



ABERDEEN CYCLE FORUM

Minutes of Meeting

19:30 hours Tuesday, 27th May 2008

Committee Room 2 at the Town House

1. Welcome, Apologies and Attendance

Apologies

Derek Williams, Carl Gerrard, Gerard Vlaar, Louise Napier, Liz Lindsey, Dave Lindsey, Gail McCrain

Present

Fiona Fraser, Neil Fraser, Dave Cheseldine (Chair), Gavin Clark, Douglas Haywood

2. Minutes

Previous minutes were accepted.

Actions on CG from previous meeting:

Responses to the 'hit list' for future projects have been collated and circulated for review (unfortunately we did not have a copy at the meeting for any further comment). The priority of the items on the list will be set before the meeting with the roads engineers on the 4th June (DW and CG to attend).

E-consultation with those likely to travel along the North Deeside route on the new cycle lanes and 1.5m+ mandatory lanes through pinch points. Feed back was generally positive and some specific examples were reviewed.

Cycle count piece for the website has been produced by DW and put on the website along with a call for future volunteers by GC. This was very successful and generated 15 new volunteers for the next count.

CG has written to Head of Roads Maintenance thanking him for the gritting of the 'Shell Path' and giving justification based on the numbers from the cycle count. No response has been received yet.

Actions on DW from previous meeting:

Issue cycle count information to NESTRANS, for information and possible use in Transport Plan, monitoring etc. Information was issued and featured in an Evening Express article (see AOB).

Report back from the ACF stand at the Aberdeen University Green Transport Day – DC manned the stand part of the day, the table and pull-ups were looking really good. The free multitool giveaway was a great success along with the free bike checks which were also on offer. Our thanks to Chris Osbeck for his help with looking after our stall. The event was very successful and we look forward to being invited back next year!

3. Consultations/Responses

ACF were invited to comment on NHS Grampian's Travel Plans, DW formulated a response which was circulated for comment prior to issue. Good feedback was received from all those on circulation.

4. Bike Week

Preparations for bike week seem to be going well with the stall at the Eco-city exhibit at the Highland Games, various cycle runs in association with CTC Grampian, film night on the 18th, and the newsletter issue. Only one comment, the website gives the dates for bike week as 14-2 June, this should read 22nd – CG to amend.

5. Newsletter

Prints of the final version of the newsletter were passed to those present, no further comment or typos were spotted so the newsletter was given the go ahead for issue. FF to pass to CG for issue to the mailing list and publication on the website. LN requested to make paper copies for issue to libraries, bike shops, etc.

6. AOB

It was noted that the Evening Express had featured the ACF cycle count in their Green Supplement and were remarkably positive (for a change). The piece included comment from NESTRANS about setting a benchmark for future counts.

Doug Hayward expressed an interest in becoming a cycle trainer for primary school kids – FF to pass his e-mail details on to DW for details of the trainers scheme associated with Bikefit and to CG for inclusion on the mailing list.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 24th June, 19:30, Town House.

Meeting ends.