

Minutes from Go Bike AGM, 2 November 2013  
 The Admiral Bar, Waterloo Street, Glasgow

Item No	Item	Action
1	<p><b>Present:</b> Go Bike Convener: Tricia Fort. Committee members: Douglas Bingham, Jim Ewing, Tricia Fort, Peter Hayman, Alasdair Macdonald, Andy Preece and 40 Members/Visitors/Supporters</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> John Davies, Peter Kane, George Rawlinson, Lucy Reynolds</p> <p><b>Guest speaker:</b> Frank McAveety, Glasgow City Councillor</p>	
2	<p><b>Approval of Minutes from AGM 22 November 2012</b>          The minutes of last year's meeting were accepted as a true record; proposed by Fergus Duncanson, seconded by Peter Hayman.</p> <p><b>Approval of Treasurer's Report, accounts etc</b> – Douglas Bingham; proposed by Andy Preece, seconded by Jonathan Ridge.</p> <p>Fergus Duncanson agrees that accounts are clear and accurate.</p>	<p>Confirmation that membership fees will continue to be by donation at the discretion of donors.</p>
3	<p><b>Convener's Report: Tricia Fort</b></p> <p>Main activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to campaign for safer cycling – mainly through better infrastructure with reference to "Cycling by Design".</li> <li>• Represented in Cross Party Group on Cycling with the Scottish Government and on the National Cycling Interest Group.</li> <li>• Also working through local government – mainly Glasgow, with Glasgow Cycling Forum and City Council</li> </ul> <p>Monthly rides to check infrastructure – Andy Preece</p> <p>2 longer rides in 2013 – Aberdeen to Inverness and Hadrian's Way</p> <p>Working with Glasgow Council to improve routes – looking at access to Cathkin Braes ahead of Commonwealth Games. Also some local action in neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:les@glasgow.gov.uk">les@glasgow.gov.uk</a> (land and environment services) with any concerns about cycling infrastructure in Glasgow</p> <p>Membership stands at 75, 12 more than last year, Facebook group is growing and 170 members in Yahoo discussion group</p> <p>Newsletter - 3 issues per year x 500 printed and on website.</p> <p>New website coming soon.</p>	

4	<b>Resolutions</b>	Non proposed
5	<p><b>Committee</b></p> <p>Existing members: Douglas Bingham, John Davies, Tricia Fort, Peter Hayman, Peter Kane, Andy Preece</p> <p>New co-opted members</p> <p>Greg Chauvet – Bike Station</p> <p>Alistair Macdonald</p> <p>Jim Ewing – website / Freewheel North</p> <p>Call for more female members! Michelle Leonard volunteered to join at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Date of next AGM – provisionally Tuesday 11 November 2014 – but watch the website etc for details; this new venue is not available on Tuesdays.</p>	
6	<p><b>Frank McAveety - Cycling Tzar, Sustainable Transport Convener</b></p> <p>Frank thanked TF for report and the invitation to speak and supported the need for a more diverse committee and group. His talk covered:</p> <p>Comments on Cycling Forum Group – representing health professional, main political parties, charities, cycle groups, police, Glasgow Life and businesses.</p> <p>Map of Glasgow's cycle routes – 301 km. Research showing that where routes put in there is an increase in activity. More resources needed – send in messages to <a href="mailto:les@glasgow.gov.uk">les@glasgow.gov.uk</a></p> <p>His visit to Holland; in Amsterdam saw adaptations to local situations which resulted in a big difference. Asking question about where they get their funding, and why. <b>Because it makes sense.</b> Most traffic solutions quite simple/not that expensive. Benefits of developing arterial routes.</p> <p>Possible solutions in Glasgow – segregation / mend pot holes/ resurface to improve conditions.</p> <p>A group in the City Council is looking at new technology to share / gather information about cycling activity, among other information</p> <p><b>Regeneration</b> – opportunity to reprioritise city development. Pressure from cars / pedestrians. Sighthill as area that needs developing. See Houten in Holland – no traffic in city centre?</p> <p><b>Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cathkin Braes</b> only mtb track within city limits / cycle racing at <b>Chris Hoy Velodrome</b>. Improve visibility of cycling</li> <li>• <b>Pedal for Scotland</b></li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Need to change vision and culture – change of habits</b></p> <p><b>Need to coordinate investment across councils</b></p>	
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7	Question / Answers / Comments	
	Fergus Duncanson: High percent of people start their journeys from outside of Glasgow, so need for integration of planning/networks between areas	<b>FMcA:</b> Need for community based approach – open space policy – development around parks – join up council developments – see Clyde Valley development.
	Dave Holladay: Examples to follow Manchester velodrome has BMX track in middle – lots of local support. London has 1295 cycle stands – 35% growth per year. Bow Flyover where cyclists use flyover due to badly designed cycle route	
	Dave Brennan: Spokes research shows No cycle transport money for Glasgow – spending comes from other budgets	<b>FMcA:</b> Agrees that budget needed and planning.
	Jonathan Ridge: Any surveys of cycle path routes must be used to prioritise routes	
	Jim: Arterial routes – London Road cycle route is unusable	<b>FMcA:</b> Reminder to email complains. Possible use of ‘armadillo’ cats eyes to mark lane – not very expensive.
	Simon Millar: London Rd is big enough to have segregated route. Need to have quality and value for money – see Lanarkshire. Dutch advisers invest where cycle routes used, if not used – close.	<b>FMcA:</b> Agrees and says 20 mph zones will be used more to create a safer cycling environment.
	Robert Williams: Arterial route feedback? Edinburgh Road?	
	Tim Foster: Data Protection concern – Smart Cities – should get more information to base decisions on?	<b>FMcA:</b> Future Cities (tech) people involved are also cyclists.
	Dave Holladay: Bike Lending scheme. Are there any partners? Want to avoid corporate takeover like Barclays sponsorship in London. Adverts on bikes to be sold in blocks – not only to one firm. Glasgow 2014 is the big issue for coming year.	<b>FMcA:</b> Agrees – no corporate (bank) control. There are smaller numbers in Glasgow compared with London – but still need money/investment to buy the bikes
	Derek York: Reports missing cycle route signs mean that you lose the route – would benefit from map being printed onto signs – need to join up routes	
	Andy Winter: Arterial routes – Parked cars clogging	<b>FMcA:</b> Agrees – this needs enforcement

	up cycle routes – need to get police action	
	Fergus: Road culture – much better in Czech Republic	<b>FMCA:</b> Cycle wars – motorists versus cyclists. Need for education and respect on both sides. Changes in public policy. Strict liability debate. Change in culture?
	Dave Brennan: should Go Bike push for “Cycling by Design” model, or go further towards ‘Crow Manual’ a Dutch planning model?	<b>TF:</b> Currently a struggle to apply pressure on local government/council to achieve present standards.
	Dave Holladay: Need to think bigger	
	Rob Mitchell: Cycle Law Scotland – support campaign – Road share – Strict Liability Debate	
Tricia Fort thanked all for attending.		

Minutes by JS, TF.