



THE ASSOCIATION OF BIKEABILITY SCHEMES

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TABS MEMBERS UPDATE – APRIL / MAY 2013

1. CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS for conference workshop

TABS is looking for members who are planning to attend the TABS conference on 16th May, and have already had a QA visit to contribute in the QA workshop(s) that Haddenham Cycle Training will be running at the TABS Conference. This is to be able to share/learn from your experiences, as part of the ongoing QA process. Please contact Francesca Flaxton direct for more information / to volunteer: Francesca@haddenhamcycletraining.org.uk / 07554 141810

2. Bike to School Week 2013

Using all their knowledge and experience of delivering sustainable travel initiatives in schools across the UK, Sustrans have produced an exciting new step-by-step guide to running **Bike to School Week 2013**. The guide contains **lots of ideas and top tips for events, activities and lessons** to be delivered over a **six-week period** (or more if needed) to get everyone inspired, motivated and skilled-up to cycle to school. The ultimate aim is that every week becomes Bike to School Week!

Schools can organise the programme at any time of the year, although Sustrans will be celebrating the opportunity with an **official Bike to School Week** running **10-14 June 2013**. The guide and lots of useful supporting resources are **available to download free of charge** from www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek.

3. Welcome to new members / Thanks to existing members for renewing - 2013

TABS is delighted to welcome seven new schemes to TABS so far this year, and is grateful to the all existing member schemes which have renewed their membership. An updated list of schemes that are TABS members will be available on the website for reference, after the annual conference. We look forward to meeting as many members / colleagues as possible at the forthcoming conference in May.

4. Discussion Forum for TABS members

TABS is looking for ways of managing consultation with members around strategy and policy. We have been offered the use of a new design of web forum called **Microcosm**: <http://demo.microco.sm/>. TABS members will be able to use this new software from early May as beta testers.

5. UPDATE on National Curriculum activity

TABS has co-ordinated a jointly signed letter which has been sent to *The Telegraph* calling for Bikeability to be included on the National Schools Curriculum. We are hopeful that it will be printed on Wednesday 24th April, to coincide with the publication of the All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group report 'Get Britain Cycling' (which will be covered by *The Times*). Further details and a copy of the letter will be available on the TABS website from Thursday 25th April.

Signatories of the letter include: the All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group, Association of Bikeability Schemes, Automobile Association, Bicycle Association of Great Britain, British Cycling, CTC – the national cycling charity, Cyclenation, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK), Christian Wolmar (journalist and transport commentator), Institute of Advanced Motorists, London Cycling Campaign, Passenger Transport Executive Group, RoadPeace, Road Danger Reduction Forum, Road Haulage Association Ltd, Sustrans and the UK Health Forum.

6. DATES for diaries

- TABS Board election nominations to be submitted by: **Monday 29th April 2013**
- TABS elections run: **13th May – 3rd June, 2013** (NB there will be a hustings on **16th May** at the Annual Conference of all nominated candidates)
- Annual Conference - **Thursday 16th May, 2013** in Birmingham