

LONDON DISABILITY CYCLING FORUM

Minutes of meeting held at 336 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AA
On Tuesday 7 September 2010

Present

Janet Paske (chair), Paul Lowe, Belinder Sinclair, Roger Crosskey, Nicki Walsh, Tamsin Fudge, Peter Cattermole, John Simnett, Heather Goodwin

Apologies

Isabelle Clement, Neil Crowley, Matt Winfield, Ken Foreman, Kathleen Gillett

Presentation

Peter Cattermole from British Cycling spoke about there being a gap between what, for example, Wheels for Wellbeing do and what British Cycling do. A discussion was had about how to fill that gap and it was agreed that an 'info hub' was needed with the ability for all organisations to feed into that.

A comparison was made between the pathway in which individuals can progress through swimming and the difference between that and cycling. At present there is no clear pathway for progression in cycling and it was suggested that there should be, maybe via British Cycling.

It was noted that people with learning disabilities are particularly under represented at the Special Olympics, and, in fact, that cycling in particular is really under established. It was suggested that that GoRide workers may wish to attend a Wheels for Wellbeing session so they are aware of a pathway. Heather or Janet to follow up with Peter at a later date.

New Chair

As Janet Paske is leaving Wheels for Wellbeing at the end of the week, it was agreed that Heather Goodwin, who takes over from Janet as Manager, will chair the forum.

London Assembly Investigation

Janet Paske explained that this investigation into accessibility is building on the TFL and Mayors transport plan.

National Standards Disability Module

This has moved on again. The Department for Transport are cutting costs so SDC budget has now been cut. The effect of that is that there will no longer be National Standards produced, but some form of guidance (not requirements).

London Cycle Show

Janet Paske reported that there will be 11am cycle races between professional cyclists (names tbc) and there will be a competition throughout each day to beat the times.

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Not available at this meeting, but no matters arising.

LCC Update

TFL and Big Lottery Fund funded. There is a new CEO.

Update from Interactive (formally London Sports Forum for Disabled People)

Inclusive and Activate 2 was launched the previous night and proved to have a good turnout. Currently looking to get all NGB's to adopt. It was asked what has been the impact on Local Authority funding and at this point Tamisn was unsure due to the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review. However, it is being written into Local Authority funding criteria.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 December 2010 – venue TBC.

AOB

Kensington and Chelsea now have an All Ability Club as well as Tower Hamlets and Hackney, being able to offer 1:1 sessions. Nicki Walsh said BikeWorks will be operating regular cycling sessions on Little Wormwood Scrubs in North Kensington.

Advertisement re 'Freaks of Nature' – Roger complained to the Observer and Guardian as well as the Advertising Standards Committee.

Greenwich CSPAN meeting on 15 September.