



THE ASSOCIATION OF BIKEABILITY SCHEMES

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## TABS MEMBERS UPDATE – OCTOBER 2013

### 1. Update on DfT's Cycling Forum

Liz Clarke & David Dansky (TABS Board members) attended the DfT Cycling Forum at the end September, in London. It was well attended with the heads many organisations including Sustrans, CTC, British Cycling, AA, IAM, PACS, Cycle Nation, Campaign for Better Transport, Living Streets and more, plus representatives from towns recently awarded DfT funding such as Leeds, Cambridge and Manchester.

Norman Baker MP confirmed the extension of Bikeability and LSTF funding to 2016, he also noted that AA and BSM have increased cyclist awareness modules in their driver training. A question was asked about Strict Liability for drivers to which the minister responded that it was a 'thorny issue'.

There were reports from 3 sub groups: The **Safety sub group** briefly updated about work they are doing regarding cyclists and pedestrians looking at suggested tweaks to the Highway Code and information about drivers' hazard perception. The **Health sub group** will be looking at TfL's work regarding messaging boroughs about the economic benefits to health from more cycling and walking. Phillip Darnton delivered a detailed report on behalf of the **Rail sub group** about increased parking levels at stations, potential rolling stock adaptations and the launch of an app. showing which trains have bike spaces available.

A small working group will be put together to write a draft of the cycling delivery plan for the DfT. TABS will be asking to join this group. All the other subgroups will be contributing to this plan and the need to agree a baseline in order to monitor progress was discussed.

**Don't forget:** TABS forum has a place for you to discuss issues around [cycling policy](#) (in the Discussions section)

### 2. Campaigning & networking

- TABS has been in discussions with the [London Cycling Campaign](#) about potential collaboration to raise the profile of cycle training, and associated issues in the capital.
- TABS has also been in discussions with the [Youth Sport Trust](#) about joint working.
- TABS has contributed to a study being done by the University of Westminster that is collating research into cycling currently in progress, providing details of the research to monitor and evaluate the impact of Bikeability cycle training on children's cycling behaviour and the [proof-of-concept study](#) that was completed in Cambridge in Spring 2013.
- Results of the Cambridge Bikeability outcomes study are available on the [Bike Hub](#) and [BikeBiz](#) websites.

- On 7<sup>th</sup> October David Dansky, on behalf of TABS, attended a working group being co-ordinated by DfT/Bicycle Association to generate a proposal for how the National School Awards scheme would be run. Other attendees included Youth Sports Trust, SDG, CTC, Mode-shift, Sustrans and Living Streets. Each organisation outlined what schemes they already run in schools including National Walking Week, Sustrans Bike It, CTC's Bike Clubs, Cycling Scotland's national schools award, TfL's sustainable travel school accreditation programme. It was raised that TABS members currently deliver 50-60% of Bikeability training. It was agreed that the Departments of Education and Health should be invited to get involved, it was worth trying to reach schools not yet doing anything for active travel and that the award should spotlight current good practice and leadership.

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### 3. Training / quality improvement

David Dansky, on behalf of TABS has designed and facilitated a delivery course: *Raising Standards and Achieving Consistency in Bikeability* which is aimed at Bikeability scheme managers. These are being run on 14<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October in London, Leeds and Exeter.

### 4. Bikeability training for MPs

Wiltshire Council (Traffic & Network Management) instructors Julie Milne and Roger Hayward ran a Level 3 Bikeability session last month with Dr Andrew Murrison MP and a student who was shadowing him.



### 5. Membership

- New members:** TABS would like to welcome **Cyclist Training Ltd.** as a new member of TABS. For further information about Cyclist Training Ltd and what they do [click here](#).

**Please do keep spreading the word about TABS and encourage other schemes to join!**

- New Bikeability scheme:** Eastlands Cycle Club have recently registered as a Bikeability provider and have been delivering Level 1 and 2 Bikeability sessions over the summer at the National Cycling Centre. For further information about Eastlands Cycle Club [click here](#).

### Case Study: Inclusive Bikeability at a special school for SEN pupils – Briarwood School

Bristol City Council's Bikeability programme incorporates all abilities cycling for people with disabilities using specialist bikes and wherever possible they progress the cyclists onto two wheels and Bikeability awards. They also have a lot of experience of inclusive training within mainstream schools and adapting the training to suit each individual. Bristol City Council is contributing to the DfT 'Delivering inclusive cycle training' good practice guide.

Briarwood School caters for students with severe learning disabilities. At the start most students couldn't ride regular 2 wheelers but they enjoyed riding tricycles in the park. The school has a strong tradition of cycling, with its own fleet of bikes and a bike club supported by school staff / volunteers. Pupils have the opportunity to learn basic bike maintenance and take part in the annual Bristol – Bordeaux fundraising ride.

Bristol City Council worked with students over a number of weeks in the school playground to achieve their Bikeability Level 1 awards. Riding on roads was more challenging but it was so rewarding to watch pupils' confidence grow. After several months of hard work all the pupils could demonstrate that they could ride with care in traffic and make safe decisions. Awarding their Bikeability Level 2 certificates was a proud moment for the students, their support workers and cycle trainers.



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Thanks to Emma Downey (Road Safety Officer), Bristol City Council for sending in this case study. If you have a case study that we can feature in the TABS newsletter please send details to: [isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk](mailto:isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk)

**Don't forget:** If you want other colleagues to receive this newsletter directly send their email address(es) to: [isobel@tabs.co.uk](mailto:isobel@tabs.co.uk).

## 6. TABS Forum

RECENT POST – [go on-line](#) and add your thoughts/see what's being said:

*Q: What did people think about the BBC 2 Sunday evening 8 pm about Crane Drivers - 'The Crane Gang'? They were made to attend a cycle awareness course in order to drive into certain sites in London.*

**Don't forget:** do let all your instructors that the forum is there for them to ask questions, generate debate around Bikeability issues. And if you send Isobel ([isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk](mailto:isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk)) their emails we will send them an invite to join along with log-in details.

## 7. PR/Marketing

There is now a TABS logo with a link to our website on the [Bikeability website](#).

**Request:** Please consider include a link to the TABS website from your own sites, and also to promote your membership. And if you have a link to our website / information about TABS on your website please tell: [isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk](mailto:isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk) and we will cross-promote your site from ours.

**Don't forget:** TABS forum has a place for you to discuss issues around [Marketing & Promotion](#)

## 8. AOB

- Do use Twitter to share your thoughts : [@TABSBikeability](#)
- If you have anything you would like included in the NOVEMBER newsletter (for example, special achievements, news items, training events, topics for discussion) please contact: [isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk](mailto:isobel@tabs-uk.org.uk) **by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

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Thank you. Isobel Stoddart (*Development Manager, TABS*)