

Dundee Cycling Forum

12th June 2017
Dundee University, Dalhousie Building

Participants

Laurie Bidwell, John Berry, John Whyman, Peter Clinch, David Martin, Neil Quinney, Robert Webster, Scott Reid, Gill Town, Tony Turvey, Donald Baddon, Jenny Anderson, Ralph Jessop, Kate Treharne, Steve King, Trudy Cunningham, Michael Holligan, Stephen Cragg,
Apologies
Norma Lyall, Marianne Scott, Mark Sinclair Jojo Neff,

Introduction

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

1. Notes of last meeting, 1st June 2017

The last notes were agreed as correct

2. Matters arising

- a) Parking at the Bus Station **John B** to be asked to make enquiries
- b) Safe Pass Mat **Tony T** explained attempts to find a local Police representative has not been successful. It was agreed that as this initiative was being used elsewhere, Dundee cyclists should not miss out. **Laurie B** to contact the councilor involved in the Community Safety and Public Protection Committee.

3. Actions from Last Meeting

- a) Treasurer - **Steve K** has submitted an application to open a TSB account. **Steve K** and **David M** as signatories. **Laurie B** to prepare a letter to **John B** requesting a startup grant of £1000 to pay for website hosting and domain and for initial promotion material. **John W** to send round the text from a previous flier used to promote all the cycling groups and clubs. Discussion about a logo followed. Promotional material could be business card, flier or postcard.
- b) Social media/website - We have a Facebook page, Twitter page and the website. All are up to date and the social media is well used. They all look slightly different. The Twitter page has some excellent photos. **Steve K** to contact **Andrew S** to request the photos for use on the FB and website. **John B** suggested the Twitter feed is now being followed by councillors and suggested members Tweet photos of local problems. **Trudy C** explained that posts to Facebook can be programmed using Hootsuite to improve promotional activity without increasing work load. Website costs approx. £50

to be paid personally by **Steve K** and reimbursed when money in the account.

- c) Constitution - No news. **John W** to contact **Ron L** and **Marianne S** to get the draft to Dundee Voluntary Action who offer a service of looking over group constitution and give advice on content.
- d) Events - **Tony T** thanked everyone who helped out at the *Cyclofun*. 150 attended. The event committee will review and Tony would be happy to receive comments from those that attended or helped. Other promotional activity was discussed. *Cyclathon* also discussed, the organisers will be looking for volunteer helpers. Issue of people travelling to events to cycle was raised. We could link activity at the Cyclathon to promote the Cycling Forum. *Cycle Ride Leader* on 15th June, now cancelled due to lack of bookings, but places available on 22nd June at Finmill Centre. Contact **Ralph J** if interested.
- e) Audits - City Centre Audit **John B** explained nothing to report. ARUP are consultants employed by Tactran (the regional transport authority) to look at walking and cycling infrastructure in 2 wards in Dundee - Lochee and Northeast. Their audits have used data of people's actual movements such as home and work places to predict the change in behaviour linked to proposed improvements in infrastructure to suggest which routes should be prioritized for spend. The reports should be released later in the summer. It is expected that these studies will be used to advise Community Links bids in the future. Open Street Map has been used by some of the Forum members, and is useful to plot infrastructure issues. **David M** to prepare a demonstration video.

4. Segregation or not at the V&A

Work at the V&A is well underway. There will not be segregation for cyclists and pedestrians in the space. After a little discussion about the routes in the Waterfront, it was agreed that the Forum was disappointed that changes to the footways and road layout missed an opportunity for an installation of good specification, kerb segregated cycle infrastructure which is now seen in other cities across the UK. Dundee is the UK's only UNESCO City of Design, but showcases few of the features described in *Cycling By Design*. It was also agreed that the forum was also disappointed with the limited extension of 20mph in the city and that these feelings should be conveyed to the Councillors along with a request that lessons are learned from the Harestane Road cycle lane which is blocked by dozens of parked cars at the new schools. The new school Tayview Campus at Dickson Avenue (to open in August 2017) gives the council an opportunity to provide cycling infrastructure which will increase cycling and walking, leading to healthy kids, rather than favouring driving. **Laurie B** to contact Councillor Lynne Short to invite to a meeting and prepare a letter explaining the above failings.

Discussion followed about how best to campaign for improvement. **Gill T** suggested inviting councillors to a ride during rush hour/school run. After further discussion, it was agreed that at our next meeting we would prepare 5 or 6 actions we felt were very important for the council to deliver on cycling infrastructure.

5. Robertson Street/Arbroath Rd junction

Sustrans list of the worse junctions in Scotland for accidents, puts this junction at number 4. The yellow box lining was applied after the accident data was recorded 2014, but there was an accident in April, and all present thought that the yellow box and cycle lane marking were not going far enough to make the junction safe. Other modification options to the junction were discussed including removal of the yellow box, extending the yellow box to increase sightlines for users of the cycle line, removal of the cycle lane, stopping up Robertson St, having a no right turn into and out of Robertson St.

It was agreed that **Laurie B** should write to City Development to find out what action was being considered and if the Forum could look at plans before they were carried out.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st August 2017, 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 - **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.**