

Go Bike Annual General Meeting, 17 November 2011

Friends Meeting House, Glasgow

Item No	Item	Action						
1.	<p>Present Go Bike members: Jonathan Ridge, Patricia Fort, John Davies, Calum McCallum, David Alcock, Andy Lombardini, Colin Brown, Andy Preece, Douglas Bingham, David Holgate, Jim Hall, Brenda Lillicrap, Gregory Chauvet, Niall Campbell, Peter Hayman, Simon Millar, Lucy Reynolds, Catherine Vost (18 people).</p> <p>Apologies: Drew Smith MSP, Alan Munro, Richard McKinlay.</p> <p>Guest speakers: Patrick Harvie MSP, Matt Kerr Glasgow City Councillor.</p>							
2.	<p>Approval of minutes for 2010 AGM, Wednesday 25 November 2010 The minutes of last year's meeting were accepted as a true record; proposed by Calum McCallum, seconded by John Davies,.</p>							
3.	<p>Convenor's Report Jonathan Ridge, after 2 busy and successful years as Convenor, has decided to stand down from the role. He gave a brief report, indicating 3 areas for future action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The establishment of neighbourhood cycle representatives, ie people who can report back on changes and needs in their area. • The use of the City Council's Land & Environment Services e-mail address, les@glasgow.gov.uk to report locations where dropped kerbs, cycle symbols, etc are required. (Note: a more specific address may be given soon.) • Marking of on-road cycle lanes and ASLs. It was noted at this point that new ASLs have appeared at the Dumbarton Road/Crow Road junction and are currently being installed on Hope Street. 							
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report, approval of accounts and subscriptions Copies of the accounts were circulated by the treasurer, Douglas Bingham, who reported a profit for the year of £544.44. Current membership stands at 74, with 36 people who have yet to renew. 7 people lapsed their membership over the year. Membership may now be paid by paypal and it was agreed that this would continue to be by donation, rather than by a fixed amount.</p> <p>Approval of the accounts was proposed by Jonathan Ridge and seconded by John Davies.</p>							
5.	<p>Appointment of Auditor of accounts for 2010/2011 Thanks were extended to Fergus Duncanson for his auditing of the accounts for 2010/2011 and it was reported that he had accepted the request to audit the forthcoming year's accounts.</p>							
6	<p>Election of Committee Members and Office Bearers Jonathan Ridge is standing down as Convenor and Calum McCallum resigned from the Committee because of other commitments. The Committee, proposed by Lucy Reynolds and seconded by Catherine Vost was elected unopposed and stands as:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;">Patricia Fort</td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"><u>Office:</u> Vice-Convenor</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Douglas Bingham</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">John Davies</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Newsletter editor</td> </tr> </table>	Patricia Fort	<u>Office:</u> Vice-Convenor	Douglas Bingham	Treasurer	John Davies	Newsletter editor	
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	<p>Andy Preece Cycling Policy Officer Peter Hayman Alan Munro Jonathan Ridge</p> <p>Alan Munro, previously Membership Secretary, has indicated that he will accept the position of Convenor. This, and other positions, will be confirmed at the next Committee meeting. Vacancies exist on the Committee should anyone wish to be co-opted.</p>	Go Bike Committee
7.	<p>Guest Speakers Our 2 speakers, whom we were very pleased to welcome, gave us inspiring complementary views of the benefits of cycling and the potential for improvement.</p> <p>7.1 Matt Kerr, GCC Councillor Matt outlined his teenage enthusiasm for cycling, his election to Glasgow City Council in 2007, where, under Bailie Jim McNally, he became Depute Convenor of LES, revived the Council's Bike User Group (BUG) and, further to a request from Go Bike, he set up the Glasgow Cycling Forum. He told us that capital is now being spent on roads and that the default position is now to put in ASLs during roadworks. He considers that progress is now being made on a cross-party basis.</p> <p>7.2 Patrick Harvie, MSP Patrick outlined the health and environmental impacts of our current transport policy and his view that cars separate people. We need to shift the balance so our spending is preventive, leading to active travel where we are connecting people, rather than building infrastructure links.</p> <p>There was then wide-ranging discussion, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ The government budget for cycling (or lack of). ⤴ The examples that countries such as Denmark and Sweden set. ⤴ The various bus operators and their cycle policies (if any). ⤴ Bus driver training with respect to cyclists. ⤴ Transport being taken back into public ownership. ⤴ The ease of transporting cycles by train on ScotRail services. ⤴ How can we improve the standard of cycle facilities being provided? ⤴ Active travel plans for schools and businesses – including the NHS. ⤴ Glasgow Open Space consultation <p>Matt Kerr, in his current role as Chair of the Social Services Committee, said that he will take up the issue of cycling with the NHS, so they follow the lead being set by GCC.</p>	MK
8	<p>Thanks and AOCB Jonathan Ridge thanked our 2 speakers for giving their time to Go Bike and for their positive input. John Davies proposed a vote of thanks to Jonathan Ridge for his excellent work as Convenor. Tricia Fort closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending, praising Andy Preece's work with the Go Bike rides and reminding everyone of the Cycling Infrastructure ride on Sunday 20 November.</p>	
8.	Time and date of next meeting: to be advised.	Go Bike committee
	Meeting closed 21.15	