

East Lothian Cycle Forum

Notes from the afternoon meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2017

Present: Iain Reid (IR) Acting Chair/Note Taker

Douglas Kirkham (DK)
Nicola McNeill (NM)
Paul Ince (PI)
Peter Jackson (PJ)
Moirra Nelson (MN)
Cecile Starsmeare (CS)

Apologies Cllr Michel Veitch, Jennifer Lothian, Nick Morgan,
Philippa Barbour, Mark James, Iain Monk, Jason Rose, John Gray

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1.	Welcome & Apologies: IR welcomed members to the meeting and apologies noted.	
2.	Note of Previous Meeting held on 11th November 2016: Accepted.	
3.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Local Transport Strategy – IR reported that colleagues are continuing this work and it is anticipated that the draft LTS and the Active Travel Improvement Plan, will be available for public distribution by June.</p> <p>Segregated Active Travel Corridor NM asked how this was progressing? IR informed the members that there are no funds to deliver the whole route, however with building developments on or near the SATC route sections opportunities arose to construct short sections and in time these will be connected. Current examples are the new cycle route from Strawberry Corner, Wallyford, and a funding application for a new cycle path connecting with Wallyford Rail Station. With the number of developments in the west of East Lothian it is hoped other sections can be constructed.</p> <p>Underpass Drainage at Longniddry Railway Path IR reported that the nearby Council roads material yard is being cleared with a view to creating a new car park, possibly late 2017 and at that time the blocked drainage gully will be investigated.</p> <p>NCN 76 Route at Tarmac (formerly La Farge) – ongoing maintenance IR reported that a site meeting had taken place attended by Cllr's Veitch & Hampshire, with representatives from Tarmac and Viridor and ELC. There was agreement on the importance of the cycle path, and ongoing maintenance and future opportunities to re-route a section of the path from the south side to the north side of the main rail line. Consequently IR was tasked to investigate opportunities for funding for improvement works and Sustrans have agreed to fund the upgrade to tarmac surface the section of the cycle path from Dunbar Cement Works Bridge south to where it joins the old A1 road near Skateraw. These improvement works will be carried out in April and May 2017. Discussions are also taking place about re-routing and creating a new connecting cycle path from the Cement Works bridge westward around the former quarry to connect with cycle path at Broxburn.</p> <p>A199 - Cycle Path junction concerns and maintenance IR reported that the compacted mud on the Hailes Road, underneath the River Tyne A1 bridge had been cleared. IR reported that following discussions with the landowner, a section of roadside hedging had been removed at the Kirklandhill A198/A199 junction, thus improving sightlines and making it a safer crossing for walkers/cyclists.</p> <p>Sustrans Community Links 2016-17 Fund IR reported the progress on the two 2016-17 Community Links projects:</p>	<p>IR</p> <p>IR</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tranent to Ormiston Phase 3 works have been completed albeit there is a handrail to be fitted on the new bridge, planned for w/c 24th and also installation of new signing of the route from Tranent to Ormiston in May • Gullane to Luffness New Golf Club works are now complete with the exception of new signing to be erected in May. <p>Cycle Access Issues – Dunbar Rail Station IR reported his colleagues were still obtaining and assessing road survey data before considering any options for changes at this location.</p> <p>Longniddry to Haddington Railway Walk(NCN76) IR had passed on NM’s concerns about the section of Toptrec at Longniddry becoming loose and very gritty for cyclists. ELC staff had used leaf blowers to remove the grit it was being monitored as it may require a heavy road roller to compact the surface in the future. Other locations surfaced using this material are also being monitored.</p> <p>Damaged cycle route signs on the River Tyne NM reported that she had been in contact with Sustrans and the damaged signs repaired. The damage to the recently installed equipment was being addressed by the Area Partnership manager.</p> <p>NCN76/A1 Torness Section – Weeds damaging Surface IR had informed Amey, who maintain the A1 trunk road and adjacent cycle path and asked them to remedy the issue of weeds on the surface section between Torness to the Bilsdean road.</p>	IR
4.	<p><u>Any other Business</u></p> <p>Smarter Choices Smarter Places 2017-18 Fund IR reported that East Lothian Council had been successful in an application to this fund and that under the “<i>East Lothian on the Move</i>” project and for a third year had allocated £60 funding to be spent by the 6 Area Partnerships (£10k each) on sustainable and active travel initiatives in their respective areas. If members have any suggestions or initiatives they should contact their respective local Area Partnership.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Sustrans Community Links Fund 2017-18 – Projects</u> IR reported that three funding application had been submitted to this fund and are awaiting approval/decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wallyford Rail Station – new connecting shared use path to Dury Way • Luffness to Aberlady – upgrade of existing footway to shared use • West Barns to Beltonford – formation of a shared used path adjacent to the A1807 (NCN76) 	IR
6.	<p><u>Spokes Map Update</u> PI informed the Forum that he had been working with Tim Smith, who on behalf of Spokes, had been updating the Spokes map of East Lothian, especially important with all the new additional routes and developments previously, currently and planned. The maps will be available in coming weeks. A discussion took place as to whether these maps could be available for download or linked to the Visit East Lothian website. PJ said that this was being actively considered in other areas of Edinburgh and the Lothians where Spokes produce maps. PI said he would discuss this with Tim.</p>	PI
7.	<p>IR shared correspondence he had received and circulated by email; The Big Bike Revival and We Walk, We Cycle, We Vote Also the date of the National Active Travel Conference in Glasgow on 14th June, 2017.</p>	IR
8.	<p><u>Tour of Britain</u> IR intimated that he was awaiting confirmation that the 2017 Tour route would include a section in East Lothian on 3rd September, similar to the route in 2015.</p> <p>UPDATE: Press Release 25TH April The Tour of Britain confirmed will commence in Edinburgh on 3rd September and the route will go via East Lothian to Scottish Borders. See link to BBC website: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-39706527</p>	IR
	<p><u>Dates of next meetings:</u> Cllr Veitch has intimated that he will not be standing for re election in the local council elections in May and is standing down from his role as chair of the Forum. His support and input to the Forum in his tenure was acknowledged by the members. Consequently following the local elections and results there will be a new chair person for the Forum, thereafter the date and time for the next Forum meeting will be circulated.</p>	