

## ACF Meeting - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – Meeting Room above the Carlton Bar

### **Present**

DW Derek Williams FF Fiona Fraser NF Neil Fraser DC Dave Cheseldine  
CG Carl Gerrard GV Gerard Vlaar LL Liz Lindsay DL Dave Lindsay  
RK Rahda Kessar

### **Apologies**

LP Liz Pirie GM Gail McMillan II Ian Inglis MI Marjorie Inglis  
ML Markus Linkelman

### **1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **Police and Road Safety**

Good outcome in that there are now two new "random" messages on the new electronic variable message signs (i.e. shown when there are no roadworks etc.)

GIVE CYCLISTS MORE SPACE WHEN OVERTAKING  
BE ALERT TO CYCLISTS

**ACTION** - Anyone who sees one to get a photo so we can do a piece for the web:

The Grampian police PR machine has been in action - there has also been "*be aware of cyclists*" pieces in the free "Citizen" newspaper and also distribution via the Neighbourhood Watch communication system. In summary seen as a good result and an opener to other events with Grampian Police.

### **3 – Bike Week Review**

Commuter Challenge – as entries has closed less than 24 hours before, CG reported numbers, subject to final verification, as:

79 Valid Entrants – 2783 miles – 19% first time cyclists

This is seen as disappointing given the starting point of the publicity, questioned do we need to revisit the "design" of the event - noted anything web based like this is pretty easy to organize.

**ACTION** – CG to complete draw procedure and give to DW to get drawn made so we can present prize.

**ACTION** – DW to arrange Draw.

Flying Scotsman Film Screening This was held in the main Belmont cinema and we attracted approx 140 to watch - GO's discussion after the film overran but the Belmont manager held the next film for us. Downside was the despite using Nestrans "BIG" PR company, the press coverage was distinctly small. Despite this seen as a big success that has raised our profile no end with local cyclists.

Thanks to DL and FF for arranging it.

**ACTION** - DL to write letter of thanks to Belmont Cinema for hosting it.

Highland Games - approx 140 "contacts" number seen as down as the weather was good and people did not venture into the Eco-City tent to shelter from the rain as in previous years.

A number of members of ACC staff came to us to complain the council does not participate in the "Bike to Work" scheme. Although apparently ACC has a scheme to help you buy a car?

**ACTION** - GV to write to Sue Bruce (chief exec ACC).

**Try Cycling** - 1<sup>st</sup> week Hazelhead no riders, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Seaton Park - 1 (existing CTC) rider,

**CTC Rides** - Unknown as no one present to report

**Skirts and Spokes** - LP was not present, but provided update, that inaugural ride had 18 riders. Winner of the "name the group" competition was presented with a signed Grahamme Obree poster at the Flying Scotsman film showing.

At all events 21 new email addresses were collected for the mailing list.

**ACTION** - CG agreed to provide an update on current numbers

**Post meeting note:-** these are:

Newsletter	547
News Alerts	474
Postcode Alerts	312

i.e. most of our mailings go to 474 cyclists – the list fluctuated up/down slightly as people ask to unsubscribe (we always ask why – normally because they move out the area), email addresses start to bounce, and new members sign up.

### **Cycling Scotland CAPS**

DL attended the "secret" Cycling Scotland / Avante consulting meeting (venue appears to be on a need to know basis), described as a "fairly forgettable" meeting involving brainstorming sessions on what to do for cycling in Scotland.

**ACTION** - DL agreed to write to Nichol Stephen MSP about how bad it was (and Cycling Scotland are).

Noted that the CAPS is now publicly available from

<http://www.cyclingactionplanforscotland.org/>

*"The Cycling Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS) will be one of the most exciting developments in cycling in Scotland in decades" – we can't wait....*

**ACTION** - CG to ask Louise what's happening RE cycle strategy for Aberdeen now we have a CAPS

### **3 - Consultations / Responses**

Berryden Corridor Consultation - DC and DW went to Meeting at St Nicholas house, usual case of ACC trying to put a dual carriageway through the area, some dual use path as "compensation" etc.

The options for cyclists discussed by DL and DW seems most likely we will have to object, and then do a bit of lobbying.

Riverside drive cycle way- CG has surveyed but it yet to submit the report, noted that 22% of the "cycle way" is described as "Cyclists Dismount" a number of people have already contacted us with reports of deficiencies when CG finished report to go to Joanna Beveridge in first instance.

CWSS for 2009/10 - Doug Richie has proposed meeting 14th July - CG, DW and DL will attend. Prior to the meeting we need to "refresh" the list of suggestions

**ACTION** - CG to do an e-Consultation of members.

### **4 - AOB**

**LOAF** - Rachel Sharpe / has received "a number" of complaints about cyclists on the deeside line. Noted that ACF has also received a number of complaints about dog walkers, particularly out of control dogs, and dogs on "invisible" extendible leads. We have agreed to circulate the "good practice note" to the mailing list.

**A96 cycle route** - FF has done walk through of Blackburn to Airport section of the route from the North (the section within city council) with Christopher Philip of ACC.

**Green Times** - DW has made contact with them as never any articles on transport, possible outcome is they may be looking for "case studies" of people who regularly cycle - if progressed DW will be in contact.

**"Anderson Drive" cycle route** DW to offer walk through of or ride through the pavement option to ACC (Christopher Philip)