



Dunbar Cycling Group

Monday 13th August 2012 at 8.30pm at Hallhill HLC

Present: Dan Waters, Lorraine McLuckie, Mark James , Fay Stanton, Morag Haddow, Janet McDougall Welch (Sustaining Dunbar)

Apologies: Jane Bryan, Katy Carrick-Anderson

1. New Chair for Dunbar Cycling Group

Our previous Chair, Katy Carrick-Anderson has moved to Peebles to indulge in more adventurous cycling, and Dan Waters has volunteered to take her place as chair of Dunbar Cycling Group. Thanks Dan.

2. Local Food Adventures

Janet McDougall Welch from Sustaining Dunbar talked about her new role to encourage people to grow and eat local food. She is proposing a series of 'Local Food Adventures' the first of which is a led cycle ride to harvest chicory from the roadside and then learn to make chicory coffee. The ride will be part of the national Blasda event and will take place on 15th September - everyone will be made welcome. If anyone has ideas for other food-based rides, get in touch with janetwelch@sustainingdunbar.org

3. Summer rides programme

Agreed that summer rides were quiet, but nonetheless worth doing as we did attract a few new cyclists and with repetition people will start to look out for the programme. (Totals below include ride leaders)

Tynninghame – 5 cyclists
Belhaven Fruit Farm – 2 cyclists
Rivers and Rope Swing – 9 cyclists
North Berwick – 0
Farm Tracks – 3 cyclists
Oldhamstocks – 2 cyclists
Whitesands – 16 cyclists
Binningwood – 2 cyclists

Action: Agreed to draft an Autumn Rides Programme to start in a few weeks – all to send rides and dates to Morag.

4. Pump Track in woods

Dunbar Community Woodland Group has started a public consultation over the location of the pump track (summary below) and applied for planning permission. This has still to be formally registered as

we need a more accurate map – Ray Bill has offered to draw this up and met with Dave Crosbie last week to get the details.

5. Pump Track Party at Dunbar Grammar School 7th June 4-8pm

This was very successful and despite the light rain, it had a constant stream of users all evening. We raised some money from the Lucky Dip.

6. Bike Fest - 24th June

Bike Fest took place on 24th June. We raised money from the 2nd-hand bike sale, but Jane was not present to give us the total.

7. Promotion

Morag has still to make the poster

Action: Morag to make a poster to promote Dunbar Cycling Group

8. Next Meeting

Monday 3rd September at 8.30pm

Pump Track Consultation Summary

We emailed information leaflets to all Dunbar Community Woodland Group (DCWG) members, and distributed over 1000 paper copies to houses in the immediate vicinity of the woods, with a further 500 going home to families with children at the schools. We had information stalls at Dunbar Primary School Fair on 16th June, at Dunbar Bike Fest on 24th June and at the pump track event at Dunbar Grammar School on 7th June which was the ideal opportunity to engage with interested young people. Leaflets were also available to the public at the BeGreen shop at 16 West Port and were displayed at locations around the town including Dunbar train station, on the DCWG notice board on Kellie Road/Middlemas Road, Hallhill, the Bike Workshop in Hallhill carpark, church and school notice boards, Pine Street skate park, Parsonspool and on location in the woods. Information was available on the DCWG and Dunbar Cycling Group Facebook pages and on the Dunbar Cycling Group website.

As a result of this consultation we had numerous positive verbal comments from people excited about the proposals (particularly from those who'd tried out the track at the Grammar School), 6 positive written submissions and 10 written objections mostly regarding the proposed location. We held a site meeting on the 4th July to discuss the layout and location, which was attended by representatives from DCWG, Treelines, Dunbar Rotary Club, Dunbar Grammar School, Sustaining Dunbar and 3 members of the public.

Some aggregate and windust surfacing will be brought in to build the track, but it will mostly be formed out of the natural landforms in the woods. Once completed and the vegetation has regrown the site will look very similar to other paths in the woods. The contract with the track builder Treelines will include an element of ongoing maintenance but we expect the cyclists who use the track to take ownership and keep it in shape. If necessary the track can be resurfaced at the same time as any work being done on the other paths in the woods.

DCWG manages the woods on behalf of Dunbar Community Development Company which has public liability insurance covering the woods. When the track is built this will be extended if necessary to cover the new track.

DCWG is currently applying for planning permission to site the pump track in a location 20x30m adjacent to Kellie Road to the south of the newly planted Learning Woods, in amongst the established sitka spruce in this area. The track will be below the level of the road at this point, but easy accessible from it.