



CYCLE FORUM

MINUTE

Tuesday, 27th September 2005, Committee Room 5, Town House.

Present:

CG Carl Gerrard, Shell (Chair)
 JR Jeremy Rushton, Friends of the Earth
 LN Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council
 JW Jackie Wilkins, CTC
 KH Kris Howard, CTC
 MC Mark O'Connor, BP
 DL Dave Lindsey, CTC, Right to Ride Officer
 DW Derek Williams, CTC
 SE Sonia Element
 FF Fiona Fraser
 MI Marjory Inglis
 II Ian Inglis
 GV Gerard Vlaar
 GM Gregor McAbery, Environmental Forum
 MY Maureen Young, CTC
 PH Phil Hart
 DC Dave Cheseldine

Apologies:

Item	Action By
<p>1. Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>CG welcomed everybody to the meeting. There were apologies from Sarah Wingrove, Cllr Greig, Neil Fraser.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes Last Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p><i>College Street</i></p> <p>Barriers were going in on the ramped access points to College Street. Highland Council would be assessing the safety of the dual carriageway.</p>	
<p>3. Website</p> <p>CG spoke about the website which could now be viewed at www.carlgerrard.org.uk/acf/v3 – although it is not accessible to the general public. Any comments welcome. He felt that it was missing news articles and current consultations – such as Bike parking, the re-routeing of NCN route 1, S College Street, Berryden progress, etc. PH suggested this section being called ‘Hot Topics’. LN to send to CG any consultation/ response documents.</p> <p>‘About ACF’ had been written by GV, and CG wondered if there were any further comments. All welcome to submit ideas.</p> <p>It was thought that there were too many email addresses and contact details. It was decided that there should be no contact home addresses or telephone numbers with the exception of LN’s. LN would remain the contact for obtaining a cycle map, while DW would receive any comments on the map. All previous email addresses would remain the same. JW to send any previous press releases. The previous minutes had been PDF’d, and were held by JR. JR to send link to CG. LN would forward on the more recent minutes and agendas.</p> <p>CG noted that a number of links had been forwarded and that this ought to be reciprocated by other organisations. A pothole reporting link to the Aberdeen City Council website was thought to be essential.</p> <p>CG believed it was necessary for the Forum to buy some space for the new site as he was currently hosting it on his system. He believed this would costs about £25 a year + VAT. The domain name would remain in JR’s name, and the new site would be hosted on JR’s system.</p>	<p>LN</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JW</p> <p>JR</p> <p>LN</p>

<p>CG discussed that a later enhancement could be the Content Management System whereby individuals responsible for certain elements of the Forum could update the website without having to go through the webmaster. CG also thought that there could be closed working areas and a discussion forum as well. The newsletter could also go on at a later date. GM wondered if the ACF had thought about a Shell grant for Community newsletters.</p>	
<p>4. Consultations</p> <p><i>Bon Accord Masterplan</i> The suggestion of the masterplan was to pedestrianise Schoolhill and make Union Street public transport only. There was no mention of cyclists in the document. DW felt that this required a response. MoC agreed to respond on behalf of the Forum.</p> <p><i>City Centre Plans</i> DW explained that as one of the stakeholders/ statutory consultees, Roads had contacted ACF for a meeting over the pedestrian plans and bus lane plans. The Forum felt that there should be clear bus lanes accessible by cyclists. There was a desire for the pedestrianised areas to have cyclist access through them. DW, II, LN and DL to attend meeting on this in St Nicholas House. DW to forward details of meeting.</p>	<p>MoC</p> <p>DW</p>
<p>5. Cycle Training</p> <p>Several people had responded to LN regarding the cycle training, however there were a few spaces left. GV agreed to find some names from CTC. DW asked whether a questionnaire could be sent round to schools on cycle training and cycling in general. LN thought that the Safer Routes to Schools Group would be an appropriate forum to discuss this idea in – and if a questionnaire was produced she would take it through them. DL, DC and DW to draft.</p>	<p>GV</p> <p>DL, DC, DW</p>
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>JW had been invited to an Aberdeen City Council Parks and Greenspaces subgroup on Thursday, 6th October. She wondered whether any representatives of the Cycle Forum had been invited/ interested in attending.</p> <p>GV spoke about Try Cycling. Between 45-50 different people had attended the courses. He thought that this should be mentioned in Try Cycling, and would put something forward for the website. They would be starting again from April-October.</p> <p>The Evening Express had had a great deal of coverage in it on cycling recently with a cyclist being fined for going through a red light. DW had been asked to submit a 300 word article which he had done. It was thought that there should be some sort of police representation on the Forum and that some cycle safety issues ought to be addressed. GM to forward details of his contact in police to JR.</p> <p>GM spoke about a transport debate that Friends of the Earth would be hosting in the Music Hall on 24th October, 7.30pm –9.30pm. People of various backgrounds would be on the panel. All invited.</p>	<p>GM</p>
<p>8 Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is on Tuesday, 25th October 2005 at 19.00pm, Committee Room 2 in the Town House.</p>	