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

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

1. **CamGlen Bike Town Initiative.** Bike Town have been running adult and family guided rides during November as well 'cycling with confidence' courses. The CamGlen 'bike shop in a box' is open for bike repairs and servicing at 78 Cambuslang Road, Rutherglen. Further details on these and other activities are available from the November update on Bike Town at: <http://www.healthynhappy.org.uk/bike-town>

2. **Clyde Walkway & Cycle Path.** The Cycling Group are close to finalising their submission of a bid for £15,000 to the Central Scotland Green Network Trust (CSGNT) to fund a feasibility study and technical appraisal of the Clyde Walkway and Cycle Path between Cambuslang Bridge and Dalmarnock Bridge. It will need to be matched by £5,000 of funding, most of which will be in-kind volunteer time from the Cambuslang Cycling Group and Healthy n Happy CDT. On 23 October, John Bachtler and Jim Ewing met with Peter Leslie of Cycling Scotland who confirmed that he will provide two days of free technical advice as part of the feasibility study phase.

3. **Road-Racing Cycle Track.** A project group has been set up to take forward the proposal of a cycle road-racing track (criterium circuit) in Cambuslang on a site bounded by Bogleshole Road and the River Clyde (north-west of the former Hoover site). A second meeting was held on 5 November hosted by South Lanarkshire Leisure, chaired by John Bachtler, and involving Cllr Richard Tullet, Cllr Graham Simpson, Gerry Campbell (SL Leisure), Richard Cairns (Cambuslang Cycling Group), Jane Churchill (HnH - CamGlen Bike Town) and Gregor Yeoman (East Kilbride Road Club). Other cycle clubs that have expressed support for the proposal include Clydesdale Colts, Falcons Cycling Club Bishopbriggs, Glasgow Riderz, Glenmarnock Wheelers and the Royal Albert Cycling Club.

A formal expression of interest on behalf of all the above organisations has been sent to Scottish Cycling and a meeting has been arranged with the association on 4 December. Discussions with Scottish Enterprise are also being arranged to explore acquisition of the site, and work is being done on the capital expenditure and operating costs. Cllr Simpson is discussing with SLC whether a preliminary technical appraisal of the site could be organised quickly. The possibility of using the proposed facility for other sports also is being considered, and a meeting has been held with the Scottish Canoe Association to discuss the possibility of providing a slipway and storage for canoes and kayaks on the river. A meeting has also been held with Joneen Clark of the Forestry Commission to discuss how the proposed facility could be linked to the new Cuningar Forest Park.

4. **Westburn Link.** Micky Ross has offered to contact Scottish Power to arrange a meeting to discuss the alternative route between the Overton Grange estate and the NCR 75.

John Bachtler, 16 November 2014