

**CAMBUSLANG CYCLING PROJECT:  
REPORT TO CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 19 MAY 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 Dr Bike service is being restarted for the summer and the next local free check-up service will be at the Strollers Event in Cambuslang Park on 30 May. Bike repair workshops are also being run during May as are family and adult guided rides.  
<http://www.healthynhappy.org.uk/bike-town>
  
2. **Clyde Walkway & Cycle Path – Cambuslang Bridge-Dalmarnock Bridge.** The feasibility study, funded by a £25,000 grant from Transport Scotland is now complete (apart from some minor revisions). Key points:
  - There is support from landowners for much of the route, but a few have expressed reservations.
  - There are no significant engineering issues with the exception of a stretch at the back of the Farme Cross industrial estate where dumping has partially blocked the path; also the section across Tata Steel land needs to deal with security issues.
  - There are also a few places where invasive species were recorded e.g. Japanese knotweed.
  - The projected cost of developing the route up to national cycle route standard is £1.83 million.
  - A range of possible funding sources has been identified and a strategy for accessing the funding has been provided.

The next steps are to present the feasibility study to the project steering group and develop an implementation plan.

3. **Closed Road Cycle Track (Bogleshole Road).** This is being taken forward by a project group, 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).

Over the past month, developments include the following:

- (a) Scottish Enterprise have provided a positive report on the scope for us to lease the site to us on a long-term lease (e.g. 60 years) at no cost. We hope this will be formally confirmed in the coming weeks.
  - (b) An application for funding for a feasibility study has been prepared for submission to the Renewable Energy Fund.
  - (c) A consultation with cycle clubs will be launched shortly.
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. We are still waiting to hear back from Scottish Power.

John Bachtler, 18 May 2015