

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes from meeting on 25th May 2021

Attendees: Gavin Clark (Chair), Rachel Martin, Liz Lindsey, Francesco Sani

Minutes from the last meeting are on the web.

Matters arising:

1. Bike Life - Emily has been back in touch and has organised that Liz will be a case study about living car-free. Rachel to be a case study with the cargo bike.
2. Countesswells Road - Gavin got in touch with Sandra Macdonald but only in the last couple of days and hasn't had a reply just yet. Gavin mentioned how busy it's getting with all the development out there but the proposal to close the road isn't planned until much later. Liz asks when the bus service will go to Countesswells? None of us is sure.
3. No Idling banners - we've had two requests to borrow the banner. One from a primary school in Westhill and one from Huntly. Both requests are from concerned parents and got in touch with schools who were happy to have the banner. The banner has now gone to Westhill from 16th May for a month. The Huntly Development Trust would like to put it up in the town square in Huntly as well so they can do that over the summer holidays.

Consultations

Just one consultation at the moment on the A944. Having completed the study previously that we commented on. Liz and Daniel fed in useful comments. This consultation relates to just the section on the outskirts of Aberdeen (beyond the roundabout at the end of Lang Stracht. We will post a link to the online survey on the consultations page on our website so other people can see it.

Liz says the northern and southern routes look very expensive and can't imagine the council agreeing to it. These routes are away from traffic which will be better for journey ambience but the routes are further so may be less desirable for some. Gavin says it's a compromise in that the direct route will be beside the noisy and busy road. It will also still have several crossing points at the AWPR junction..

Events and activities

Cycling lessons: We're still waiting on Adventure Aberdeen to give us a time for the cycling lessons.

Make Aberdeen Accessible: Just about ready to launch. Nico has written a launch post which we'll post on the website in the next week or two. We plan to accept photos via email, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Award Force. Will contact local disability groups to see whether they'd like to be involved. Could also contact Walk Cycle Wheel Vote.

Any other business: Gavin says Dave Shannon has pointed out (along with another member) that bike tool stations have appeared around the city. Dave pointed out one on the south side of the Queen Elizabeth bridge. There's another somewhere on the Westhill route - which had apparently been vandalised already. They have tools like screw-drivers and alan keys along with a pump. You can also hang your bike up while you work on it and there are tyre levers. Liz said it would be nice to have a map locator of where they all are. Rachel suggested we could email Nestrans to see whether they know..

Francesco says it would be good to get a map of cycle racks or where cycle racks are needed. The art gallery for example doesn't have very many but then there are ten on the south side of the Queen Elizabeth bridge which is not a destination! Gavin is not sure whether the council will print the cycle map again.

Francesco suggested we have a social meeting. Maybe in July or August? We could give out free snoods.

Next meeting is 29th June.