

1. Welcome

- a. All welcomed to the meeting. Apologies offered and accepted.
- b. Neil Lovelock spoke of the work of the host agency, [Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust](#), and its [De'vils On Wheels](#), noting their scope and inclusion efforts serving communities that range from SIMD zones that range from 144th most deprived in Scotland to 6625 (of 6,976 total). He noted that were they did not have the expertise or links to engage with easy to overlook groups they worked with local and national partners.

2. Notes & actions arising from last meeting

- a. Cllr Richardson introduced the meeting and noted that she would continue to raise Forum member feedback re consultation opportunities and methodology. Agreed to investigate further how the forum could engage with consultations earlier in the process.

3. Glasgow City Council update

- a. Question raised between the difference between Land & Environmental Services and DRS: example given re Sighthill TRA and how this links with wider aspirations and initiatives (e.g. the Springburn route/ Wallacewell Road etc)
- b. Cllr Anna Richardson responded that the City Government were conscious of the need to work in a more integrated fashion and taking this forward, especially so that external agencies etc. could engage easier with the Council.
- c. Consultation update: [GCC online Consultation Hub](#) highlighted and current opportunities to inform GCC policy highlighted:
 - [George Square Consultation](#) (closes 24 September 2018)
 - [Licensing Policy Statement and Overprovision Assessment](#)
 - Members again advised if they had contributions to make regarding the issue that the consultation questions to contact the associated Officer and/or relevant elected members
 - (NB Later input by LES highlighted the [Battlefield Re-design Event](#) on Tuesday 04 September and the opportunity to [feed in online](#)

4. Thematic input: *Hard to reach – Easy to ignore* ([Glasgow Disability Alliance](#))

- a. Input by Isla McIntosh re the alliance (over 4000 members) on its community development and empowerment work; social model of health; barriers and faced by disabled people including active travel, and how agencies and groups can involve
- b. Key messages:
 - disabled people make up 25% Glasgow's population
 - 70% of the above live in the poorest SIMD area
 - Nevertheless, disabled people live everywhere, and although more likely to be poorer than others, reflect the diversity of society
 - disabled people are often voicing lifelong lived experience – because it has not been heard does not mean it is fringe
 - agencies should – and can – involve people at the early stages of planning and design
 - Disabled people have much in common with able bodied people; the same goals and aspirations and expectations that they should be treated with dignity and respect
 - See presentation for more information
- c. Input by Norman Armstrong, [Free Wheel North](#), on the work, and how it has developed and delivered activities for disabled people and other easy to ignore groups, in partnership with agencies such as GDA.
- d. Group discussion – key points
 - How do we ensure that active travel does not have detrimental impact on disabled people (e.g. shared spaces)?
 - *Ask disabled people from the beginning!*
 - *Is this happening in the Active Travel Community?*
 - *The isolation of disabled people is underestimated*
 - *We need to consciously reach out, share information and involve*
 - *Able bodied people need to put themselves in others shoes – why not try to navigate the streets in a wheelchair?*
 - *Importance of contractors, public transport etc. being aware of the impact on people e.g. wheelchair users*

- *Diversions need to consider that people sometimes can't walk very far*
- *Use different colours to distinguish kerbs/ cycleways. Ensure level differences both create distinction and avoid creating a trip hazard*
- *How can you involve disabled people/ other equalities groups in your planning/ and projects/ work?*
 - *Get people affected involved at the start of planning*
 - *Equalities groups representatives should be in the room when decisions are made*
 - *Use a multiplicity of modes of communication e.g. social media, face to face*
 - *Planning authority (licensing etc too) should pro-actively identify potential interested groups and follow up with further contact*
- *What needs to happen for disabled people to be involved in Active Travel planning and action?*
 - *Consider their needs more explicitly at planning and licensing Committees e.g. size of homes, car park spaced required (especially private)*
 - *Make parking more expensive*
 - *Note however unintended consequences of 'solutions' to problems creating other problems e.g. current George Square proposal - would be inaccessible to many disabled people if there were zero access to mobility cars/ taxis*
- *Plenary*
 - *Better communication all round required – statutory bodies need to engage early, listen to and hear what disabled people and others are saying*
 - *Questions raised re new LEZ fleet and whether it would meet accessibility standards (London Transport buses quoted as good example) – Cllr Richardson will investigate.*

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- *Difference between public owned Lothian Buses and Glasgow 'free market' discussed*
- *Identified that the current Transport Bill is an opportunity to raise some of these issues*

5. AOCB

- a. Carfree Glasgow - Another weekend of traffic free events to look forward to on 22-23 September for Street Play Glasgow, including Car Free Glasgow on Saturday 22 September on Kelvin Way to celebrate International Carfree Day as part of European Mobility Week. Carfree Glasgow will form a working group and begin planning from October 2018 for next year's event
- b. Transport Bill – GCC's response discussed at yesterday's Environmental, Sustainability & Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee raised. Cllr Richardson noted the Bill was highlighted at the last Forum and ideally the next ATF would have taken place before the Committee. GCC limited in some things that it can say as it has to be corporate policy, however, this was not the only opportunity the City would use to influence the proposed Act.
Agreement to discuss the nature of the forum – its function, and how it informs policy etc. at a future meeting, however, all members, as some have done should feel free to contribute ideas and input
- c. Broken Glass – raised generally however, Clyde Walkway, underneath and around the Glasgow Bridge specifically. Daily environmental problem – cleansing does not seem to address people drinking there. Cllr Richardson agreed to raise
- d. Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill - lodged 20 November 2017; Mark Ruskell MSP has the right to introduce a Member's Bill to give effect to the proposal until 1 June 2020 (or, exceptionally, until 30 September 2020).
- e. Slack chat – agreement to recirculate joining instructions; use of this encouraged and to be discussed as an item at the next meeting.

6. LES update- verbal input re:

- i. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places funding extension open – LES will circulate details (discussion re whether all projects need to be

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- 'innovative' – all asked to contact LES to discuss any difficulties with pitching bids and they will raise with Transport Scotland
- ii. [Battlefield Re-design Event](#) facilitated by Sustrans on Tuesday 04 September. [More information](#) and the opportunity to [feed in online here](#).
 - iii. LES working on tackling motorists behaviour e.g. at red lights, close pass and reinforcing awareness of 20mph etc. Working with City Parking to raise awareness.
 - iv. Glasgow Cycling map updated – 2018 European Cycling Road Championships used as an opportunity to launch. 1000s distributed across the City; hyperlink will be circulated when available.

Date of Next meeting: Wednesday 07 November 09:30-11:00, [Bike For Good - 65 Haugh Road, G3 8TX](#)