

Minutes of the Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee

(Sub-Committee of the Traffic & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

Meeting Details

Date: Monday 26th September 2022

Time: 10.30 a.m.

Venue: Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall and online via MS Teams Online Meeting

Attendees

Members: Cllr Janet Horner (JH), Gary Kearney (GK), Martin Hoey (MH), Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy (CC) Colm Ryder (CR), Ciara Norton (CN), Naomi Oldenburg (NO), Cllr Mannix Flynn (MF)

DCC Officials: Deirdre Kelly (DK), Pdraig O'Brien (POB)

Apologies: Inspector Peter Woods (PW), Declan Gray (DG), Cllr Larry O'Toole (LOT), Cllr. Carolyn Moore, Michael Aherne (MA), Cllr Keith Connolly (KC)

Minutes by: Deirdre Kelly

1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 20th June 2022

- Minutes agreed

2. Members Information Sharing

Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign:

- Dublin Cycling Campaign participated and presented at the Walk21 conference, European Mobility Week activities, hosted the cycle parking at Vegfest, took part in the organisation of the Bike Disco family cycle and are organising a public meeting to share insights from the Velocity conference next week.
- Their public meeting Tales from Velo-City and Walk 21 takes place on Monday 10th October - <https://www.dublincycling.com/events/virtual-public-meeting-tales-velo-city>

Ciara Norton, Green Schools:

- Green School staff both attended and presented at the Walk21 conference
- Walk to School Week took place last week – first time it's been held in September. Ciara to circulate key learnings from Walk to School Week.
- Clean Air Week takes place in November – Ciara will share info on this closer to the time.

Naomi Oldenburg, National Disability Authority

- Colleagues from the NDA gave presentations at the Walk21 conference

- The NDA's annual conference takes place on 20th October. The conference is free of charge and can be attended in person (the venue this year will be Croke Park) or virtually via Zoom webinar. More information on this is available at <https://nda.ie/news-and-events/news/nda-annual-conference-2022.html>
- The Participation Matters guidelines which were launched at the end of last week and which provide information on the requirements surrounding engagement with disabled persons organisations (DPOs) and which provide useful guidance on how to have meaningful engagement with disabled people in public decision making. The guidelines are available here: <https://www.nda.ie/publications/others/uncrpd/participation-matters-guidelines.html>

Key Learnings / take-aways from the Walk21 conference:

- MH:
 - Walking and Cycling funding is not all being spent.
 - Recommendation for DCC to undertake blindfold walk as facilitated by NCBI at Walk21
 - Increased fines for footpath obstructions worked well in other cities at reducing street clutter
- GK:
 - Uncontrolled crossings – link with Suzanne Meade in TUD
 - Issues with access to conference eg. cobbles in TUD
 - Offer of wheelchairs and guides from IWA to DCC for wheelchair tours
 - Offer from Chantelle in NCBI of blind tours
- JH:
 - Walkability audits – keen to see more of these
 - Finglas Traveller walkability project worth following up with
 - Interested to see more data shared on pedestrian counts as well as speed limits. TUD and Connecting Cabra as two groups to link in with on this.
- DK:
 - Importance of highlighting children's voices on mobility issues
 - Potential to learn from other cities about intergenerational walking busses etc.
 - Use of children's independent mobility as a metric

Action Points:

- CN, CR and NO to send on presentations from Walk21
- CN to send on info on Clean Air Week and learnings from Walk to School Week.
- DK and JH to gather key learnings and recommendations from Walk21 into document to share with the sub-committee.
- CR to share Dublin Cycling Campaign's input into this document.

3. Update on walking and cycling promotions from Deirdre Kelly

- Antonia Martin has moved on so the team has reduced capacity at the moment – Deirdre is working on general promotions and Niamh is working on the School Zone project.
- Efficiency of Space – approximately 50 volunteers supported the creation of an Efficiency of Space image for Dublin City as part of European Mobility Week. The image highlights how much more space cars take up on our roads compared to sustainable modes of transport.
- DCC launched an e-bike loan scheme for staff during European Mobility Week. The scheme had 187 applications for 20 places. Participants will have the loan of an e-bike supplied by Bleeper and Moby bikes for one month to try it out and see if they'd like to buy one. The aim of the scheme is to encourage more DCC staff members to cycle to work and reduce the numbers of staff driving to work.
- Bike Disco event took place in the Phoenix Park to tie in with Culture Night and the end of European Mobility Week. DCC worked with Fingal County Council, the OPW and Dublin Cycling Campaign. A diversion was put in place to create a completely car-free route in the park. Approximately 300 participants, including lots of families with young children, took part.
- DCC are working with the Rediscovery Centre on a bike donation scheme aimed at offering bikes to unemployed people as an alternative to the Cycle to Work scheme. Courtney Place was chosen as the location for the first bike donation delivery, with DCC to install cycle parking on site. Further bike donations will follow over the coming month and suggestions for other groups are welcome.
- Make Way Day takes place on Friday 30th Sept. DCC supporting by sharing campaign information from the Disability Federation of Ireland, and encouraging people to complete the survey in their area. Survey results will be shared with local authorities afterwards.

Questions / Points:

- MH asked about training and sanctions
 - Bleeper and Moby will provide instructions and guidance to participants on their bikes. Resources and training courses have been shared with participants. Bleeper and Moby managing any sanctions through their scheme.
- JH thanked Antonia Martin for her work on the Walking & Cycling action plan and requested that Patricia Reidy present to the sub-committee on next steps for this plan.
- CR suggested a newsletter/e-bulletin to keep people updated on projects and activities.

Action Points:

- DK to invite Patricia Reidy to next sub-committee meeting to present on Walking & Cycling Action plan
- DK to follow up on newsletter request.

4. Presentation from Pdraig O'Brien on the active travel network

- Presentation circulated to members in advance of meeting and delivered to committee by Pdraig O'Brien.
- Launch of the active travel network takes place on Friday 14th October at 9am in Woodquay.

Questions / Points:

- CR asked for clarity on who does what and requested a presentation from Brendan O'Brien on this so that members can understand the process. He flagged that sub-committee members should be informed about projects and updates before information goes into the public domain.
- MH requested that design plans for Ratoath Road be shared.

Action Points:

- DK to follow up on requests from CR and MH

5. Presentation from Sean McCabe on the Bohemian Way

- Sean McCabe, Climate Officer with Bohemian's Football Club presented to the group on the Bohemian Way and other initiatives the club is undertaking to promote sustainable travel.

Questions / Points:

- MH suggested dealing with the NDA about making the app accessible, requested for the presentation to be shared and noted that there is a chance to improve road safety with the cycle courier co-op.
- CR suggested linking with the NCR project, suggested not adding to street clutter with new signs and suggested linking in with other clubs.
- CN flagged potential links for the after school programme with Green Schools, asked about active travel for youth programmes and nurseries and suggested cycle parking at the church as an options.
- NO offered support from NDA experts on web accessibility
- JH suggested link with Jennifer McGrath on DCC's Micromobility Team on the bike hub and last mile deliveries, and suggested a walkability audit to assess the walkability of the route.
- CC flagged that these initiatives tap into cohort that we're not currently reaching at clubs and recommends including community groups doing similar work.

Action Points:

- DK to share contact details of NDA and Jennifer McGrath with Sean McCabe.
- DK to share presentation from Sean McCabe

6. Proposed agenda items for next meeting

- A list to be compiled by DK and JH
- Safe Routes to School
- Walking & Cycling Action Plan – next steps (Patricia Reidy)
- Presentation on new team structures and processes (Brendan O'Brien)

7. Next meeting date

- Monday 28th November, 9.30-11.30am