

Minutes of the London Disability Cycling Forum 29 March 2007

Held at 63 Appach Road SW2 2LE

Present:

Jim Blakemore, Bikeworks
Digger, Cycling for All
Sarah Slater, LCC
Janet Paske, Wheels for Wellbeing
Oliver Schick - a bit late (LCC board member)

Apologies

Verena Hewat, Penrose Housing Association
Anna Smith, W London Mental Health NHS Trust
Richard Taylor, Haringay Mencap
Jo Roach, Pedalpower
Phil Searle, Sutton Council
David Slater, Haringay Council on behalf of Daniel Sesu and the BRAKETHRU Cycling Club

Welcome and introductions

JP apologised that the venue was not accessible.

Minutes of the last meeting

JP was the only person present at the previous meeting and agreed they reflected what was said (even though she wrote them!). No-one had come back with comments.

Actions arising not covered elsewhere

- RT was going to look out some development training for JR – no update available
- JR was going to contact David Dansky (DD) at CTUK re 4 supposed free places for instructor training for Pedalpower. No update available from JR, but JP spoke to DD to ask about free/ discounted places for disability groups. DD said there were none, they could not afford it.
- No-one has come back from the London Sports Forum for Disabled People.

Terms of reference

We:

- decided that the name should be the London Disability Cycling Forum, reflecting the informal nature of the group
- clarified that providers of disability cycling were the focus, and that when disabled people were involved in the running of schemes, whether as

cycle instructors, management committee members or other volunteers, then they would naturally be welcome at meetings.

- thought there should be no more than 2 representatives from any organisation at meetings

The revised terms of reference are attached.

JP offered to chair and minute for the time being, provided help was given in organising future meetings. Minutes will be succinct – let me know if they are too succinct.

Update from the LCC

- **The Community Cycling Fund London**
SS gave an update. There is £200k available overall for 2007.

There are 2 funding rounds:

- First round opens from 31st March - deadline for bids to be received is Friday 27th April 2007
- Second round opens 4th June - deadline for bids to be received by 2nd July 2007.

You can apply for up to £5k for a project, and individuals can also apply eg for a bike. Sarah anticipates about 15 awards of £5k in the first round. She knows that £5k is not a lot, but suggests using the money in a matched funding application. And if she thinks a project is a good one she would be happy to provide a letter of support for an application to another funder.

There are also expected to be some smaller awards of £1500-2000 for bike events and rides, in particular for link rides to the Tour de France on 7 July and the London Freewheel event on 23 September.

Application forms are available on www.lcc.org.uk and are pretty easy to fill in. Any questions, then get in touch with Sarah 020 7234 9310 ext 212 sarah@lcc.org.uk .

- **The Tour de France**

The LCC has a “viewing pen” with 2500 tickets (1200 for LCC members and 1300 for new or returning members) with visibility of the Tour on 3 sides. This is not an wheelchair accessible place as there are steps up and over the road.

There is a viewing platform for disabled people at the Tour de France which TfL are managing. One of Rose Ades (roseades@streetmanagement.org.uk) or Adrian Bell (0207 027 9181 AdrianBell@streetmanagement.org.uk) at TfL are the contacts for further information on this.

- **All Ability Guide**

This is being updated and published in the new house style. We discussed the idea of having a disability page on the LCC website with links to other websites. We also talked about showing some case studies.

Updates from other groups

JB at Bikeworks has a slot on the BBC London News website – check out <http://tinyurl.com/3a7a5h> - there's a video too.

Some useful leaflets/ magazines can be found at <http://www.companyofcyclists.com/printandweb.asp>.

AOB

A suggestion was made to consider getting the Douglas Bader Foundation to raise money for disability cycling.

Next meeting

13 June 1830-2030 at the LCC offices, 2 Newham Row, SE1 3UZ. Not an accessible building unfortunately although some work is being done on the entrance to it (the LCC toilets inside are not accessible either).

JB is asking JR of Pedalpower whether she might talk to us for say 15 minutes on starting up a new project with Bikeworks.

Next meeting but one

JP to contact TfL to see if either of Rose Ades or Adrian Bell might speak.