## CAMBUSLANG CYCLING PROJECT: REPORT TO CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 MARCH 2015

The Cambuslang Cycling Project is being taken forward by a sub-committee comprising John Bachtler, Neil Berry, Richard Cairns, Jane Churchill, Jim Ewing, Alison Hay, Iain McKenzie and Micky Ross.

- 1. **CamGlen Bike Town Initiative.** The Winter programme of adult-only guided rides is continuing every Wednesday during February, as is a programme of family rides on Wednesday/Saturday dates. The first set of cycle maintenance workshops is starting on 16th March (6.00-9.00 pm) with others to follow on 13th and 20<sup>th</sup> April, all held at Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill Church Hall, Chapel St, Rutherglen Further details on these and other activities are available from the February update on Bike Town at: <a href="http://www.healthynhappy.org.uk/bike-town">http://www.healthynhappy.org.uk/bike-town</a>
- 2. Clyde Walkway & Cycle Path. The feasibility study, funded by a £25,000 grant from Transport Scotland, is now well underway. The consultants, Ironside Farrar, have been surveying the route and contacting landowners. South Lanarkshire Council are helping out by clearing some of the bushes etc around Farme Castle industrial estate to improve access. A first draft of the feasibility study is expected in about a week's time; the whole study will need to be completed by the end of March 2015 as a condition of the grant.
- 3. Closed Road Cycle Track (Bogleshole Road). The project group set up to develop the project forward met on 12 February, 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 (Cambuslang Cycling Group), Jane Churchill and Jim Ewing (HnH CamGlen Bike Town) and Alison Hay and Gregor Yeoman (East Kilbride Road Club). Activities over the past month include the following:
  - a first layout of a cycle circuit has been drawn up by consultants engaged by SLC;
  - Scottish Enterprise have instructed their valuers to revalue the land as a basis for discussing acquisition of the site;
  - South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture are developing projections on likely income and expenditure;
  - a bid for feasibility study funding has been to Legacy 2014 (expression of interest stage);
  - a cycle club and community survey is being developed.
- 4. **Westburn Link.** Iain McKenzie and Micky Ross are taking the project forward. Ian Frame is helping with an approach to Scottish Power to discuss their potential support (and possibly funding) for the alternative route between the Overton Grange estate and the NCR 75, which runs past the Scottish Power substation at Westburn.

John Bachtler, 14 March 2015