

Minutes of the London Disability Cycling Forum 3 October 2007

Held at TfL offices, Parnell House, 25 Wilton Road.

Present:

Jim Blakemore, Bikeworks

Digger

Sarah Slater, London Cycling Campaign (LCC)

Janet Paske, Wheels for Wellbeing (chair)

Dr Veena Natarajan, Cycling Centre of Excellence, Transport for London(TfL)

Rose Ades, Cycling Centre of Excellence

Koy Thompson, LCC

Stewart Lucas, London Sports Forum for Disabled People

Apologies

Tracey Hickey, Sutton Mencap

Roger Ferrington, London Borough of Walthamforest

Liz Mincer, Cycling for All

Jo Roach, Pedalpower

Marco Massere, Haringey Mencap

1. Welcome and introductions, apologies

We did brief introductions. JP read out apologies.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed.

3. Actions arising not covered elsewhere

Nothing to report.

4. TfL slot

LDCF letter re funding of cycling for disabled people

RA replied verbally to the letter JP wrote on behalf of the Forum in relation to having an easier way to access TfL funding for disability projects:

§ 2007/8 – funding will continue to be provided via the boroughs

§ there will be a consultation process around cycle training incorporating questions around disability. The Forum will be consulted in advance of the main consultation.

§ TfL is not interested in funding non-transport reasons for cycling.

JB was concerned about the lack of action taken by the Tower Hamlets borough officer. VN said she had been speaking to him that week and there was a lack of resources at his end to incorporate any disability related work into 2007/08. However, the officer would be looking to do something for 2008/9.

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/cycling/4690.aspx> gives a list of all the London borough cycling officers.

London Cycle Training Partnership

Last time VN told us about the inaugural meeting taking place in July 2007 and we wondered whether the LDCF should have a place on this. RA fed back. The inaugural meeting showed that the group was over-ambitious in setting up a Board at this stage. TfL is doing some soundings with various key bodies to talk about a way forward. The Board will be open and anyone with an interest will get a look in.

Action: VN to circulate note about this.

Cycle training

VN said that if CCFL bids were just for cycle training Sarah should forward them direct to her. Sarah confirmed that she is encouraging groups to train up an instructor for themselves and charge for their time, rather than paying other organisations for cycle training. There is the possibility of the LCC organising group training for cycle instructors which will make it cheaper for all.

Cyclinginstructor.com and the Royal Borough of Kingston are now both accredited to train instructors. RA made the point that the CTC money for cycle instructor training is drying up and we heard that TfL has money to contribute about £300 towards the cost of instructor training. Boroughs need to nominate people for the training.

VN attendance in future

RA suggested that VN would no longer attend the LDCF but JP said that having her present was invaluable in moving issues along. RA then suggested that VN might attend every other meeting.

Actions outstanding from June meeting:

- Veena to look into TfL's DES and feedback at next meeting.
- All – what do we do about monitoring outputs and outcomes?
- Sarah to send unsuccessful CCFL applications to Veena for consideration.

5. Stewart Lucas – Inclusive and Active: a sport and physical activity action plan for disabled people in London

SL was only able to be with us until 1930 and was unfortunately delayed by the security man on the door. As a consequence his presentation was rushed.

He talked about the latest plan to get disabled people active, commissioned by the GLA, Sport England London Region and the London Sports Forum for Disabled People. It has teeth for some sports/ physical activities as Sports England are tying funding to the implementation of the plan. One of the key targets is to increase disabled people's participation by 1% year on year - equivalent to an extra 8-9000 people a year. There are opportunities for disabled people to become qualified sports coaches. British Cycling has signed up for its Go Ride coaches in schools. There is also some money becoming available through locally based Community Sports and Physical Activity Networks (CSPANs) for projects. See below for the key contact for your area.

I have attached the plan's executive summary to the minutes. If you would like the full version please contact me – it's 1MB.

Message from Stewart:

“Dear all, thank for the positive response to my presentation yesterday. I attach the full and exec summary of Inclusive and Active.

As promised our development team our:

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Please note that Christof is a deaf person and therefore can not be contacted by phone.

Many Thanks.”

- *Action outstanding from June meeting*

Veena to ask Adrian if he could resolve the CCFL blockage at TfL's end.

6. LCC slot

JP welcomed KT to the meeting (he had only been able to arrive after the start). He was interested in listening to us, as part of his visits to the various cycling networks during his first few months in post and is particularly interested in developing community projects.

JP asked about how the Active Travel Consortium might reflect cycling for disabled people. KT said it would depend on the person appointed and we should read the job description. [I have since discovered the job pack will be available next week – details of the job can be found at <http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/280227/community-cycling-officer>.]

7. Next meeting

1830 on November 22nd at Bikeworks. <http://www.bikeworks.org.uk/contact-us-map.php>
Call Jim on 07968 681 633 if you're lost.