

ABERDEEN CYCLE FORUM

Minutes Of meeting held at the Townhouse 26th September 2006

Present

CC Chris Collins	FF Fiona Fraser	NF Neil Fraser	MY Maureen Young
GV Gerard Vlaar	II Ian Inglis	HB Hamish Booth	MI Marjorie Inglis
LN Louise Napier	TC Toby Coke	MC Mark O'Connor	LL Liz Lindsay
DL Dave Lindsay	AH Andrew Harrington	JW Jackie Wilkins	CG Carl Gerrard
SW Sarah Wingrove			

Apologies

JR Jeremy Rushton DW Derek Williams

Minutes of August Meeting & Matters Arising

2ii (Presentation to EI and Committee) – we now know a large number of councillors will be standing down at the elections, proposed to defer until after the local elections, agreed by all present.

2iv – (Commercial Parking)

Stands now installed at the Railway station, publicises in mail shot – we have received thanks from a number of people including some councillors.

2v (Presence at Aberdeen University Freshers Fair) – After work on our part preparing leaflets and stand material Aberdeen University pulled out at the last moment – this is particularly annoying as we could have worked with RGU.

2 Cycle Parking Update – JW

City Centre, of the 16 locations that were agreed ~18 months ago. Current status, is only 9 had stands installed. JW has investigated. 7 were not done, several were “cancelled” by ACC for “technical” reasons. JW is progressing the current list with Greame McKenzie (GMcK) in ACC. Note that the “missing” stand shown on crooked lane on ACF map was never planned – this appears to be a printing error and needs correcting in next set of maps.

Continuing feedback from the e-Consultations is there is not enough stands, particularly on Union Street. The recent addition of “planters” (i.e. the large plant pots used for Aberdeen in bloom) has created additional opportunities. JW has a list of 20 she is reviewing with GMcK

Several of the locations that tuned down as insufficient space on the original location are now being used for city “interpretive” panels – these make quite good bike stands.

Residential (new developments) - Bicycle storage is in the planning guidelines used by offices, however there are a number of ways this can not come to reality.

- Planners do not apply the guidelines (cove Library...)
- Developers ignore the planning guidelines, and the council never enforces them.

It is common practice for planning enforcement officers respond only to complaints – they do not check everything on a new development. Is it possible for ACF check on cycle storage at new locations ? Maggie Bochel has requested a report go towards committee on strengthening planning rules on this area.

ACTION : JW to report back on progress in coming meetings / particulary interaction with with G McK

Commercial CG has written to both Kingfisher Group (owners of B&Q) and Standard Life Investments (landlord of Beach Boulevard retail park) with the e-consultation feedback and offering ACF assistance in planning new stands. Both organisations have “environmental” policies that are at odds with the current poor provision.

These two to be used as a “test” case before we contact others (it is likely several locations are owned by the same company).

3 Cycle Lane Audit (CG)

For discussed, a few changes to be made to the form, CG to then distribute, all present agreed that could complete their surveys by the next meeting

DC	Westburn Road
JR	Bedford Road, George St and King Street .
FI	Mount Street
DW / AH	King Street (“part 2”)
CG	Great Western Road
SW	Union Street / Albyn Terrace

ACTION: CG to finish and circulate to those who have done it.

4 – Cycle Training (DL)

Interest from companies has been low, schools are doing well, many now have a good cohort of parents who are willing to do the training themselves. Additional publicity can be provided via the ACC web pages on school travel planning.

ACTION: LN to get onto ACC web pages, DL has details

LN has original survey from schools and can circulate to DL for further opportunities

ACTION: LN to forward to DL and CG (for archiving)

GV indicates Dundee / Angus are applying for lottery funding to pay for a full time cycle trainer, we need to watch this / see what happens – do we want to do it?

5 – 3rd Birthday Celebration

JW has made enquiries, proposal is to go for meal at Light of Bengall at Roe Street (19:30)

ACTION : JW to book table,

ACTION : CG to do mail shot and create temporary email address for replies:
birthday@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk → JW’s Email address.

6 Any Other Business

6i Station Cycle Parking – Discussed if we could put up a map at the station, decided to defer as roads wound the station are scheduled to change in next few months.

6ii Cycle maps – 1,000 remaining, any corrections (e.g. Crooked lane (non) cycle parking) to Louise.

6iiv Sustrans Volunteer Meeting AW attended- majority of people had not heard of ACF Head of Sustrans Scotland indicated money available for spending in Aberdeen.

6iv Website – FAQ, draft circulated and agreed at the meeting,

ACTION : CG to further refine and put on web

NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 31st September 19:30hrs