans have not emerged from GM and it looks like Sustrans funds will be lost, for this year at least

2C Holburn St Refuge Island/Cycle Lane Cycle lanes through islands that are book ended by parked cars aren't especially helpful. This proposed cycle lanes looks like one of these. Agreed to do a fuller review of where these lanes work best when and if further lanes are proposed

3 Local Development Plan

We have responded... but it local development plan consultation response is missing from the ACF website. Responses are by electronic form and no copy is provided. DW to see if we can obtain a copy to then post on our website.

4 Reports Recent Meetings

Spokes Cycle Campaign Network (Stirling) – II and DL attended, report to be provided by DL for inclusion in the minutes. Key point is the CCN and CTC will be campaigning jointly on a number of issues.

The question of should we join the CCN as a member was discussed – fees as min £15, Max £1000 and based on £1/member. Discussion then followed on what a “member” was clearly the 650 odd name on the mailing list is not the membership. After the AGM etc we should know the

“Membership” – but they then don't pay anything.... Agreed to see how many “members” we get during conversion process and then discuss again.

5 - AGM, and associated matters.

We still aim to move to “membership” by end of March with an AGM set for 29th March. Venue was discussed as either Arts Centre, (small cost) or Youth Hostel – free but not in town.

After much discussion (and not everyone agreeing) –way forward will be:

1 – Email mail all 654 people “ACF is changing” – you need to REPLY say you want to be a member else you drop off the list (the actual logistics of this process left to the discretion of the webmaster and his deputies) Target to convert this process is end of Feb.

2 – Invite those who want to be members to AGM held on March 29th

3 – Members benefits will be..

A –You can attend the AGM, meetings etc and vote

B – You get the newsletter / news alerts etc. direct to your inbox.

(Almost) all material continues to go on the web in the interests of transparency, in summary it's not a huge benefit, but then again people are not paying anything...

The email signup web-form going forward (after AGM) will be modified to become a “membership application” form.

4 – if this process does not work i.e. no one “converts” we revisit the situation in March (and/or give up!)

ACTIONS:

DW to provide constitution to CG in electronic format so it can go on the Web

DW to circulate all a draft set of words for the email including how YOU can help...

CG/RS/KS to start “conversion” process on the web

DW to book AGM venue and come to Feb meeting with proposed agenda etc. We probably needs some “slide show” etc for the AGM. Anyone who has any photos of any ACF events / successes etc to send to CG

6 Other Business

Cycle Hire Scheme ACC asked us to consult on a proposal for a cycle hire scheme (like London's “Boris Bikes”) in Aberdeen. It's was interesting but our general view is the money can be better spent on improving facilities. Note **Dumfries** tried such a scheme and it was something of a flop:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-11795702>

Community Cycle Challenge See link for background:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=123>

GM was going to be on the judging panel, but can no longer make it – has now fallen to DW. Applications close 31 Jan, at the time of the meeting we are aware of one entry from a community council.

Try Cycling – in an attempt to increase numbers CTC is now moving both the day (Sat/Sun) and the start location (Duthie, Hazelhead, Seaton Parks). Getting the ACF web to automatically show where/when was seen as an exercise on the scale of cracking the enigma code. We will just update our web-page with this and link to the CTC runs list which shows the locations.

ACTION RS/KS to update ACF web.

Post meeting note- done see: www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/trycycling

Cycle Parking at railway - DC has continued to chase with Scotrail (Desmond Bradley), some progress looks imminent.

Next meeting Tues 22 Feb at 19:30 hrs.