

Legacy Report

Session 5 (2016-21)

Secretariat report, 8 March 2021

1. Establishment of the CPG.

An initial meeting was held on 07/12/16. The attendance was Alison Johnstone MSP and Claudia Beamish MSP, who were elected as Co-convenors, and Graham Simpson MSP, who was elected as Deputy Convenor. The meeting agreed that the purpose of the CPG should be to "raise the profile of walking, cycling and bus use within the Scottish Parliament, and help to promote policies and priorities relating to these forms of transport, and the linkages between them." A decision was taken to seek the Parliament's approval for the establishment of the CPG.

Having received the approval of the Parliament, the second meeting was held on 01/03/17 (4 MSPs & 9 others present). Transform Scotland was agreed as providing the secretariat to the CPG. There was wide discussion as to the future business of the CPG, and decisions were taken as to which topics and speakers would be appropriate for future meetings.

2. Subsequent meetings of the CPG.

The 3rd meeting was held on 27/06/17 (4 MSPs & 21 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Tom Davy & Pete Grant (Transport Scotland) on the topic of the Scottish Government's forthcoming *Transport (Scotland) Bill*, and from Daisy Narayanan (Sustrans Scotland) on the topic of the Scottish Government's *Active Travel Task Force*.

The 4th meeting was held on 07/11/17 (4 MSPs & 13 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Inspector Vincent Fisher & PC Dominic Doyle (Police Scotland) on Operation Close Pass; Stuart Hay (Living Streets Scotland) on 'the use and purpose of streets'; and Mark Ruskell MSP on his *Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill*.

The 5th meeting was held on 24/01/18 (3 MSPs & 22 others present). The meeting featured a presentation from George Mair (CPT Scotland) on 'Trends in Scottish bus patronage'.

The 6th meeting was held on 01/05/18 (3 MSPs & 22 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Alison Irvine (Transport Scotland) on *Strategic Transport Project Review 2*, and from Karen Furey (Transport Scotland) on the Active Travel Task Force.

A joint meeting with the CPG on Lung Health and the CPG on Heart Disease & Stroke was held on 04/09/18 on the topic of air quality (7 MSPs & 38 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Prof James Chalmers (University of Dundee) on how air quality impacts on patients with lung disease, Mark Miller (University of Edinburgh) on the effect of air pollution on the heart and blood vessels, and Bruce Whyte (Glasgow Centre for Population Health) on the contribution Active Travel can make to improving air quality.

The 7th meeting was held on 28/11/18 (3 MSPs & 15 others present). The meeting featured a presentation from Brendan Rooney & Tasha Geddie (Transport Scotland) on the *Transport (Scotland) Bill*.

A joint meeting with the CPG on Lung Health and the CPG on Heart Disease & Stroke was held on 19/03/19 on the topic of air quality (3 MSPs & 22 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Gavin Thomson (Friends of the Earth Scotland) on the *Transport (Scotland) Bill*, and Daniel Jones (British Heart Foundation) on the Scottish Government's review of the *Cleaner Air for Scotland* strategy.

The 8th meeting was held on 11/06/19 (2 MSPs & 16 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Victoria Barby (Scottish Parliament) on 'Sustainable Transport at the Scottish Parliament' and from Stuart Hay (Living Streets) on 'Holyrood-Waverley Street Audit'.

The 9th meeting was held on 03/09/19 (2 MSPs & 21 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Lee Craigie (Active Nation Commissioner) on the first eight months in the role, and Joanne Boyle (Transport Scotland) on delivery of the Active Travel Task Force report.

The 10th meeting was held on 27/11/19 (2 MSPs & 22 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Jess Pepper (Transform Scotland) on the #lovemybus campaign and from Paul White (CPT Scotland) on recent developments in bus policy.

The 11th meeting was held on 03/03/20 (4 MSPs & 18 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Rona Gibb (Paths for All) & Craig McLaren (RTPI & chair of the National Walking Strategy Delivery Forum) on the National Walking Strategy, and from Helen Todd (Ramblers Scotland) on 'Walking for active travel vs walking for leisure and outdoor recreation'.

The 12th meeting was held on 01/09/20 (5 MSPs & 21 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Stuart Hay (Living Streets Scotland) on 'Holyrood-Waverley Street Audit', and Claire Daly (Sustrans Scotland) on the 'Spaces for People' programme.

The 13th meeting was held on 17/11/20 (4 MSPs & 30 others present). The meeting featured presentations from Keith Watson (Alexander Dennis Limited) on 'Driving Scotland's Green Recovery', and from Andy Hyde (Go Upstream), Carl Greenwood (Paths for All) & Gerry King on 'The Better Buses Project'.

The 14th meeting is due to be held on 09/03/21. It will feature discussion on the CPG members' aspiration for cycling, walking and buses in Session 6 of the Scottish Parliament.

3. Other business transacted by the CPG.

The 4th meeting of the CPG received a presentation from Living Streets Scotland. As a consequence of this, the CPG agreed that it would be useful for Living Streets to undertake a street audit of walking conditions between the Scottish Parliament and Waverley Station. A final report was published in January 2021 titled *Miles Better: Securing Better Access to the Scottish Parliament*.¹

The CPG also corresponded with Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson MSP regarding Traffic Regulation Orders. A note on this is available.²

¹ Available at <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/about-us/our-work-in-action/miles-better-access-to-the-scottish-parliament>

² Available at <https://transform.scot/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Michael-Matheson-MSP-correspondence-Traffic-Regulation-Orders.pdf>

Appendix 1: Group Officers.

Co-Convener: Alison Johnstone MSP

Co-Convener: Claudia Beamish MSP

Deputy Convener: Graham Simpson MSP

Appendix 2: Group Members.

Gail Ross MSP

Gillian Martin MSP

Patrick Harvie MSP

Mark Ruskell MSP

Sarah Boyack MSP

Appendix 3: Membership: Non-MSP individuals.

Richard Doherty (office of Alison Johnstone)

Professor Tom Rye

Appendix 4: Membership: Organisations.

Transform Scotland - secretariat

Living Streets Scotland

Cycling Scotland

Cycling UK Scotland

Paths for All

Sustrans Scotland

Spokes

Confederation of Passenger Transport UK

Transport Focus

GoBike Strathclyde Cycle Campaign

Ramblers Scotland

Causey Development Trust

Stagecoach UK Bus

The Bike Station (Edinburgh)

Cycle Law Scotland

Pedal on Parliament
South West Community Cycles
Citizens Advice Scotland
Gorebridge Community Development Trust
CalMac Ferries Ltd
Community-Led Environmental Action for Regeneration (CLEAR)
Levenmouth Rail Campaign
Friends of the Earth Scotland
Royal Scottish Geographical Society
Scottish Association for Public Transport
Living Streets Edinburgh
Women's Cycle Forum
Police Scotland
CoMoUK
Scottish Cycling
Royal National Institute for the Blind



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We campaign for walking, cycling and public transport to be the easiest and most affordable options for everyone. Our diverse membership brings together public, private and third sector organisations from across Scotland. We are a registered Scottish charity (SC041516).