

---

## **CAMBUSLANG CYCLING PROJECT:**

### **REPORT TO CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 18 FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **1. Project sub-group**

The Cambuslang Community Council Cycling Project sub-group comprises John Bachtler, Iain McKenzie, Neil Berry, Helen Paspatas, Richard Cairns, Jane Churchill and Jim Ewing. A first sub-group meeting was held on 24 November 2013, with John Smith also attending. Bilateral meetings have been held since on specific issues. A second sub-group meeting is currently being arranged.

#### **2. CamGlen Bike-Town Initiative**

The CamGlen Bike-Town Initiative has received funding from Clyde Gateway and a major grant of £272,360 from the Climate Challenge Fund, some of which will be available to Cambuslang Community Council (CCC) projects.

CCC is now a member of the Steering Group of the Cam-Glen Bike-Town Initiative (John Bachtler) and has an offer of places on the three working groups set up by the Initiative dealing respectively with infrastructure/facilities, training/schools and bike recycling/repair.

#### **3. South Lanarkshire Council Cycling Partnership**

South Lanarkshire Council has created a Cycling Partnership which aims to: raise and promote the profile of cycling in South Lanarkshire; identify opportunities and issues at an early stage; facilitate partnership working; providing an integrated cycling infrastructure; and improve understanding of what the various partners can contribute to the development of cycling. The Partnership will comprise Councillors, officials, Sustrans, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Cycling Scotland, Police Scotland and Community Groups.

CamGlen Bike-Town Initiative have been invited to participate in the Partnership, and they have nominated the CCC Cycling Project also. The first meeting is scheduled for 19 March 2014.

#### **4. Infrastructure / cycle networks**

**On-road links:** South Lanarkshire Council have confirmed that they are planning to extend the Hamilton Road cycle route to Cambuslang Station in financial year 2014/15. Adam Beattie of SLC has agreed to a meeting to look at the proposed route in detail from a cyclist's perspective.

**Off-road links:** We are investigating the possibility of a cycle route along the south bank of the Clyde from Cambuslang Bridge to Dalmarnock Bridge following an historic right of way. Together with the NCR 75 on the north bank, this would create a 'green loop' for cycling and walking, and it would link Cambuslang to the Clyde Gateway project for the Cuningar Loop.

John Bachtler was approached by Micky Ross, a resident from the Redpath Drive estate in Westburn, who is a keen cyclist. He inquired about the possibility of creating a short 10-15 metre link from the edge of the estate, with a gate in the estate fence, to the NCR 75 to make it easier for cyclists from the estate to use the NCR. Costings for materials are currently being obtained with a view to making a proposal to SLC, potentially using a local charity (First Steps Future Training) to provide the labour as part of a training project.

## 5. Schools

According to South Lanarkshire Council, cycle facilities are being installed or upgraded in all new and refurbished schools, increasingly involving the provision of covered/locked bike sheds which have been effective at increasing cycle rates. However, SLC data (for 2012) from school 'hands up' surveys indicate that cycling to school accounts for a very small or negligible proportion of school journeys.

The position regarding training is also mixed. According to SLC information, over half of local schools listed have initiated some form of Bikeability training but many do not. There appears to be virtually no on-road training.

The CamGlen Bike-Town Initiative is proposing to run promotional/training activities in three pilot schools in Cambuslang and Rutherglen. Neil Berry has confirmed that the Parent Council of Westcoats School have approved, in principle, their willingness to be a pilot school.

## 6. Cycle hub

Together with the CamGlen Bike-Town initiative, the Sub-Group are exploring the possibility of two hubs at two points on the NCR 75: (a) a cycle training centre in Cambuslang, on the old Hoover site off Bridge Street; and (b) a cycle recycling and repair centre in a unit the Cuningar Loop.

These hubs would also provide a basis for 'cycle hire points' as part of a future campaign to encourage more people to commute into Glasgow along the NCR 75 and to use cycles more for leisure purposes. There has been some discussion of approaching Glasgow City Council about linking up with their proposed cycle hire scheme.

Until a physical hub is established in Cambuslang, there would be a possibility of running a cycle hire/storage point at Morrisons supermarket on Bridge Street. John Bachtler and Richard Cairns have met with Stephen Anderson (General Manager of Morrisons) who responded positively to the involvement of Morrisons as a partner in cycle events, cycle clinics and running a cycle-to-work scheme from Morrisons car park.

## 7. Events

Together with CamGlen Bike-Town Initiative, we are planning to run a series of 'Dr Bike' (free bike check-up) events on Saturday mornings at various points in Cambuslang, Halfway and Burnside. These events would be run by the Glasgow Bike Station.

We are also planning to run one or more cycling events during Bike Week (14-22 June 2014).

## 8. Other contacts

John Foster, Secretary of the Cycle Touring Club Glasgow Member Group has been in touch to offer his support for any events e.g. helping with local rides etc.

John Bachtler  
17 February 2014