

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses

### PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. To raise the profile of cycling, walking and bus use within the Scottish Parliament, and to promote policies and priorities relating to these forms of transport.
2. The Group will consider the extent to which infrastructure to enable cycling, walking and bus use, and to reduce air pollution, congestion and injuries or fatalities on Scotland's roads is sufficient or otherwise, and what changes in policies from the Scottish Government are necessary to encourage greater uptake of healthier, more environmentally-friendly and affordable methods of transport, such as cycling, walking and bus use. It is in the public interest for the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses to proceed so that a range of relevant perspectives relating to transport within Scotland can be considered within the Scottish Parliament.
3. No definite overlap exists with the purpose of other Groups, and it is not expected that the Group will duplicate the work undertaken by other Groups, but there is the potential for overlap to occur on certain topics. There is potential for overlap with the Cross Party Group on Rail on issues of connectivity, or local accessibility to transport, however, as above, it is in the public interest for the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses to proceed so that a wider range of relevant perspectives relating to transport within Scotland can be considered within the Scottish Parliament, with a specific focus also on the wellbeing of those on Scotland's roads and pavements.

There is potential for overlap with the Cross Party Group on Health Inequalities in so far as the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses would anticipate giving attention to the implications of transport provision for health outcomes. It is hoped that the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses will be able to

consider transport-specific solutions to such inequalities, and liaise as necessary to influence Scottish Government policy in this area.

4. The intention is for the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses to meet three times per year, with each meeting devoted principally to one of these three methods of transport. Topics among those likely to be discussed in meetings include, but are not limited to: affordability, accessibility and connectivity of journeys; health, safety and comfort of cyclists, pedestrians and bus passengers; priorities for investment from Government, Local Authority, and others, to deliver environmentally-friendly, safe and efficient transport networks across Scotland.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Alison Johnstone (Green),  
Claudia Beamish (Labour),  
Graham Simpson (Conservative),  
Mark Ruskell (Green),  
Richard Lochhead (SNP),  
Gail Ross (SNP).

### **NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

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| Individuals | Tom Rye (Professor of Transport Policy and Director of Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University) |
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| Organisations | Transform Scotland,<br>Living Streets Scotland,<br>Cycling Scotland,<br>Cycling UK Scotland,<br>Paths for All,<br>Sustrans Scotland,<br>Spokes,<br>Confederation of Passenger Transport UK,<br>Transport Focus,<br>GoBike Strathclyde Cycle Campaign,<br>Ramblers Scotland,<br>Causey Development Trust,<br>Stagecoach UK Bus. |
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(This list is expected to grow)

**GROUP OFFICE BEARERS**

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

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| Convener        | Alison Johnstone and Claudia Beamish         |
| Deputy Convener | Graham Simpson                               |
| Secretary       | Richard Doherty (office of Alison Johnstone) |
| Treasurer       | n/a  |

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

n/a

**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

n/a

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

|                       |   |
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| Name                  | Alison Johnstone                                    |
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| Telephone number      | 0131 348 6362                                       |

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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| Name | Claudia Beamish |
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| Parliamentary address | M1.10, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP |
| Telephone number      | 0131 348 6889                                       |

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| <b>STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b> |
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| I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Walking, Cycling and Buses is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament. |
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| Signed |  |
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| Date | 22/12/2016 |
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