

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting - 26th August 2008

Present

TC Toby Coke DW Derek Williams LL Liz Lindsey CG Carl Gerrard DL Dave Lindsey
KH Kris Howard HB Hamish Booth

Apologies:

FF Fiona Fraser NF Neal Fraser LN Louise Napier

IMPORTANT: Next Aberdeen cycle count will be 1st and/or 2nd October – if you have not already done so and want to help please get in contact with DW

1 – Minutes and Matters Arising

Website Stats – CG provided an update (appended to minutes), generally traffic is increasing at a healthy rate.

Route One - no further meeting has been arranged with the Shire council due to LNs absencel, DW will progress as necessary.

Kingswells Cycle Route – FF and DW have audited, several issues identified particulary at road junctions, DW will summarise in a report to ACC Officers

Sue Ryder “Ride for Ryder”- we have responded, provided 75 cycle maps and nothing else heard yet

Cycle Maps – these are out of stock in a number of areas of the city, Library etc. LL has had request.

ACTION : DW to chase LN to restock city

ACTION : CG to post a map to LL’s contact from his “work stock”

Nestrans use of ACF cycle count in media – DW has written to Derek Murray at Nestrans enquiring what form their “support” might take for the next count

Cycle Parking – New Tesco Stores CG has written to Tesco, no response. GV has written to ACC (M. Bochell – enforcement should be following on the Mannofield store, however no visible progress.

ACTION: CG to wait two weeks then escalate / chase

5 Year Aniversary (September meeting) agreed to go for a buffet meal before the meeting, all welcome even if not coming to meeting afterwards,

ACTION : DW to pick location, CG to circulate with agenda

2 – Second 2008 Cycle Count

Discussed and agreed we will go with the 1st Week of October dates will be: 1st or 2nd October, same locations to get priority if we have multiple volunteers counts to be on both days

3 Rail Station Access

Deferred as LN not present

4 – Cycling Promotion

Try cycling is attended every weekend, but is not attracting any new cyclists, whilst it is good to have cyclists on the road this is not what it is intended for...

ACTION: DL to contact CTC in Lothian and SPOKES to see how they do their own Try Cycling publicity / participation etc.

ACTION : CG to contact BeCycle - can they do posters "specific link" on ACF website.

Funding for Bike Buddy Training – this was discussed and names of a potential sponsor sought:

ACTION : TC to get list of companies with a green travel plan.

5 - Fairview Street Island

Link to Location Map

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?f=q&view=text&hl=en&q=Fairview+St.+Danestone,+Aberdeen,+Aberdeen+City,+United+Kingdom&ie=UTF8&cd=1&geocode=FUuMaAMdAWTf_w&ll=57.183297,-2.146518&spn=0.016839,0.054073&t=h&z=15

A new island has been installed here. Forum member MO'C who works in Dyce reported a near miss here to ACC Fault reporting and no follow up was made by ACC.

DW has raised with ACC's Doug Ritchie (DR):

- The red texture flex has not been installed as the road surface is too poor it can not be stuck down!
- Doug Ritchie has agreed to visit the site with DW, DR has agreed to erect warning signs.

DW reported that the island is on a bend and has poor visibility, this is not immediately obvious from the supplied plans, the learning for us is a site inspection may be required next time a proposal is supplied to us for areas we do not know.

6 Bike to Work

Discussed during the meeting, many of the major employers in Aberdeen are in the scheme

7 BikeFIT update

DW reported BikeFIT is now in business, based on StMachar drive and is planning a formal launch on 29th September, noted the launch plans seem very optimistic.

ACTION : DW to provide a further "post launch" update at the next ACF meeting in September

8 AWPR

The public enquiry starts 9th September- a number of “draft” objection letters are circulating amongst CTC and other distribution lists. Mark Hager of CTC will be speaking at public enquiry – he has provided a written “precognition” to the reporter. Discussed in the meeting and following agreed:

- We will place the precognition on the web as a new article, together with copies of the letters should anyone want to use them themselves.

9 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th September 19:30hrs in the Townhouse