

Active Travel Forum notes – Wednesday 26 September 2019

1. Welcome

- a) All welcomed to the meeting. Apologies offered and accepted.
- b) Viola Retzlaff, Travel and Transport Co-ordinator, spoke of the work of the University of Glasgow. As well as the West End Campus, the university also has facilities in Garscube and Tay House, here the meeting was hosted. These present a range of challenges and opportunities for active travel.

Glasgow University conducted a survey exploring staff/ student travel: approximately 4k responses (under 10% student). Due to initiatives like a car parking management scheme there has been a drop in car use from 25% to 21%. The new Western infirmary site will not have additional car parking spaces in an attempt to create a modal shift.

2. Notes & actions arising from last meeting

- a) Review Day summarised thematically

3. Sounding Board exercise – Cycling strategy

Workshop held in groups to provide opportunity to shape the strategy refresh. Four questions asked of members:

- I. What's good about the current strategy?
- II. What do we need to accelerate?
- III. What do we need to add?
- IV. What is out?

What's good about the current strategy?
Structure of current strategy Comprehensive – potentially too comprehensive A working document to build from Focus on infrastructure not just behaviour change Cycle policy improvements South City Way progress Avenues ambition Good community consultations – visual and interactive – helps people see and imagine Investing in infrastructure making a huge difference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternates being created helping people to imagine more Not just the focus on avenues – things happening elsewhere too! Aye Cycle website – improved information and opportunity to publicise more
What do we need to accelerate?
Be clear about the audience Cultural change Behaviour change Climate emergency response Clean Emission Zones / LEZ Reduce traffic Infrastructure Avenues project Car free zones around schools Banning cars from schools across the city Secure bike storage e.g. high flats Temporary, cheap, infrastructure e.g. planters (rubber kerbs) Link to other strategies / initiatives e.g. place-making and Place Commission Benchmark targets e.g. world leading stats/ continental figures More ambitious targets

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What do we need to add?
<p>Accessible overview – use infographics in new strategy Ensure long term strategy + short term action plans which will be reviewed Feature community activity on all fronts e.g. teach to ride, bike maintenance, cycle storage etc Include sources of information Aye Cycle website link - More detailed info on monitoring Bike Life report use as a baseline for targets An active Travel progress timeline Try out cycle ways on the grid Partition off areas as a trial ground Temporary, experimental, partitioning More freedom of movement for people Less barriers, railings More car free days more often (x1 per year not enough) Car free days – once a month More experimentation More freedom of movement for people Big institutions need infrastructure i.e. segregated bike lanes in/ out of schools e.g. Cardonald Youth obesity crisis – segregated cycling lanes etc. can help Health & Safety aren't contradictory but complementary! Dutch Home Zone concept should feature City wide campaign – space for people not just cars Give the wider policy context more prominence Explicit in how it relates to specific societal/ world-wide issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poverty• Inequality• Climate change <p>Vision – include an exciting one and how cycling can address inequality, climate emergency etc. Have more ambitious targets and ensure reporting Be a document for the public Strategy with action plan which includes RAG measures Clearer targets – use Bike Life report as a baseline Ensure there is an executive summary with infographics Who will lead? Who is the audience?</p>
What will we omit?
<p>Sport & leisure should not be as prominent Ditch Chris Hoy Jargon!! At this stage: rule in not out! Glass is half full ☺</p>
General discussion
<p>Consensus that the strategy was a product of its time. Shared feeling that the rate of change, infrastructure and approach has been “light speed” in the past 2 years Credit and celebrate what has changed, and, bring people with us</p>

4. Consultations

Member's attention brought to current consultations re:

- Newlands
- Neighbourhoods City Centre strategy

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5. Officer update

Updates provided re Avenues Projects, South West Way, Connecting Woodside etc

Updates also provided re

- [Glasgow City Centre Living Strategy - Vision to 2035](#)
- Liveable Neighbourhoods Plan – in development
- [Place Commission](#)
- Local Transport strategy – in development

Discussion re the importance of culture/ behaviour change. Concerns expressed re NIMBYism and how (a few) objections can delay initiatives and projects. A range of examples in Glasgow and wider given.

Early engagement efforts by GCC underlined to ensure involvement and understanding. Yoker Community Council highlighted as an example of good practice in involving the community, exploring with them behaviour changes and working positively with GCC officers. Successful “Cycling Village” idea very much a grass roots idea from local residents.

Recognition that more disadvantaged communities may not have the social capital to take such an approach. Noted that funders like Sustrans are aware of this and inequality, health issues and outcomes are considered.

6. AOCB

Contraflow cycling

- Query raised whether there will be more? Mixed view re this inc objections by police as unsafe, which creates liability issues.
- **Action:** Officers will consider and report back

Car Free Day

- None this year; short timescales and bureaucratic challenges noted
- **Action:** Cllr Richardson noted disappointment; will raise and report back to ATF.

20mph limits raised:

- [Committee paper due 23 January 2020](#)

Active Nation:

- Cllr Richardson will liaise with Blackhill on Bikes about approaching Lee Craigie (Commissioner)

Bike for All (Bike for Good)

- [Bike for All evaluation](#) by Glasgow Centre for Population Health highlights shared:
 - 414 free memberships aimed at low income individuals
 - 60% from most deprived areas
 - 50% BAME
 - 30% refugee
- Impact:
 - 95% reported improved wellbeing

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- 83% reported a positive impact on social connections/ life
- 69% reported financial benefits
- Generated 10K Plus journeys in Glasgow
- Integration a soft *but* big outcome
- **Action:** Looking for partner organisations/ groups to promote further. A Bike Buddy mentoring scheme is in development for next year: contact Bike for Good.

United Nations Climate Change Conference – 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26)

- Since announcement most discussion has focused on logistical and policing issues.
- Raised whether Glasgow could reconsider rickshaws during this event
- City Government aim to ensure people at its heart and an urban agenda is developed that plays its part in addressing the Climate and Ecological Emergencies
- Cllr Richardson sees hosting an opportunity for Glasgow and its communities, however, noted that it is the run up and what we do after that is vital
- **Action:** to be discussed at future ATF