



CYCLE FORUM

DRAFT MINUTE

Tuesday, 24th January 2006, Committee Room 5, Town House.

Present:

JR Jeremy Rushton, Friends of the Earth (Chair)
 JW Jackie Wilkins
 PH Phil Hart
 NF Neil Fraser
 FF Fiona Fraser
 DC Dave Cheseldine
 KH Kris Howard
 GC Gavin Clark
 HB Hamish Booth
 LN Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council
 DW Derek Williams, CTC
 CG Carl Gerrard
 LL Liz Lindsey
 SW Sarah Wingrove, Shell

Apologies: Dave Lindsey, Cllr Greig, Gerard Vlaar, Sonia Element, Ian & Marjorie Inglis, Gregor McAbery

Item	Action By
<p>1. Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>JR welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Cllr Greig, Dave Lindsey, Gerard Vlaar, Sonia Element and Gregor McAbery.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes Last Meeting (29/11/05) and Matters Arising</p> <p>These were agreed.</p> <p><i>Gritting Policy</i> SW had been sent a response by maintenance. SW and CG to co-ordinate putting up details on the web page of the Council's gritting policy, as well advice to cyclists in icy/ snowy conditions.</p> <p><i>Cyclists Code of Conduct and Manifesto</i> JR to put forward for the next ACF meeting. All to look at and offer comments.</p>	<p>SW, CG</p> <p>JR, ALL</p>
<p>3. Cycle Forum Newsletter</p> <p>The email version was to be sent as a link to download from the website. There were minor editing changes to be made to meeting dates and 'stop press' items to be added regarding the Berryden junction. The 'flashing is legal' issue is UK-wide and still applicable to Scotland. It was agreed that the A4 version, rather than A3, would be used. LN to print copies for distribution to libraries and cycle shops.</p>	<p>LN</p> <p>JR, SE</p> <p>LN</p>
<p>4. Feedback from Meeting with Cllr Yuill and Hugh Murdoch</p> <p>DW gave feedback on the meeting. They had talked about Bike Week and cycle promotion. Aberdeen City Council agreed to support the Cycle Challenge Prize Draw, which would involve joint publicity and the usage of ACC's website. They would also fund publicity for Try Cycling. The group had discussed that family cycling was particularly poor in Aberdeen, and that a number of urban cycle trails should be developed using off-road and safe cycling routes. It was thought that this could be announced during Bike Week. Cllr Yuill had seemed to be interested in this. They had also spoken about Company of Cyclists coming up for a week; it was thought that this could be done next year.</p>	

<p>5. Designs for City Centre – Market Street and Riverside Drive</p> <p>Dave Cheseldine agreed to be the main contact with Joanna Beveridge for the city centre schemes. A sub-group was organised to look at specific routing options of the Torry to City Centre Corridor. JW, SW, LN and someone from the Marine Lab to discuss.</p>	
<p>6. Training</p> <p>LN to make contact with the Edinburgh Bike Shed to see if they can train trainers.</p>	LN
<p>7. National Cycle Network Route Update</p> <p>LN had been given £236,000 from Sustrans to spend before June 2006 on the National Cycle Network changes. £166,000 had been earmarked for the North route, with a 2.5m wide unbound surface, a tributary crossing and fencing going in from the Formartine & Buchan Way to the Farburn, as well as 2.5m wide unbound surface with fencing from Persley Bridge to Grandholm Bridge. £70,000 was available for the Deeside Line. LN anticipated that works would consist of resurfacing and drainage, as well as some ramps and designs.</p>	
<p>8. Website</p> <p>CG gave an update. There were about 10-12 visitors a week. 30% appeared to be students, and 30% were from Aberdeen. There were only a few repeat visitors. CG would be setting up a contact form that people could direct searches on. He would also set up an email management system, so that people could sign up to the information they wanted to receive – be it the newsletter or minutes and agendas, or campaigns, etc.</p>	CG CG
<p>9. Schools Update</p> <p>LL and DL agreed to be the main liaison for this. LN agreed to contact Dawn Haggarty, the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator and Adam Craigmile to help progress this. It was agreed that Skene Square School would be chosen as a pilot project to try to increase cycling as they had shown some interest in doing so.</p>	LL, DL, LN
<p>10. AOB</p> <p>A letter regarding the closure of the Beach Boulevard had been sent to the Cycle Forum. This would be from 10pm to 6am. NF and FF to respond on behalf of ACF – asking that cyclists be excluded.</p> <p>LN had been asked by Cllr Greig to raise the issue of the Grampian Police ‘Bike Passports’. It was agreed that this should be put on the web and generally circulated amongst ACF contacts.</p> <p>A working group including DW, LN, CG, FF, NF and PH to form to produce a Bike Week starter pack.</p>	NF, FF CG, LN DW, LN, CG, FF, NF, PH
<p>11. Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is on Tuesday, 28th February in Committee Room 5 in the Town House.</p>	