

Glasgow Cycling Forum

Friday 18 February 2011
Glasgow City Chambers

Present: Councillor Craig Mackay – Chair
Ian Aitken, Chief Executive, Cycling Scotland
Eamonn Campbell, Bicycle Users Group
Tricia Fort, Go Bike
Sandra Frame, Sports Development Manager, Glasgow Life
Peter Hayman, Councillor of Cycle Touring Club
Eddie Hutchison, Assistant Events Manager, Land and Environmental
Ian Johnston, Glasgow Life
Richard Kidd, Glasgow Bike Shed
Allan Maclean, Cycling Officer, Land and Environmental Services
Cornel Neil, Bicycle Users Group
Dave Reynolds, Senior Planning Officer, Development and Regeneration Services
Jonathan Ridge, Convener of Go Bike
Kerry Gorman – Clerk

Apologies: Councillor Matt Kerr, Glasgow City Council
Alan Duff, Senior Planning Officer, Land and Environmental Services
Collin Little, Engineering Officer, Land and Environmental Services
Alasdair Marshall, Policy Officer, Cycling Scotland

Councillor Mackay opened proceedings by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

P Hayman asked that Item 7 of the previous minutes be changed to reflect the Scottish Bike Show taking place on 16 and 17 April 2011 and not 6 and 7 April 2011.

Councillor Mackay left the meeting and A Maclean agreed to Chair.

2. Matters Arising

It was noted there was no-one present to talk about the Glasgow Harbour development.

Item 3

J Ridge advised Go Bike had been approached about the possibility of extending the cycle route to the Southern General through the boundary between Glasgow City Council and Renfrewshire Council. He advised

Douglas McIntosh is the contact at the NHS. A Maclean confirmed he would make contact.

Item 5

It was discussed that both new roads and refurbishments to existing roads need appropriate facilities for cycling.

A Maclean suggested that LES could install up to 10 new sets of Advanced Stop Lines (ASL) throughout the city per year, as part of its minor projects budget.

Item 6

T Fort shared the contents of a letter she had received from Corporate Services which stated "Glasgow City Council are committed to encouraging cycling and are introducing cycle improvements such as advanced stop lines at all new and refurbished junctions..."

Following discussion, A Maclean advised he would discuss the content of the letter with the author.

Item 7

A Maclean advised that owing to lack of resources and staff it had not been possible for Glasgow City Council to be involved in the Scottish Bike Show.

3. Glasgow Strategic Plan for Cycling and Glasgow City Council Policy

I Johnston spoke about the Glasgow Strategic Plan and advised a lot of work had been done bringing together existing plans. It was ratified on 4 February 2011.

He advised it hadn't been possible to include every suggestion received, but input had been received from sub-groups throughout the development of the plan. These sub-groups will continue to work on projects.

P Hayman commented that it is a great achievement bringing together diverse groups and getting the political buy in from Councillors. However, he feels the vision has not been sold well enough, although he welcomes the work that has been done to create a better understanding.

I Johnston continued that organisations would have the opportunity to input into the sub-groups and that research had been conducted for the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland. This generated 6000 responses which specifically targeted the barriers to cycling.

There is no timescale set as yet, and the objectives and key performance indicators are still to be set also. However, previous development plans used for sport would suggest that it is likely to be 1 year from April 2011.

4. Safety Assessments of Cycle Routes

T Fort queried if Glasgow City Council conducted safety assessments / risk assessments on routes. She highlighted some instances of ASL's which caused Go Bike concern.

A Maclean responded by explaining the three stages of a road safety audit.

- During conceptual design, auditors can be consulted if there is a novel idea or there isn't enough information on the scheme.
- During or at the end of the outline design and final design stages auditors can go out on site. Designers will get feedback from auditors and if the auditors raise concern, the scheme will go back to the design stage and be changed. Alternatively, if designer and auditors still disagree, the scheme can be referred to an Independent Adjudicator.
- After construction, the auditor will return to the scheme to review provision and offer further advice if necessary.

He confirmed that ASLs are not normally submitted for a formal Road Safety Audit, since this process is normally restricted to larger schemes.

5. College Route: Gibson Street to Hyndland Road

In respect of this agenda item, A Maclean forewarned the Forum that the original terms of reference for the group was to consider strategic issues, not discuss the minutia concerning projects.

Representatives of Go Bike expressed concern regarding the implementation of the upgrading of Colleges Cycle Route. A Maclean confirmed that bad weather throughout the winter had caused the contractor many problems and that to date the route had still not been implemented to the satisfaction of the Council. The design drawings are still valid and will be implemented.

He then advised a Traffic Regulation Order had been promoted for the Gibson Street to Hyndland Road section of the route. Glasgow City Council had not received any sustained objections to the order hence it would be implemented.

Phase 2 of the upgrading targets the section from Hyndland Road to Broomhill Cross. It is proposed to remove the downhill cycle lane on Clarence Drive, next to Hyndland Secondary, in favour of installing a permanent cycle lane travelling uphill. An alternative route is being created on Turnberry Road which runs parallel to Clarence Drive.

6. Commonwealth Games Scotstoun

J Ridge advised Sustrans have appointed a new cycle warden - Roland Hahn. He is keen to improve the Scotstoun area in line with the Commonwealth Games and on a wider point of view – the Clyde Tunnel. He would also like to get involved with the cycling routes to the Southern General.

A Maclean advised that Go Bike can comment on the Commonwealth Games transport plan which is still out to consultation.

7. Any Other Competent Business

Commonwealth Games 2014

P Hayman raised that the council should flag up that cycling is important to the Games and to the legacy. A Maclean advised him to put his comments to the consultation.

Southern General

A Maclean advised he was reluctant to go into more detail at present since there had not been any significant changes since the last meeting. He would like this to be a regular agenda item, but not at every meeting. A Maclean and D Reynolds to hold regular meetings and a regular working group to be set up.

Laurieston and Collegelands Development

Masterplans attached.

Laurieston – Nature of routes both on road and off road. No timescale set for implementation.

Collegelands – Major cycle parking at student accommodation on High Street. Implementation on site.

Citywide speed limit

P Hayman queried whether a proposal had gone in for a blanket 20 mile per hour speed limit to cover the whole city.

It was suggested that Tony Hughes and Jamie Rodden be invited along to the next meeting to give a presentation on this.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in May / June. It was agreed Forum members were happy to use Doodlepoll to agree the most suitable date.