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Local Government candidates to be quizzed tomorrow at cycling hustings

In collaboration with "We Walk, We Cycle, We Vote", Greater Glasgow's cycle campaign Go-Bike! presents an election hustings tomorrow night at the Admiral Bar, Glasgow. Featuring candidates contesting elections in East Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and Glasgow, the evening promises lively political debate, with a focus on cycling strategy.

With 2017's local election expected to be one of the most significant in recent history, representatives from the SNP, Labour, Conservatives, Lib Dems and Greens will be pitching their parties' active travel policies to West Central Scotland's cycling constituency.

"Cycling is increasingly seen as the solution for a number of grave challenges facing our villages, towns and cities and is a policy area our politicians can no longer ignore," said Convenor Tricia Fort. "Air pollution, congestion, the revival of our town centres and road safety are likely to be key topics on the night and the panel should expect some stern questioning from the audience."

Candidates speaking at the election hustings will be:

- Robert Brown, Scottish Liberal Democratic Party, South Lanarkshire
- Martin McElroy, Scottish Labour Party, Glasgow
- Christy Mearns, Scottish Green Party, Glasgow
- Anna Richardson, Scottish National Party Glasgow
- Jim Swift, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, East Renfrewshire

Doors open at 7:00pm, with the hustings commencing at 7:30 in the Admiral Bar, 72 Waterloo Street, Glasgow, G2 7DA.

Note for editors:

Go-Bike! is a cycle infrastructure campaigning organisation, covering council areas in the former Strathclyde Region: Glasgow, Dunbartonshire, Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, with a focus on infrastructure and the built environment. Our campaign is entirely funded by membership fees and donations, with no input from government or third parties.

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