**Glasgow Cycling Forum**

**22nd September 2015**

**Room G.AB, Exchange House**

**Present: GCC Councillors:** Cllr Matt Kerr, Cllr Frank McAveety

 **GCC LES:** Andrew Brown, Steven Gray, Allan Maclean, Collin Little, Baligh Shaar

 **GCC DRS:** Emma Thomson, Sue Hilder

 **GCC Education**: Andrea Crawford

 **Sustrans/GCC:** Twan van Duivenbooden

 **Grontmij:** Claire Fitzsimmons

**Alpine Bikes:** Matt Wilberton

**CTC:** Peter Hayman

**Cycling Scotland:** Mark Hughes

 **Free Wheel North:** Norman Armstrong

 **Glasgow Centre for Population Health:** Bruce Whyte

**Go Bike:** Tricia Fort

**Scottish Cycling:** Morven Brown

 **Sustrans:** Matt Davis, Alasdair Macdonald, Jim Hall

**Apologies: CTC:** Suzanne Forup

**Go Bike:** Calum Cook

**Glasgow Bike Station:** Greg Chauvet

 **Glasgow Life:** Jake Lovatt, Robbie Hawthorne

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| **Item** | **Discussion/Decision** | **Action** |
| **1.**  | **Introductions and apologies**Cllr Kerr welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Cllr McAveety in his new role as Council Leader.Cllr McAveety addressed the Forum, and explained he will unfortunately have less time to be involved with the forum, however would still like to be kept informed. He remains fully supportive of cycling and is still keen to hear from cyclists regarding how cycling in Glasgow can be encouraged and improved. The informal role of Cycling Tsar was thought to be beneficial, so he would like to appoint a replacement soon. | **Cllr McAveety** |
| **2.** | **Minutes of the previous meeting**Minutes of 21 April approved. Tricia Fort suggested a rewording of ‘demand for cycling on the footway’ as mentioned under Item 8, as the demand is really for cycling on the road, but because of traffic concerns, many people cycle on the footway. |  |

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| **3.** | **Matters arising**Tricia Fort was disappointed that there had not been any action following Bob Downie’s presentation regarding Strava at the last Cycling Forum. The meeting was reminded that officers had expressed caution regarding Strava data. Nonetheless, the Council is looking into using more objective data in decision making, including, but not exclusively, mobile app data, since undertaking manual counts can be expensive. Bruce Whyte stated that more availability of automatic counter data and other sources would be helpful for impact assessment.It was noted that Councillor Thewlis was now a MP. Her party will be contacted to see if they would like to send another representative. | **Cllr Kerr/ LES** |
| **4.** | **Glasgow Strategic Plan for Cycling 2015-2015**Presentation by GrontmijClaire Fitzsimmons presented the results from the public consultation and stakeholder responses received.Regarding stakeholder responses, Tricia Fort asked whether organisations were invited to respond. This was not the case: several organisations decided themselves to send in a written response instead of filling out the questionnaire.Alasdair Macdonald asked whether there was any misunderstanding on the difference between the strategic plan and an action plan. This seemed not to be the case. Responses noted that actions would be required to make the strategy a success.Bruce Whyte asked if the Scottish Government’s vision of 10% of trips by bicycle in 2020 came back in responses. It did, responses were noting that GCC should adopt this too, though it would be difficult to achieve.Peter Hayman asked what was needed for non-cyclists to approve of the strategy. Cllr Kerr responded that seeing things happening on the ground is one of the most important ways to sell the strategy. When positive results are being demonstrated, hopefully the strategy will gain acceptance.General comments:* New infrastructure implementation should be designed with the newest standards in mind, including those from outside Scotland (London, Wales, The Netherlands)
* ‘Funding’ should be addressed as ‘investment’.

Action plan workshopPresentations by Peter Hayman, Alasdair Macdonald & Jim Hall, Tricia Fort & Bruce Whyte. The main points raised were:Corporate/ Overview* Ambitious actions requested
* Actions should support the Scottish Government vision of 10% of journeys to be by cycle.
* A funding commitment to enable the action plan to be undertaken is needed
* Targets need to be monitored
* Coordination between Council Services is important to developing cycling. The action plan should reflect this.
* Non-cyclists should be encouraged to try cycling.
* Objective data (e.g. cycle use, accident data, evidence base) should be used in project prioritisation.

Successful, sustainable places* Priority for cycling should be allocated in appropriate City Deal infrastructure projects.
* The role of volunteers in maintaining the network should be fostered and developed further, with partnership working between GCC and the range of volunteer groups. More community ‘ownership’ of infrastructure is needed.
* Coordination between volunteer groups required.
* Parking restraint is required in some areas.
* 20mph: preferably city wide, but at least targeting less safe areas

Cycle network* Increase permeability for cyclists and inclusion
* Better maintenance of cycle routes in adverse weather is needed.
* Long term maintenance of cycle routes needs to be incorporated as well as investing in new cycling infrastructure
* Zebra crossings (esp. the cycle variety) are now approved by Go Bike and should be incorporated into projects.
* The Mass Automated Cycle Hire scheme, but should be extended.
* New road schemes, such as Fastlink, should provide good facilities for cyclists
* Waiting time for cyclists at traffic lights should be decreased

*Behaviour change/promotion** Travelling to school by bike should be encouraged, e.g. integration of Bikeability into the curriculum, safer infrastructure and behaviour change campaigns
* Big cycling events should be encouraged: Pedal for Scotland in Glasgow was well organised with road closures. Further opportunities would be welcomed.

Cycling Forum structureThe question was raised if the Forum should be opened up to adjacent authorities for better cross-boundary working? The Forum was advised there already are inter-council meetings hosted by SPT, so there may not be any added benefit in inviting neighbouring authorities to the Forum. However, the SPT Active Travel officer should be invited though.Tricia Fort stated that she would like to see at least one of the Forum meetings run as a public event, open to any interested person to attend. Forum meetings within working hours did not encourage the working-age population to attend however.ProgrammeThe Strategic Plan for Cycling is still on track for completion during 2015. | **Cllr Kerr/ LES** |
| **5.** | **Date of Next Meeting**~~The next Cycle Forum will take place at 2pm on 8 December 2015 in 231 George Street, Glasgow.~~*Post meeting note:**The next Cycling Forum will be held at 2PM on Friday 12th February 2016 in the City Chambers (access via the front door).* |  |