



CYCLE FORUM

DRAFT MINUTE

Tuesday, 26th April 2004, Committee Room 5, Town House.

Present:

JR Jeremy Rushton (Chair)
 DL Dave Lindsey, CTC, Right to Ride Officer
 SW Sarah Wingrove, Shell
 LN Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council
 GV Gerard Vlaar, CTC
 DW Derek Williams, CTC
 GM Gregor McAbery, Environmental Forum
 MoC Mark O'Connor, BP
 CG Carl Gerrard
 PH Phil Hart, Green Party
 JW Jackie Wilkins, CTC
 JB John Baghurst, CTC

Apologies:

Maureen Young, Marjorie Inglis, Dave Tullet, Ian Inglis, Sonia Element, Kris Howard.

Item	Action By
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>JR welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from MY, MI, DT, II, SE and KH.</p>	
<p>2. Minute of Last Meeting (29/03/05) and Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Cycle Training</i> LN had contacted Cycling Scotland regarding the training of trainers. It was to cost... to train a maximum of 8 trainers and would take four days. DW thought that it should be mainly with adults rather than children.</p> <p><i>Good Practice Cycle Award</i> DW had not detected a great deal of interest for this initiative at the last meeting. He had contacted NESTRANS and had put the project on hold. JW thought that it was a good idea to have in reserve. It was agreed that the idea should be returned to later on in the year.</p> <p><i>Website</i> JR had done some small updates. He thought that there were a number of things that could be done under resources (minutes, agendas and responses), as well as links to other websites, contacts, ideas, etc. MoC thought that the website should be at the bottom of all emails, etc. JR, CG and LN to meet to discuss website further.</p> <p><i>Meeting with Adam Craigmile</i> The need for a follow-up meeting with Adam Craigmile from the Council's Roads department to consider options for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets money and the expenditure of other funding was discussed.</p>	
<p>3. Cycling Scotland Audit</p> <p>LN explained that the results of the Cycling Audit had come in. Aberdeen scored 2.5/5, coming joint seventh out of the 32 local authorities. The Audit had made a number of recommendations which LN would be putting to Environment & Infrastructure Committee, as well as what progress had been made in the interim towards carrying out those recommendations. LN gave a run down of what progress was being made as well. She would circulate her report if the Cycle Forum were interested in seeing it. Comments on the report would need to be back with her by Tuesday, 10th May at the very latest.</p>	LN

<p>4. Bike Week</p> <p>Bike Week was from 11th to 19th June. GV thought that as there were two Try Cycling events these ought to be publicised as part of Bike Week.</p> <p>LN spoke about the best practice seminar. She had contacted Hull City Council who had indicated a willingness to give a presentation. This would have to be agreed however as there were problems with the fact that they were also organising events for Bike Week. PH suggested that it was organised prior to Bike Week so that it would give additional publicity and also encourage people to put into practice what they had learnt at the seminar for Bike Week. This was agreed. PH and GM thought that David Spaven from Transform Scotland should be invited to speak as well. There were worries that this would lengthen the seminar when it was hoped it would only be an hour or so long. CG had also done a talk to cyclists within Shell which SW recommended. It was under 15 minutes long and could be incorporated as an introduction to cycling in Aberdeen. CG to send slides to LN. LN to start organising the seminar.</p> <p>JW spoke about the commuter cycle. She had found last year that many people had cycled into work and had then wanted to do something else. She wondered whether there could be a cycle to Duthie Park and then up the new path on the Deeside Line – perhaps in time with the opening of the new path. LN thought that it was a good idea but was worried that the surface would not be finished for Bike Week. She believed it might be a possibility, but would have to be organised nearer the time. LN had also managed to negotiate a small budget and it was thought that people could cycle to Duthie Park and have lunch there. JW to email the list of companies and organisations that had been involved last year. To be organised for Wednesday, 15th June. JW and LN to organise further.</p> <p>JW had also spoken to Graeme McKenzie in Traffic at the Council. He thought that all the cycle parking in the city centre would be in by June. JW to do a press release during Bike Week regarding this.</p> <p>/Green City Funday</p> <p>This was to be held on Saturday 28th May in Duthie Park from 10am to 4pm. DW spoke about the amount of literature that was still available from last year. He asked whether there were any volunteers to help man the stand, LN to email round ACF. GV to speak to Sandy _____ and Andrew Harrington about bringing along their reverse steer bike and recumbent bicycles respectively.</p>	<p>CG LN</p> <p>JW/ LN</p> <p>JW</p> <p>LN GV</p>
<p>5. Strategic Cycle Projects</p> <p>JR thought that this had been spoken about to a certain extent but that it would have to be deferred until the next meeting as there was not enough time to discuss.</p>	
<p>6. AOB</p> <p><i>WPR</i></p> <p>GV asked whether ACF would be putting in a formal response to the current consultation. It was thought that as Dave Tullet was not at the meeting it would be unfair to land this on him. DW and JR to put forward a response. PH asked whether ACF was for/ against the WPR. DW described how they had raised concerns about the impact on cycling, and how they had discussed access across the bridges, junction designs, a parallel cycling route, etc. They would make the point about the ratio of spend, etc. and that this could be done without saying that ACF was concretely against it.</p>	<p>JR/ DW</p>
<p>7. Next meeting</p> <p>It was thought that due to Green City Funday and Bike Week the meeting should be moved forward a week. Now Tuesday, 24th May, 2005. Committee Room 5, Town House.</p>	