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**CAMBUSLANG CYCLING PROJECT:  
REPORT TO CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 18 OCTOBER 2014**

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

1. **CamGlen Bike Town Initiative.** Bike Town are opening the first hub in Rutherglen, operating from a container on Cambuslang Road next to Fleming Carpets. The opening was on 11 October. A programme of autumn rides is running every Wednesday from 22 October to 12 November. Further details on these and other activities are available from the October update on the Bike Town at <http://www.healthynhappy.org.uk/bike-town>.
2. **Clyde Loop.** Progress continues to be good with plans for a south Clyde cycle path from Cambuslang Bridge to Dalmarnock Bridge. Meetings are being arranged with landowners as they respond to the contact letter. John Bachtler and Jim Ewing are meeting with Peter Leslie of Cycling Scotland to discuss the organisation's offer of two days' free technical advice. The commissioning brief for consultants to undertake a feasibility study is now complete. Central Scotland Green Network Trust (CSGNT) have opened their Development Fund for applications; the Cycling Group are preparing to submit a bid for £15,000 to fund the feasibility study which needs to be matched by at least £5,000 of funding, most of which will be in-kind volunteer time. The deadline for applications is 25 November 2014.
3. **Road-Racing Cycle Track.** Work on a proposal to create a cycle road-racing track (criterium circuit) in Cambuslang has accelerated over the past month. Following the identification of a site bounded by Bogleshole Road and the River Clyde (north-west of the former Hoover site), the Cycling Group organised a meeting on 17 October involving South Lanarkshire Council (Cllr Graham Simpson, Chair of the SL Cycling Partnership; Ken Meek, SLC Economic Development; Simon Pilpel, SLC Countryside Access), Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust & CamGlen Bike Town (Jane Churchill, Jim Ewing), East Kilbride Road Club (Alison Hay, Gregor Yeoman) and Cambuslang Cycling Group (John Bachtler, Jim Ewing). Following a presentation by John and extended discussion, it was agreed to write formally to Scottish Cycling expressing interest in siting a regional or national road-racing cycle centre, and associated outdoor sports, in Cambuslang. It was agreed to set up a project board with representatives of relevant interests and to do further work on developing a business plan, discussing land acquisition with Scottish Enterprise, and canvassing support from cycling groups throughout the area.
4. **Westburn Link.** Scottish Power need to be contacted to discuss the alternative route between the Overton Grange estate and the NCR 75, as they appear to be the landowner of the adjacent land.

John Bachtler, 18 October 2014