



THE ASSOCIATION OF BIKEABILITY SCHEMES

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TABS MEMBERS UPDATE – JUNE 2013

1. Election results – 2013 TABS board

TABS are delighted to announce that the results of the elections have now come in and the new board members are: Judith Billingham, Liz Clarke, David Dansky, Dr. Michael Frearson, Kirsti Grayson, David Shannon and Greg Woodford.

TABS would like to thank all the members who took the time to vote. There was a 50% turnout (47 votes cast from a total of 94 eligible votes) which is a very positive level of participation. TABS is also very grateful to all of the candidates for standing.

The interim board are currently in the process of ensuring a smooth transition to the new board. The first new board meeting is scheduled for 6th September.

2. 2013 Conference update

The 2013 conference was held in Birmingham on Thursday 16th May, chaired by Phillip Darnton MBE. There was a good turn out with **127 delegates, representing 80 schemes**.

A copy of the conference report, including a summary of the feedback and member's evaluation is now [available for download](#) from the events page on the TABS website, where you can also view some photos (*videos to follow*).



3. TABS on-line discussion forum

The TABS forum is now up and running, and there for members to use. We encourage you to log-on, register and engage with the discussions. There are 4 main areas, within which you can add new topics, content as you wish:

- Discussion area – to explore issues relating to Bikeability
- Gallery – to share pictures of cycle training and cycling
- Events – to share events, courses, rides and more
- Instructors – to share issues

Just [click on the link](#), register and off you go.....!

4. Bikeability for ebikes

TABS has been in touch with Dr Sally Cairns of TRL/UCL regarding some training materials that were developed for a cycling project in Brighton for people using electric bicycles. David Dansky will be meeting with the course provider who developed the training pack shortly, to discuss the similarities and differences in riding and training someone on an e-bike compared to a bicycle, areas of overlap especially around the on-road syllabus (Levels 2 and 3) and differences at Level 1. An update on the outcomes of this discussion will be posted on the TABS on-line forum, and reported back in the July newsletter.

5. TABS – reports/projects update

TABS has now submitted proposals for the following pieces of work and is waiting to hear if we've been successful:

- Dr. Michael Frearson submitted 2 detailed proposals to both TfL and the DfT for a roll-out of the work undertaken by Cambridge University to-date, to pilot the online pupil survey collecting data before the end of Summer term and reporting back in August 2013. The DfT trial would be run with 6 local authorities, and the TfL trial in 4 London Boroughs.
- TABS has submitted a proposal to run a half-day training session on National Standards at the July QA panel members' meeting.
- TABS is submitting a proposal to input into the content and design of a refreshed 'booklet component' for the Bikeability Award Materials.

6. AOB

- TABS will be developing their fund-raising and communications strategies for 2013/14 over the next month – further details in the next newsletter.
- Don't forget to use Twitter to share your thoughts : **@TABSbikeability**
- If you have any items you would like included/raised in the July members update please contact: isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk by **Monday 8th July**.