

CAMBUSLANG CYCLING PROJECT:

REPORT TO CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 15 APRIL 2014

The Cambuslang Cycling Project is being taken forward by a sub-group comprising John Bachtler, Neil Berry, Richard Cairns, Jane Churchill, Jim Ewing, Iain McKenzie and Helen Paspatas.

- 1. South Lanarkshire Council Cycling Partnership:** John Bachtler and Jane Churchill met with the chair of the SLC Cycling Partnership, Cllr Graham Simpson, who is very supportive of the activities of the Cycling Project, especially the south Clyde green link and offered his help to bring it about. The next meeting of the SLC Cycling Partnership is to be held at the Cambuslang Institute on 23 June which will be an opportunity to brief a wider group on what we are doing. The meeting will be preceded by a cycle from Cambuslang to Dalmarnock and back along the NCR 75 to give the Partnership an idea of cycling conditions in the area.
- 2. CamGlen Bike Town Initiative.** The first issue of the CamGlen Bike Town Newsletter has been published with an update on activities of the Initiative plus forthcoming events. See weblink: <http://healthynhappycommunitydevelopmenttrust.cmail1.com/t/ViewEmail/i/B5FDB186B9FF6230/085ACB08EB308EAF5EC08CADFFC107B>
- 3. Dr Bike sessions:** Locations for free cycle check-ups are being explored. It appears that Cambuslang Institute may not be available for the Saturday morning sessions. Richard Cairns has been in touch with Friends of Cambuslang Park to discuss two possible dates over the summer.
- 4. Clyde Loop.** John Bachtler has spoken to the Community Partnership Officer (Scotland) at Tata Steel to discuss their interest, and hopefully support, for the green cycle loop along the south bank of the Clyde from Cambuslang Bridge to Dalmarnock Bridge, which skirts the edge of land occupied by the Clydebridge works. John is preparing a proposal for discussion, and possible presentation, to representatives of Tata Steel. A meeting with the Forestry Commission has also been arranged for 1 May to discuss whether the Clyde Loop could link up with Forestry Commission projects and paths being developed in the Cuningar Loop.
- 5. Westburn link.** SLC Countryside Access have been in touch with Network Rail, who have confirmed that they own the site for the link. Apparently Network Rail have an internal consultation period of 4-6 weeks to determine if there are any conflicts with our proposals, so we will probably not be able to make further progress until May/June.
- 6. Cycle Hub.** No further developments.
- 7. Cycle Festival.** Richard Cairns met with Alan and Mark Kiehlman of East Dumbarton Cycle Cooperative (ED's Cycle Coop) who have a good reputation for active cycle promotion and have run a successful cycle festival (see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjB4xFtBZo>). This could be a model for a local festival in Cambuslang Park, which Richard will explore with FoCP.

John Bachtler
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