

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

1. **Project sub-group:** The Cambuslang Community Council Cycling Project sub-group (John Bachtler, Iain McKenzie, Neil Berry, Helen Paspatas, Richard Cairns, Jim Ewing) met on 9 March, with apologies from Jane Churchill.
2. **CamGlen Bike Town Initiative:** Following the award of a Climate Challenge Fund grant, the CamGlen Bike Town Initiative has now recruited three staff, and a Facebook page and Twitter account have been set up. Participants are being sought for the three working groups set up by the Initiative dealing respectively with infrastructure, training/schools and bike recycling/repair. A programme of events has been planned, including every day during Bike Week (14-22 June) and a launch as part of an art project being organised in the Cuningar Loop during July.
3. **South Lanarkshire Council Cycling Partnership:** John Bachtler has spoken to the chair of the SLC Cycling Partnership, Cllr Graham Simpson, who would like to meet the CCC Cycling Sub-Group, potentially in late March to discuss our activities and plans. This might be an occasion to brief Cambuslang councillors also. Cllr Simpson is also considering having the second meeting of the Partnership in Cambuslang, perhaps linked to a bike ride of some kind.
4. **Dr Bike sessions:** Free cycle check-ups are now being organised in different parts of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area. From April onwards, these 'Dr Bike' sessions will take place on a Saturday morning from 10.00 to 14.00. Locations may include Morrisons, the Cambuslang Institute, Cambuslang Park and Whitlawburn.
5. **Clyde Loop.** Members of the group have walked the accessible sections of the path along the south bank of the Clyde from Cambuslang Bridge to Dalmarnock Bridge to investigate the feasibility of linking up with the NCR 75 on the north bank to create a 'green loop' as a woodland walk and cycle path. Meetings have been held with South Lanarkshire Council (Countryside Access) and Clyde Gateway, and both are interested in the idea; a follow-up meeting will be arranged to include the Forestry Commission and Sustrans. The land ownership along the route is also being checked.
6. **Westburn link.** A link from the Redpath Drive estate to the NCR 75 has been costed at £750 + VAT. The link has been discussed with SLC Roads Dept and Countryside Access; the latter have offered to pay for some of the costs. The estate factors will shortly consult the residents, and Network Rail (owners of the site) have been contacted. Cllr Walter Brogan is being kept informed.
7. **Cycle Hub.** Following on from the meeting with the General Manager (Stephen Anderson) of Morrisons, Stephen has reported back to Richard Cairns that Morrisons Head Office are supportive of the idea of running events (led-rides, commuter club etc) in partnership with the store.
8. **Other contacts.** Local residents, Alyson and Gavin Hay, who are members of the East Kilbride Race Club, have been in touch to express interest and support for the project.

John Bachtler
17 March 2014