



THE ASSOCIATION OF BIKEABILITY SCHEMES

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## TABS MEMBERS UPDATE – MAY 2013

### 1. Measuring the outcomes of Bikeability training

Gathering more, consistent evidence about the outcomes of Bikeability training will be extremely valuable for all schemes to help prove the value of the training. Michael Frearson, *Outspoken Training*, has just piloted a simple online pupil survey on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council in four Cambridge primary schools, comparing cycling outcomes (e.g. cycling frequency, on-road cycling, confidence, etc.) for 224 trained and untrained pupils in Years 5 and 6. The survey seems to have worked well: schools were happy to administer the survey in ICT class time (in return for a summary data report for their school); it took only about five minutes for pupils to answer the questions; there was a high response rate of 70%; and positive results were returned showing Bikeability-trained pupils cycle more than untrained pupils.

The survey is very low cost, and can be viewed here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8DDD9KP> along with the results. Michael has recently had a positive response from Transport for London about working with TABS to roll out this survey at pilot schools in London. Michael and David Dansky (CTUK) will be talking more about the survey results and potential for roll-out at the TABS conference next week.

### 2. CBBC Newsround ask kids 'Should cycling lessons be compulsory at school?'

CBBC Newsround wrote about the push to get school cycle training on the National Curriculum asking 'Should cycling lessons be compulsory at school?' There are some great responses from the kids at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/22291917> including:

*"I think we should do cycling for PE because it is a refreshing sport and me and many of my friends love it!"*

*"Personally I think that cycling lessons should be compulsory because when I was in year 5, my school told us all to bring our bikes for the next day and they thought us how to ride on the road and safely. Now I cycle to town and to school."*

*"I think that it's a really good idea because I love cycling and I think that it's a great thing to learn. It would make lessons more exciting to!"*

### 3. Get Britain Cycling report – Sign the Petition

Jon Snow, President of the CTC, who gave evidence at the inquiry in March, has been calling for people to sign a petition to ask the Prime Minister to respond to the targets in the report, including:

- 10% of trips by bike by 2025 and 25% by 2050
- £10 per head, per year in funding for cycling

To add your voice to the petition: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/49196>

### 4. TABS letter in Telegraph – outcomes

Dame Sally Davies, the Chief Medical Officer wrote a letter in response to our bid to include Bikeability on the Schools Curriculum. It seems that the Department of Health welcomes our engagement with the DfE on this issue. A copy of her letter is available on the [TABS news page](#).

### 5. Elections update

The TABS elections will run from: **13<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, 2013. This is your chance, as members, to vote for your chosen Board members.

The candidates are: **Judith Billingham** – Wiltshire County Council, **Liz Clarke** – Bike Right!, **David Dansky** – Cycle Training UK, **Michael Frearson** – Outspoken Training, **Kirsti Grayson** – Go Velo, **Charlie Holland** – Cycle Confident, **Jenny Hotchkiss** – British Cycling, **Nick Moon** – Cycle Experience Ltd., **Philippa Robb** – Technicolour Tyre Company, **David Shannon** – London Borough of Islington, **Greg Woodford** – CTC.

You will be able to vote online, from 13<sup>th</sup> May, at: [www.votebyinternet.com/tabs2013](http://www.votebyinternet.com/tabs2013) The Electoral Reform Society will be emailing all members with further details shortly.

### 6. AOB

- The annual conference is taking place next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May in Birmingham. We look forward to welcoming those of you who can attend. If you can't attend we will be circulating a conference report afterwards.
- If you have any items you would like included/raised in the June members update please contact: [lsobel@tabs-uk.org.uk](mailto:lsobel@tabs-uk.org.uk) by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.