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Meeting report

Bike Week Review

All in all, Bike Week events got a pretty unanimous thumbs up from everyone in the group. Here's a brief summary of the comments and the thoughts for improvement.

Stalls

These went well, and Doctor Bike service was a success and worth doing again. The stalls were welcoming. We could have less literature in future, since we now know what is popular and what isn't. It was agreed that we should try this somewhere else and approach more non-cyclists.

Wheel to Reel

These were well-attended, although few were full. Amongst the attendees at the meeting, there was a feeling that the films didn't really grab them. Rather than repeat this in the same format, perhaps there should be fewer next time. We also considered other events, such as something involving photography or fashion. It could also involve a competition for children.

Bike Week Reception

It was generally agreed that this went well.

Bicycle Brunch and Rides

This went down really well. It was a good location, and the rides were interesting.

Summer Solstice Rides

Again, despite terrible weather, this went really well. It was felt that it showed the potential level of interest in evening rides, so that might be something worth considering.

Future events

August meeting

Room booking cancelled. There will be a ride/social instead. A volunteer to plan or help plan this would be appreciated.

Future events

Rather than discuss this in the meeting, Nick appealed for volunteers to form a subgroup to come up with a calendar for September–December. So far, Marion, Sheila, and Germaine have volunteered (I think). Any other volunteers?

Bits and bobs

Campaigning

The view was reiterated that Cycle Cardiff shouldn't engage directly in this but look to support other groups. Some concern was expressed about the apparent lack of momentum within the Cardiff Cycling Campaign. Friends of the Earth may be more active in the short term.

Group structure

Given the size of the group and the range of its activities, it was accepted that some kind of constitution and management committee is probably required. It was agreed that we'd address this as part of events for Autumn–Winter.

Echo Campaign

The Echo are running several apparently pro-cycling articles in the coming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled. I expect links will be posted to the forum as and when these appear.

Shelter scheme for cycle training

Shelter are running a scheme in which people will be sponsored to learn to cycle, culminating in a sponsored ride in Margam Park on September 23. This will be plugged on the Cycle Cardiff website. Dafydd Thomas of Sustrans and Nick Canham will be tutoring the course.