

**CAMBUSLANG CYCLING PROJECT:
REPORT TO CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 NOVEMBER 2015**

The Cambuslang Cycling Project is being taken forward by a sub-committee comprising John Bachtler (CCC), Richard Cairns, Jane Churchill (HnH), Jim Ewing (HnH), Alison Hay (EKRC), Iain McKenzie, Micky Ross and Scott Smith (CCC).

1. **Clyde Walkway & Cycle Path – Cambuslang Bridge-Dalmarnock Bridge.** Further progress is being made with the new path following the completion of the feasibility study.

Cambuslang Bridge to Bogleshole Bridge: Jim Ewing has recently walked this section of the route with the coordinator of the SLC Unpaid Work (Community Payback) Team and Simon Pilpel of SLC Countryside Access to plan the clearance of the path and making the path accessible for walkers and bikes (although the path will not be paved).

Bogleshole Bridge to M74: John Bachtler and Jim Ewing met with Simon Pilpel and Linda McConnachie of Central Scotland Green Network Trust on 9 November. It was agreed to submit a bid for about £300k to the Development Fund, financed by the Forestry Commission and managed by the Central Scotland Green Network Trust. A new tranche of the Fund was announced by the Scottish Government on 11 November, with a closing date of end January. It was agreed to speak with Tata Steel to obtain a letter of commitment for their support, and to Joneen Clark of the Forestry Commission.

M74 to Farme Cross: Part of the route crosses land owned by Ashfield Land who support the project. They are currently in planning discussions with SLC about developing their site, and Simon Pilpel has alerted SLC Planning to take account of the need for a cycle route to be included in the project.

2. **National Cycle Centre (Bogleshole Road) – Site 22.** This is being taken forward by a project group, chaired by John Bachtler, and involving Cllr Richard Tullet, Cllr Graham Simpson, Gerry Campbell and Nick Lansdell (SL Leisure), Ken Meek (SLC Economic Development), Simon Pilpel (SLC Countryside Access), Richard Cairns, Scott Smith (CCC Cycling Group), Jane Churchill and Jim Ewing (HnH - CamGlen Bike Town) and Alison Hay, Paul Noble and Gregor Yeoman (East Kilbride Road Club).

The final report of the feasibility study was submitted to the Site 22 group, together with appendices, on 16 November, and will be used to plan the next stages of the project. Current work is underway to

- develop options for further funding (Scott Smith);
- draft the documents for creating a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) – involving CCC, SLC, SLLC and EKRC (John Bachtler, Richard Cairns);
- developing a business plan (Paul Noble);
- formalising a lease agreement with Scottish Enterprise (John Bachtler, Ken Meek).