



THE ASSOCIATION OF BIKEABILITY SCHEMES

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## TABS MEMBERS UPDATE – JULY 2013

### 1. TABS survey – your input requested

The Bikeability support team has commissioned TABS to provide industry input into the content and design of a refreshed booklet component for the Bikeability complete award materials (comprising a badge, certificate and booklet).

This survey offers TABS members an opportunity to contribute to developing options for the design and content of a new booklet. It will be followed by a round of telephone interviews with interested schemes.

You should have received an email last week, inviting you to complete the survey. If you haven't already completed the survey please can I encourage you, or one of your colleagues to return your responses **by Wednesday 24 July**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TABScompleteawardsurvey>

### 2. TABS reports/projects – UPDATE

- TABS was successful in our bid to produce content and design for a refreshed 'booklet component' for the Bikeability Award Materials. Michael Frearson and Liz Clarke are currently working on the content.
- TABS was successful in our bid to run a half-day training session on National Standards at the July QA panel members' meeting and David Dansky is currently producing the session materials.
- The survey work that TABS submitted bids for to DfT and TfL will now not happen until next school term. TfL have indicated that they are about to make a decision on funding, and TABS are meeting DfT later this month to discuss the proposal in more detail. Michael Frearson has also been talking to various local authorities around the country about signing up to the survey work.

### 3. Cycle Training on the national curriculum

The Dept for Education published its response to the cycle training consultation on 11<sup>th</sup> July. The calls, led by TABS for cycling are mentioned in the report of the consultation:

<https://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/NC%20in%20England%20consultation%20report%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

Unfortunately there is nothing about cycling in the Government response:

<https://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/040713%20NC%20in%20England%20consultation%20-%20govt%20response%20FINAL.pdf>

TABS will be raising this with the DfT and other stakeholders, and will plan the next steps.

#### 4. Fundraising

TABS are currently exploring additional avenues both for core funding and also to expand the range of activities we undertake, on behalf of our members. We are in the process of writing funding proposals.

#### 5. Membership recruitment

We are still recruiting new members for 2013/14 and are offering a discounted membership rate for the remainder of the year since the annual conference has taken place. If you know of schemes that are not yet signed up, please do encourage them to get in touch to discuss the benefits of joining TABS: [isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk](mailto:isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk) / 07952 786621.

#### 6. AOB / dates for diary

- The newly elected board will be holding an interim meeting on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August**, in Birmingham to discuss management issues, plus the work programme for September onwards.
- The next Experts Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.
- We encourage you to use the TABS forum to raise any issues you have, discuss ideas, upload case studies etc.
- If you have any good photos of cycle training in the summer sunshine that you would be happy for TABS to use, please send them through to: [info@tabs-uk.org.uk](mailto:info@tabs-uk.org.uk)
- Don't forget to use Twitter to share your thoughts : **@TABSbikeability**
- If you have any items you would like included in the August members update please contact: [isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk](mailto:isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk) **by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August.**