

Dundee Cycling Forum

13th November 2017

Dundee University, Dalhousie Building

Participants

Laurie Bidwell, David Martin, Neil Quinney, John Berry, John Whyman, Gill Town, Tony Turvey, Kate Treharne, Michael Holligan, Stephen Cragg, Mark Sinclair, Andrew Smith, Jenny Anderson, Donald Baddon, Peter Clinch, Marianne Scott, Lewis Jones, Andrew Thom, Grant Pettigrew, Kenneth Crooks, Steven King, Suzanne Forup,

Apologies

Jojo Neff, Trudy Cunningham, Nina Gillespie, James Bryce, Ron Laurie, Norma, Trudy Cunningham

Introduction Laurie B welcomed everyone to the meeting,

1. Bikeability in Dundee Schools – Grant Pettigrew

Grant P explained the work delivering Bikeability in Dundee. The project is promoted P5-7 but is also available to all schools, with a delivery target of 20 schools. The training is delivered on 3 levels – Level 1 is developing confidence in the playground, Level 2 coaches to ride on quiet roads and Level 3 is to more advanced traffic conditions and junctions such as roundabouts. Training is provided to school volunteers including parents and teachers. Mixed success – some schools complain that the area outside the school is not safe, some schools having difficulty getting volunteers to sign up. England uses a professional/business based delivery rather asking for volunteers. Instructors need to be 16+

Questions

Donald B asked how many Cycle Friendly Schools in Dundee. Marianne S answered 2 including Braeview Academy.

Andrew S asked if schools (example of St Peter and Pauls Primary) where road layout was deemed too dangerous by the school if the schools, Parent Councils or PTA should be requesting action to make the road safe during school run periods.

Tony T asked if members of Discovery Club could be involved as Ambassadors.

David M asked if Headteachers could be incentivized to lead schools to be more active travel friendly.

Action to include Grant's contact details in the minutes if any members of the forum has contacts who would like to help deliver Bikeability – [grant.pettigrew@](mailto:grant.pettigrew@dundee.ac.uk)

There was an open discussion on helmet use, particularly around younger cyclists. Are helmets a barrier to cycling for fashion conscious young people? Does insisting on helmet use tell new riders that cycling is dangerous? Does wearing a helmet add to hazards because drivers pass closer? Are there times to insist on helmet use and other times where risk is managed in other ways? Should parents rather than organisations make decisions on their kids use of helmets?

2. Suzanne Forup WalkCycleVote

Suzanne F explained the campaigns to promote active travel to politicians during the last 2 elections and council elections. Some activities had been held in Dundee in the run up to the last election. The Campaign members include the usual cycling organisation but also others, helping to create a balanced positive contact with politicians and councillors. The campaign has helped to secure the increase in the commitment to infrastructure spend from the Scottish Government. Between the elections, WalkCycleVote can help with support for communication with councillors – possibly helping to stop missed opportunities for infrastructure improvement through housing development planning applications.

This led to a discussion of development control. **Laurie B** explained that the council specifies road and footway infrastructure standards, presumably this could also apply to cycleways. Dundee has taken cash from developers for future education provision, and the benefit is not seen for years after the houses are built.

Members agreed that the Forum could be active in campaigning. **Suzanne F** explained that CyclingUK can provide training for the group to help in campaigning and in communication with councillors. Other ideas from the Forum included a Pedal on Parliament event and invitation to councillors to ride round the city. **Neil Q** has been joined by a reporter on his commute which produced a positive press article. Members agreed that the meeting with Councilor Cordell and Councilor Short was a useful start, particularly raising the monitoring of the Cycle Strategy and commitment to 5% of transport spend on cycling infrastructure.

3. Scottish Cycling Conference

Donald B attended on behalf of the Forum and **Mark S** also attended. Donald's report has been circulated ahead of the meeting. Points from Donald's report discussed included:-

- Infrastructure development and the doubling of funding from Scottish Government
- 20mph being adopted as the default speed in Glasgow with specific roads being designated 30mph
- Glasgow looking to adopt a half mile traffic free zone around the city centre
- Indianapolis Cultural Trail which has increased active travel and leisure and significantly increased property values
- Operation Close Pass, which is now been active across Scotland – but not in Dundee or Aberdeen.

