

CPG Cycling, Walking and Buses Initial Meeting TG23, 7th December 2016, 17:30

Attendance

Alison Johnstone MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP, Graham Simpson MSP.

Minutes

Office Bearer Elections

- Alison Johnstone and Claudia Beamish were elected as Co-convenors, with Graham Simpson elected as Deputy Convenor.
- Agreement was reached that Alison Johnstone's office staff would cover admin duties at the outset, though it was anticipated that this would change at a later date, as Transform Scotland had expressed an interest in the role of secretariat.
- It was agreed that no treasurer was required as no charges are currently made.

MSP Members

- The following MSPs would be asked to have their name included in the formal application form as members of the CPG Cycling, Walking and Buses: Alison Johnstone MSP (Green), Claudia Beamish MSP (Lab), Graham Simpson MSP (Con), Mark Ruskell MSP (Green), with additional MSPs to be identified for inclusion also.

Purpose of the Group

- It was agreed that the purpose of the group would be to raise the profile of walking, cycling and bus use within the Scottish Parliament, and help to promote policies and priorities relating to these forms of transport, and the linkages between them. The intention is to hold at least three meetings per calendar year to allow for a full session to be devoted to each topic. A detailed explanation of the Group's purpose was to be included in the registration form.

Next Steps

- Alison's office would submit the application form for the establishment of the CPG Cycling, Walking and Buses. They would also contact non-MSP members of the CPG Cycling from last session to ask if they wish to participate in a newly formed CPG Cycling, Walking and Buses, as well as other individuals and organisations with an interest in any aspects of the Group's remit.
- The CPG Cycling, Walking and Buses could not formally meet again until it has received approval. The next meeting was anticipated to take place in early 2017, dependent on formal approval of the Group by Parliament, with May and October or November identified as possible future meeting dates.

Meeting Closed