DTG meeting 13 December 2021

Attendance

Gary Kearney attended  
Martin Hoey note taker

Alex Sproule attended  
Mick Keegan facilitator  
Ruth Lunnon excused  
Joan Carthy excused

Sandra Dillon attended

Rosaleen Lally excused

Ruth Powell attended

Deirdre Kelley DCC attended

Mick confirmed facilitator Martin note taker Ruth would set up room

The group accepted the minutes

Deirdre gave a presentation on walking and cycling for the group

The aim of the council is to promote walking and cycling and to make journeys less than 2km out of cars where possible

To see what supports can be given to communities

Objectives walking cycling are safe and practical is universally designed and everyone has an equal intake

Themes

1 engaging the city,

Walkability audits consultation process is open and groups are able to put input in

Commuter routes will remain but neighbourhood routes how they work and can be changed.

More community led events and funding will be made available running pilot projects and demonstrations

2 Building and maintaining infrastructure

How to plug gaps between schemes bus connects etc.

Bringing in eating and break areas etc. more pedestrian crossings and pedestrian priority

Greening planters more colour

3 promoting walking and cycling

Encourage more use more education etc. benefits etc. Safety improvements accessible bikes safety etc.

4 learning evaluation and discovery

Research data collection does it work and improve things after installation

Working with universities and research programs and asking resident groups etc.

Also looking at drivers why they take trips and could they change

What barriers are there

Next steps

1 feedback from ppn

2 feedback from dpo groups

3 suggestions

4 walking cycling sub committee

5 finalise plan

Questions and feedback etc.

Mick brought up about keeping cyclists and pedestrians separate especially pedestrian areas most European countries they dismount and walk both bikes and scooters

Where cycle lanes are positioned between parked cars causes difficulties for wheelchair users especially and children from car to path

As mick said its multiple disabilities out there not just visually impaired or wheelchair users.

We would like enforcement of non-cycling on paths

Need meeting with Gardaí as well

Areas highlighted were everywhere Alex said he was overtaken on the inside of a path by grassy area henry street is an area Gardaí can cycle down henry street as it’s an emergency vehicle but as an example its bad they generally don’t speed down them biggest issue is delivery bikes rather than cyclists.

Ask garda to explain to them to dismount rather than be prosecuted originally look at earl place as an example as well.

Universal design is ideal for everything and there are lots of problems that could be solved by it.

Cycling groups and colleges don’t understand disabilities properly and want to get things done easily.

Dpos work well but in Ireland are smaller there is no proper wheelchair or blind dpos

Hire bikes out don’t know how to cycle on roads in city centre and should have rules on them

Cyclists not stopping at pedestrian crossings etc.

Ask Dublin bikes to use trikes get city centre area in it would even make Gary cycle

Start with 10 to trial and increase

Bike bunkers needed for mobility scooters and trikes as well

Hiring out mobility scooters can be an issue in areas but can help an area works up in Northern Ireland and Dublin town could be involved.

You can hire mobility scooters as a tourist in hotels and liffey valley. Mobility challenged people could use trikes etc. and they would be beneficial rather than an issue

No bikes parking to lampposts dcc has 3 new car parks for bikes but loads still park on poles. Marlborough Street an issue with poles for bikes right beside wheelchair bays

We had a verbal agreement to not put them on footpaths

Ask someone to put notes on bikes to say secure parking nearby or put stickers on saying don’t park here.

Issue not number Sheffield stands but rather they won’t use them for handiness

People illegally parking get clamped or impounded same to be done with bikes

Location of most disability parking bays don’t have ramps to access paths which prevents using wheelchairs examples given Marlborough street and Lombard street

Bikes on railings poles are an issue

Mick said people are happy walking in estates if less turns and safer for children to get to school

But council often does not want to stop car access. Navan road under bus connects will be an issue with cycle lanes removed.

Deirdre will update group shortly

Email Deirdre with any other issues. deirdre.kelly@dublincity.ie

Gary thanked everyone for bringing up issues we have said at meetings

Everyone was delighted to have Deirdre at meeting.

Minutes approved Gary proposed Sandra seconded

Correspondence

Mansion house

Alternative option B from reports enter oak room at basement and go by 2 lifts

It is been agreed option 2 million for this process ½ million for ramp part 8 in 2022 for this project

Owen keegan had said that the disability community said no but forgot to mention architects said it wouldn’t work either.

Need to ensure a budget is included in the mansion house budget and safety chair exits.

It is important to do it right as in Ballymun with everything upstairs there was no evacuation chairs to get down in case fire.

Lift electrics are separate to mansion house go onto emergency power system

Another meeting should happen early next year to finalise.

Wood quay is the same one wheelchair user at a time as lift.

Library in Finglas was 30 years there with no proper disability access

Polio group used to meet and lift was a nightmare to access as lift is part of shops

New library next June will be accessible and looks good on plans.

Cabra library disability parking was improved

Dealz area dcc office can’t do anything but we will contact pound land in uk

144 engagements on local Facebook post on it to date.

Plan for 2022

Bus connects rolling out, dart plus moving forward, new carriages will be accessible audio braille visual announcements etc. will be there. Workshops with Irish rail in January to do fine details

New station in pelletstown not easily accessible due to ramps been an issue for boarding trains no staff.

Extendable ramps won’t work in all stations

4 hours’ notice required at all times but will be down to 2 hours shortly.

Issue is getting staff to get to the station from hub 135 new customer service staff for mainline and will assist we need same for commuter network.

Do audit on wheelchair spaces in city

Coax Dublin city council for the city centre to get changing places into shopping centres etc.

One is going into st Anne’s park etc. We need them put into any new park or renovation in future cost of 30k each which is cost effective as a toilet provision

Facebook page running and all dtg members are moderators.

Report done on Hampton wood road junction and dcc responded said he will send it around to members.

Ppn has raised these junctions as an issue and they are dangerous but greens are pushing it.

Cycle lanes a danger in paths on Griffith Avenue around Ballymun up to malahide and schools are affected as cyclists using paths not lane and parents driving kids are breaking rules to get in

Zebra crossings are been looked at by dcc again and we are pushing wombat crossings instead

Finglas Luas is ok

New wellness accessible centre to be put up in Finglas by allotment area Northside care program and partnership will help as well near to current allotments. All groups need to support

Let’s get purple lights more involved next year with dtg and other groups local group has said she would love to be a part of a launch with the kids in the area.

Next meeting 6th February at 6pm on zoom