**Community Planning Aberdeen**

**Sustainable City Outcome Improvement Group**

Meeting on Teams 24th June 2021

**Present**: Allison Swanson, Ann Wakefield, Emma Christie, Jill Franks, Joanne Riach, John Ashton, Kelly Wiltshire, Lavina Massie, Nicky McKay, Sinclair Laing, Steven Shaw, Sue Lawrence, Jacqui Bell and Jillian Evans.

**Apologies:** Gale Beatty, Richard Findlay, David Mackay, Emma Williams

**Actions**

* **Review membership of group** (after Board meeting on 7th July)
* **AS to liaise with CPP on placement of food-growing project**
* **KW to consider new stretch outcome – City Voice questions**
* **AS to send draft community asset map**
* **AS to check/update climate indicators in LOIP**
* **All consider new way of working with locality groups**
* **All consider questions for City Voice (before end of next week 2nd July)**

Draft LOIP approved by management group and the public consultation report circulated for group to review – any changes for submission tomorrow (25/6/2021).

Establishment of Anti-Poverty group - proposal is that 2 groups (community pantries incl. fuel and community food-growing) move out of the SC group –– while maintaining connection esp. with food-growing links to green-space.

Strong support expressed for retaining food growing project in SC. Multi-faceted nature of poverty – difficult to split out aspects.

Governance arrangement. JE suggest get involved in localities so governance doesn’t overtake what we’re trying to do. So we can support community with them driving process. Meet as SC every few months? Preference expressed for not generating more meetings.

Review of the public consultation:

Travel

* poor stretch outcome – determined by what can be measured
* spaces for people contentious in Aberdeen
* local bid on free bikes initiative – would amend aims
* infrastructure is main focus of comments (e.g. separating bikes & pedestrians from cars) – beyond our scope (single authority decision – not collaboration) – what else could we do to improve safety concerns? Locality plans have ideas for this – can make new proposal based on public comments – City Voice may help with data

Environment

* good to see feedback on environment – public consultations and locality plans
* disagree that we’re not aiming high enough - first time natural environment has featured in LOIP – matches global ambition – no need to change anything
* rivers and sea will be brought under managing spaces for environment
* natural environment interventions can happen anywhere – parks is people-centred
* ACC has signed up to Edinburgh biodiversity declaration

Climate

* Need to clarify on aims figures, otherwise comfortable with where we are
* Not much mention in locality plans – we need to take initiative on this
* Green jobs – sits with economy group

Copy of Teams chat:

[24/06 14:20] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

The challenge is to operationalise the ambition and make it tangible

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[24/06 14:22] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

Richard Titmuss used to speak of 'Control over resources through time ' (Not just money), which is why food growing is a good example

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[24/06 14:22] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

Opportunity is a siamese twin

[24/06 14:24] Kelly Wiltshire (Guest)

Yes, transport poverty is a real issue and our cycling and walking project charters are staying here

[24/06 14:26] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

in Toronto allotments are the glue that brings the Caribbean immigrant communities together.

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[24/06 14:27] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

Different Caribbean island groups rotate the organisation of community meals

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[24/06 14:33] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

do you have salary sacrifice for purchasing bikes in Scotland?

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[24/06 14:34] Jacqueline Bell (NHS Grampian)

yes I think so

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[24/06 14:34] Joanne Riach (NHS Grampian)

Yes, NHS Grampian has Cycle To work

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[24/06 14:34] Jillian Evans (NHS Grampian)

yes @john

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[24/06 14:34] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

I read this week of a new charity that recycles bikes to families so that they dont need to buy new bikes as they grow

[24/06 14:34] Sinclair Laing

Yes

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[24/06 14:35] Kelly Wiltshire (Guest)

Thats the idea, not necessarily new bikes. A bike library, where people are loaned a bike and can return them and exchange for another larger bike as they grow.

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[24/06 14:36] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

Is Sustrans in Scotland

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[24/06 14:36] Sinclair Laing

UK wide

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[24/06 14:36] Kelly Wiltshire (Guest)

Yes, we also have some embedded Sustrans officer. I beleive a Sustrans officer is about to start for NHSG

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[24/06 14:36] Joanne Riach (NHS Grampian)

Yes, NHSG works with Sustrans and has just secured a post for NHS WOrkplace Engagement

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[24/06 14:37] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

Do you have 'Safe routes to school'

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[24/06 14:39] Kelly Wiltshire (Guest)

They are trialling these near two schools in Moray at the moment

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[24/06 14:42] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

low hanging fruit that create momentum

bee keeping in schools?

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[24/06 14:44] Sue Lawrence (Guest)

 Water quality is related to land use. Litter is a community issue but not raised in the consultation responses?

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[24/06 14:46] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 check out 'The Reader' in Calderstones Park, Liverpool . Google it ?

​[24/06 14:47] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 A Community Asset Map would be a good start

​[24/06 14:49] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 Do you have a programme of activities on Earth Day ?

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[24/06 14:50] Kelly Wiltshire (Guest)

 We have a NE Scotland Climate Week in March which normally goes over Earth Day.

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[24/06 14:51] Sue Lawrence (Guest)

 Excellent news Sinclair, let's see it in practice!

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[24/06 14:54] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 Assets take many forms

 People and communities are half full not half empty

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[24/06 14:55] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 You dont go to the shop til youve seen what is in the yard

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[24/06 14:59] Allison Swanson

 John Ashton (NHS Grampian) would be great to catch up outwith the meeting, what day are you with us and I'll try and get something in the diaries.

​[24/06 14:59] Jacqueline Bell (NHS Grampian)

 on climate change - eco schools initiatives mentioned in public consult

​[24/06 15:00] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 The NHS is huge for greening

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[24/06 15:00] Steven Shaw

 Many schools doing great stuff with their eco work.

​[24/06 15:00] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 Its the biggest spend and massive contributor to global warming

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[24/06 15:01] Jacqueline Bell (NHS Grampian)

 project updates for 6th July (smile) any issues get in touch

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[24/06 15:01] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 see it as a healthy virus

 sustainability should infect all else

[24/06 15:03] Kelly Wiltshire (Guest)

 I see boundary for Low Emission Zone in Aberdeen has just been agreed at Committee

​[24/06 15:03] John Ashton (NHS Grampian)

 looking after the things that look after us