

## Calderdale Cycling Strategy External Advisory Group Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

### Halifax Fire Station Community Meeting

#### Attended:

Name	Cycling Background/Group
Andy Geall	Transportation Officer CMBC
Tom Brabbin	Halifax Imps
Matthew Cockeram	
Gavin Wood	WYCA
Katie Edmondson	WYCA
Paul Hughes	Pedalsport CC
Corinne Kielty	Pedalsport CC/RVG Group
Steve Priestley	RVG Group
Andrew Sykes	Cycling Author
John Kaye	
Lee Thompson	Sustrans
Adrian Lee	
Jon West	
Tom Jones	CMBC
Lynnette Evans	Upper Valley Renaissance
John Dennis	City Connect Advisory Group Chair
Helen Simpson	Queensbury Queens CC
Norah McWilliam	Queensbury Tunnel
Celia Way	
Anthony De Heveninghan	Local Trails Group
Reid Anderson	Cycling UK
Robert Bialek	
Peter Howells	CTC
Rob Denby	
David Power	
Graham Joyce	CTC
Cllr Dot Foster	Calderdale Cycling Champion
Sam Ackroyd	NHS
Alex Lush	Local Cyclist

#### Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Welcome and Background
3. Building the Advisory
4. Inclusive Cycling
5. Women's Cycling
6. Why Don't People Cycle?
7. AOB
8. Date of next meeting

Subject	Action/Comments
Introductions	Members of the group introduced themselves and spoke a little about their background in cycling. It was positive to see a broad range of cycling representatives from professionals, cycling groups and local cyclists.
Welcome & Background	Andy Geall spoke about the launch of the Cycling Strategy and how an Internal Steering Group and an External Advisory Group had been formed. The strategy contains 71 objectives that focus on people, place and activity and link into areas of cycling that include Transportation, Sport, Recreation, Tourism, Public Health and Road Safety.
Building the Advisory Group	<p>This item sparked an interesting reaction from the group as many different people tried to impact their concerns and issues regarding cycling. The meeting did become quite heated and people became frustrated. Although there was some fall out I think this needed to happen so people understood the broad reach cycling has across Calderdale and where people's views and opinions stand.</p> <p>The aim of this item was to identify and attract new members to the group to focus on the 71 objectives relating to people place and activity. The group identified the meeting required more structure to achieve this and the following actions were identified.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Elect a new chair, Andy Geall to contact the group and post information on the new post available. Interested candidates to present a 5 minute pitch at the next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Options of a rotating chair were also discussed so more than one member could be elected.</li> <li>1.2 Member to take minutes.</li> <li>1.3 City Connect on the Rochdale Canal seemed to be a recurring theme throughout the meeting. Andy Geall has contacted WYCA City Communications for an update on the project.</li> <li>1.4 It was agreed that members would send their top 5 objectives to <a href="mailto:cycling@calderdale.gov.uk">cycling@calderdale.gov.uk</a> From the 71 objectives the most popular 5 would be chosen and discussed relating to projects that are ongoing, being developed or are new ideas.</li> <li>1.5 Link to cycling strategy objectives</li> </ol>
Inclusive Cycling	2.1 Corrine Kielty spoke about the need for a container at Brooksbank Cycling Circuit. The idea is supported by the school and Pedalsport CC. Funding the container is the only issue preventing this project moving forward. The container would be used to home inclusive bikes to encourage new people to cycling.

	<p>2.2 Both Brooksbank Cycling Circuit and Spring Hall Track were suggested as Disability Cycling Hubs. Andy Geall to speak to Martin Moorman at Ravenscliffe as this idea links directly to new school at the athletics track.</p> <p>2.3 Paul Hughes (BC Coach) spoke about cycling sessions being delivered by Pedalsport. There will be family sessions 12pm-1pm every third Saturday in the month and ladies sessions once Pedalsport start this activity on Saturday mornings.</p> <p>2.4 PH also provided info on Para Hub, could this be an area of development in Calderdale?</p> <p>2.5 Cycling without Age is a worldwide project that provides trishaw electric bikes that are rear piloted and can carry two adults. CMBC, Happy Days Cycles and Theresa Robertshaw have met and tested one of the bikes. To develop this project £8.5k is required per bike.</p> <p>2.6 Calderdale Sport England funding was discussed, at this stage it is unclear on how this money will be spent or the structure to it. A potential opportunity for cycling.</p> <p>2.7 Wheels 4 All – Action Lynette Evans to provide update at next meeting.</p> <p>2.8 Steve Priestley is keen to setup an electric bikes working group to try and bring electric bike fleets to Calderdale. Andy Geall to contact Steve on how this can be taken forward.</p>
Women's Cycling	<p>3.1 Pedalsort to provide sessions see Inclusive Cycling</p> <p>3.2 Celia Way spoke about previously setting up a ladies MTB group. Is this a project to develop in Calderdale? Item for next meeting.</p> <p>3.3 Pedalsport in general are keen and supportive of developing women's cycling.</p> <p>3.4 Helen Simpson spoke about the success of Queensbury Queens CC and how they have encouraged more ladies to cycle. Could the knowledge and setup of this club be used to develop ladies cycling clubs across Calderdale? Item for next meeting.</p>
Why Don't People Cycle?	<p>4.1 Specifics of why people don't cycle were discussed through the other agenda items. This is also identified on Page 10 of the Cycling Strategy under challenges to cycling.</p> <p>4.2 From comments of the group why people don't cycle there's seems to be a broad range of views based on cycling confidence and ability, lack of infrastructure and external factors such as road safety (actual and perception) Other contributing factors including cycling with others especially family and children.</p>

AOB	<p>5.1 Sam Ackroyd spoke about various cycling topics including Old Lane, Halifax and its development. Action: Andy Geall and Sam to site visit Old Lane. He also spoke about the network and cycling with his children being difficult as safe routes were hard to find with lack of connectivity. Sam also expressed his interest regarding the position of Chair to the Advisory Group.</p> <p>5.2 Reid Anderson was keen to find out more regarding the financial investment on page 13 of the strategy relating to a figure exceeding £10 per head invested in walking and cycling by 2021. ACTION: Andy Geall to look at spend and future projects across the developing areas of cycling that include Transportation, Sport, Recreation, Tourism, Public Health and Road Safety.</p> <p>5.3 Peter Howells expressed an interest in the Hebble Trail relating to small changes to improve user experience and the bigger picture of the route. Andy Geall and Peter have agreed a site visit.</p>

**Note item 1.4 all comments and top 5 objectives to [cycling@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@calderdale.gov.uk) must be received by 9<sup>th</sup> April before 5pm**

**Next Meeting Agenda (items carried and new)**

1. Previous Meeting Minutes
2. Women's Cycling including
  - a) Update Corrine Kielty
  - b) Developing a ladies MTB Group
    - Related objective codes PP0103, PP0205, PP0302, PP0304, AC0302.
3. Presentations for position of chair (5 mins per candidate).
4. Group to vote and appoint new chair.
5. Working through the top 5 objectives, in smaller groups identify specific issues, existing projects, solutions to problem and new projects. 10 min focus group on each objective followed by an update of findings.
6. Identify other objectives through work, projects and initiatives that link to item 4.
7. [www.cyclecalderdale.co.uk](http://www.cyclecalderdale.co.uk) share events, write cycling blogs, Content Management Training available.

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