

**CAMBUSLANG CYCLING PROJECT:
REPORT TO CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 20 OCTOBER 2015**

The Cambuslang Cycling Project is being taken forward by a sub-committee comprising John Bachtler, Richard Cairns, Jane Churchill, Jim Ewing, Alison Hay, Iain McKenzie, Micky Ross and Scott Smith.

1. **Clyde Walkway & Cycle Path – Cambuslang Bridge-Dalmarnock Bridge.** The feasibility study for the new path was discussed at a meeting of the CamGlen Bike Town Infrastructure Group on 1 October, attended by John Bachtler on behalf of Cambuslang Community Council as well as participants from Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust, South Lanarkshire Council, Sustrans and Central Scotland Green Network Trust.

The feasibility study showed that there is no engineering difficulty with developing the path, but there are some landowner issues at specific points, mostly on the section at the back of the Farme Cross industrial estate. The cost of £1.6 million means that the path will need to be developed in sections. The meeting decided to take the following steps to begin developing the path as follows.

Cambuslang Bridge to Bogleshole Bridge: The Unpaid Work (Community Payback) Team managed by South Lanarkshire Council will reinstate the right of way over this first section, clearing branches and other debris to make the path accessible for walkers and bikes (although the path will not be paved). This work will begin during the autumn.

Bogleshole Bridge to M74: This section would cost about £300k to develop a paved path, and Central Scotland Green Network Trust have indicated that this would be eligible for funding under a new fund opening shortly. It was agreed that we should bid for funding with Healthy n Happy as lead applicant.

M74 to Farme Cross: There are two options here. The first is to open up a private road owned by Transport Scotland to link the path to Cambuslang Road at Junction 2; Transport Scotland have indicated that they are sympathetic to this. The second option is to develop a route through the Farme Cross industrial estate as part of a redevelopment being planned; it was agreed to seek a meeting with SLC Planning to discuss this.

The above measures have the potential to create a through route from Cambuslang Bridge to the Cuningar Forest Park within two years.

2. **National Cycle Centre (Bogleshole Road) – Site 22.** 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, Scott Smith (CCC Cycling Group), Jane Churchill and Jim Ewing (HnH - CamGlen Bike Town) and Alison Hay, Paul Noble and Gregor Yeoman (East Kilbride Road Club).

The draft report of the feasibility study was presented at a meeting of the group on 8 October 2015. This provided a layout of the planned centre showing that it could accommodate the British/Scottish Cycling specifications for a national centre as well as the requirements of cycle clubs which were consulted over the summer. It would involve an overall loop of 2km with the scope to subdivide it into three separate loops allowing separate lets during weekdays. It would also space for cyclo cross and a clubhouse/gym. The next stages are: (a) to formalise a lease agreement with the landowners, Scottish Enterprise; (b) to raise funding for the second stage feasibility study; and (c) to agree a legal vehicle (probably a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, SCIO) for the project.