Operation Close Pass discussion. Police have no current plans to introduce to Dundee. There have been mixed messages from Police about why - some correspondence (direct to Forum members and in the local media) says evidence eg accident data other says lack of requests from the cycling community. **Kenneth C** is looking to an Freedom of Information Request to clarify. **Mark S** has an email with the local police Close Pass Mat contact Euan Stewart.

Action John W to share email with the forum (see end of minutes)

Forum quickly agreed places where Close Pass operation would be useful - Arbroath Road, Lochee Rd, Dens Rd, Perth Rd.

Laurie B advised of the website <http://collideoscope.org.uk/> where anyone can report collisions and near misses and see other records.

John B advised that there was a proposal to hold the Cycling Conference in Dundee in 2018.

All thanked Donald for a thorough, interesting report.

4. Local Development Plan 2

Stephen C explained that the Forum Planning Group had requested 5 changes to the Local Development Plan. These include:-

- Require Cycle Parking to new housing areas outside the city centre (the consultation document only requires secure cycle parking in the city centre)
- Changing a statement where the council accepts dominance of motor vehicle transport to a statement advising modal shift to active travel is a challenge for the city
- Adding measures to reduce traffic speed in new development
- Adding statements asking for cycling infrastructure additions within a new development

5. Infrastructure

Discussion about development of cycling infrastructure and strategic view of where improvements were needed. Members agreed that the Cycling Strategy is not specific enough to prioritise routes or to decide exactly where they should link. Current plans for improvements for the next year or so include

- Docks Route – to be open to all and improve surface and drainage.
- Toucan crossings at Kingsway/Caird Park and new path to link on north side of Kingsway to College

Future Community Links Plus bids should include Lochee Road and/or Victoria Road/Dens Rd cycle routes.

6. AGM planning

Laurie B suggested Monday 22nd January 2018 for the first AGM, adoption of Constitution and voting of Committee. All agreed.

7. Treasurer's Report

Steve K advised opening balance was £1000, which after paying for 2 years website hosting and for Donald's Cycling Conference ticket was now £821

8. AOCB

a) **Tony T** advised on the North Fife Forum work, which is developing in parallel with Dundee, although with more events and rides. The Cyclofun for 2018 is to change to connect to the Tayport Gala in August. **Donald B** asked about the Tentsmuir path which Tony advised had been improved, but was still not perfect.

b) **John W** brought up a request from Jojo Neff – on unlit cycle path Stannergate to Broughty Ferry there is a problem with invisible walkers and dog walkers who do not wear bright clothes. There were no suggestions of how to address this, but a discussion about bells. **Mark S** was offering free bells at the Dr Bike sessions.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 22nd January 2018 1st AGM, 6:30pm, Dundee University **Trudy C**

Positions:-

- Chair/Facilitator – **Laurie B**
- Advisory Group – **Nina G** (Sustrans) **Marianne S** (Cycling Scotland) others TBC **Martin H** (Scottish Cycling) **Ralph J** (Cycling UK)
- Vice Chair/Facilitator – **David M**
- Secretary – to be provided by DCC
- Treasurer – **Steve K**
- Social Media/Website Team – **Steve K, Scott F, Neil Q**
- Event Planning Team – **Trudy C, John W, Donald B**
- Projects/Audits Team – **Donald B, Gill T, John B, Neil Q, Jojo Neff**
- Planning Applications Team – **Stephen C, Trudy C, Donald B, Laurie B.**

From point 3 Mark S

Close Pass Mat project, Tayside Contact email:-

From: <Dominic.Doyle@scotland.pnn.>

Date: 1 November 2017 at 22:08:33 GMT

To: <msinclair@thebikestation.org.>

Subject: Op Close Pass contact for Tayside [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Hi Mark,

It was good speaking to you at the Cycling Scotland conference yesterday. As discussed the Road Policing contact for Op Close Pass in Tayside is Euan Stewart.

Euan.Stewart@scotland.pnn.

My advice would be to co-ordinate the pressure!

<https://twitter.com/>

Best wishes

Dom

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