

# Dundee Cycling Forum

1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Dundee University, Dalhousie Building

## Participants

Laurie Bidwell, John Berry, John Whyman, Peter Clinch, David Martin, Neil Quinney, Robert Webster, Mark Sinclair, Kim Reid, Scott Reid, Jojo Neff, Gill Town, Tony Turvey, Kenny Crooks

Apologies

Ron Laurie, Norma Lyall, Steve King, Nina Gillespie, Trudy Cunningham, Marianne Scott, Donald Baddon, Jenny Anderson, Andrew Smith, Ralph Jessop, Kate Treharne, Andy Llanwarne

## Introduction

**Laurie B** welcomed everyone to the meeting, and there was a quick round of introductions.

## 1. Notes of last meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The last notes were agreed by **Jojo N** and seconded by **David M**

## 2. Matters arising

- a) ARUP audit - **John B** circulated the interactive map after the last meeting and will aim to do so again. The audit covers the Northeast of the city and Lochee Ward. Any of the Forum can add comments. **David M** also suggested that as the ARUP mapping is only available for a short time, Open Street Map/Umap could be used to gather comments in the future.
- b) Wee Jaunt event - not going ahead this year, but **John W** will meet with Cycling Scotland in June. There is a possibility of an event in 2018 if a route can be identified - sealed surface, mainly off road and no hills, preferably a loop of 4 to 10 miles. Group members suggested looking at Magdalen, Riverside, Seabraes (1.9 miles) or a linear route Stannergate to Monifieth (4.3miles). Also possibly a full size Pedal for Scotland event.

## 3. Actions from Last Meeting

- a) Treasurer - **Steve K** not present, so no update on opening of the bank account
- b) Social media/website - Not discussed although noted twitter and facebook page were active.
- c) Events - **Tony T** talked through the Cyclofun event at Tayport 28<sup>th</sup> May and feeder ride with **Neil Q** leaving Unicorn at 10am. Member suggested ways in which to help promote the event. **John W** to circulate flier with minutes and send to libraries for circulation, **Laurie B** to share on Facebook and send to

Education Dept, **Kenny C** to hand in to Fife Cycle Centre. **Tony T** to upload event on DCC 'What's On' page

d) Projects/audits team - City Centre Audit, 'direct action' has been taken to alter the benches at the rear of the Overgate which had blocked the cycle parking. Other actions need to be prioritised and added to DCC capital works. **Laurie B** and **John B** reminded members that the council has committed 5% of transport budget to cycling and walking. **Kenny C** asked why movement was so slow compared to other projects such as the Waterfront. He also asked why there was no on road provision for cycling in the Waterfront and around the Marketgait (save for the recent ASL on part of one junction). This fed into the discussion on the space in front of the V&A below.

e) Planning Applications Team - although no members present, **John W** explained that the weekly

Planning Application List was now being sent to the team. **Laurie B** asked if he could be added after the election. **John B** noted that Planning Guidance (local Development Plan) was to be reviewed in 2017 with opportunity for public consultation.

#### **4. Segregation or not at the V&A**

Detailed discussion on V&A and shared space. **Mark S** asked if there had been a Risk Assessment carried out by the planners before the decision made for the shared space, with so many pedestrians expected to use the space to enter the V&A and an increased number of cyclists expected to commute through the same space. **Tony T** asked if a speed limit for cyclists was needed/desirable/practical. Other examples of shared spaces were discussed. Members indicated that they were frustrated that they were being asked for an opinion now (2017) when it was too late to create a high spec piece of cycling infrastructure.

Opinion was mixed but views expressed that pedestrians do not observe surface marks intended to delineate a cycle space and walking space and that studs may not be helpful - and worse may lead to conflict over 'rights to space'. It was suggested that the only segregation that works properly is a grade separated two-way 3 metre cycle lane, alongside the road with a segregation kerb to both traffic and pedestrian area, complete with light controlled crossings at the ped crossings. All agreed that something should be designed to slow the cyclists as they enter the space, and that information should be given to pedestrians. Consensus was reached that the forum recommend

- Preference 1. Kerb segregated cycle lane
- Preference 2. Speed reduction, including surface treatments as cyclists enter area and information to pedestrians to look out for cyclists, minimum obstacles and no dismount signs. Reassessment required after 12 month period.

Also raised was the phasing of the traffic lights, waiting times for pedestrians and apparent free movement of motor vehicles.

#### **5. Other Items**

a) **Hustings** event was held with reasonable attendance and 5 parties present. Issues discussed included herbicide use, bus ownership and cycling.

- b) **Diversions** Some issues with signage, and apparently plan to resurface Riverside Approach which is one of the diversion routes. Also long waiting times at the Toucan Crossing next to the Rail Bridge.
- c) **Bus Station** has no convenient cycle parking. The closest is Olympia. Cycle Locker were a problem previously. **Jojo N** suggested a simple covered toast rack style or a temporary cycle hub being developed on the corner of Trades Lane/Seagate junction (former McLeish site).
- d) **Sustrans Strategic Plan** - **John B** reported that Sustrans revised strategy seemed to focus on Walking and Cycling and reduce focus on public transport (bus and train).
- e) **Funding for Innovation** Possible interest by a student at Dundee University. **Jojo N** asked for details to be forwarded to the group - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/funding-competition-innovation-in-cycling-and-walking>
- f) **Safe Pass Mat** - continuing work started in Midlands and coming to Edinburgh where action has been taken against drivers that pass too close. Led by the Police, the motorists are educated to what a safe passing space is. **Tony T** is looking for contacts in local police.
- g) **Accident records.** **Kenny C** asked if the police could be asked for a report on cycling accidents. He suspects that there are some accident hot spots that could be made safer, including after a personal experience at Robertson Street Arbroath Rd at the same location as the recent reported accident. It was suggested a report of the locations of the last 10 years cycling accidents may produce information useful to infrastructure planners.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6:30pm, Dundee University TBC **Trudy C**

Positions:-

- Chair/Facilitator - **Laurie B** (standing down as a councillor, and more able to represent the forum after May)
- 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 - **Steven K**
- Social Media/Website Team - **Steve K, Scott F, Neil Q**
- Event Planning Team - **Trudy C, Jim B, 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.**