

Chat Discussion

Steven Szostak : I hoped to hear the task force recognised land 'ownership' as being key. Will it push for asset transfer to the community?

Shona Glenn: Community led regeneration has been an important focus for the task force and asset transfer is an important part of that.

Steven Szostak : thanks Shona...great to hear this.

Shona Glenn: DTAS and SLC have also joined forces to appoint a dedicated vacant and derelict land project manager (here today, hi Karlene!) specifically to support community led reuse of long term derelict sites.

Karlene Doherty: Hi Shona, very much enjoyed your presentation. Steven the project has just started, if you want to get in touch to find out more, my email address is Karlene@dtascot.org.uk

Steven Szostak: will do Karlene. I think Strathleven CIC is an ongoing interesting case study in this.

Barbara Kerr - Sustrans: I feel both should be happening for question 4!

Pat Scrutton: I agree!

Jamie Baker: In terms of transport, the issues are deeper and more interconnected, it's about behaviour and expectation and time and speed of life and consumption levels...

Stuart Hay: We can't have a sustainable transport system without land reform. Developers can't afford to support / build active travel or public transport links

Steven Szostak: In land and property development, the private sector has skills and capacity we in the community sector don't have. They can also be the risk taker. We need more Joint Ventures which accept 'profit' is not a bad word!

Shona Glenn: Completely agree!

David Hume: What is the SLC's current attitude to the merit of development land taxes?

Marion McDonald: in rural context often impossible to put in cycling/walking infrastructure due to landowners refusal to sell a strip of land by the roadside. Lack of infrastructure a real barrier for what could be cyclable journeys between communities. Make compulsory? Often the land needed is a tiny proportion of the land holding

Barbara Kerr - Sustrans: Along with lack of safe infrastructure - a barrier to cycling is lack of joined up modes - with few bike spaces on trains, and even less options for taking bikes on buses there is very little opportunity for people to cycle first/last mile journeys with bus/train forming the longest part of the journey. Integrated ticketing options for public transport and cycle hire schemes would also help with this.

Jamie Baker: community ownership / control needs support and capacity building as a core element.

Karlene Doherty: Community ownership and control around sustainable transport is a growing movement in Scotland. There are success stories dotted around the country but a more structured approach to support to stimulate and nurture projects, especially in deprived communities would generate much more activity

Stuart Hay: Agree about proactive approach to development plans. Developers haven't priced in measures to improve transport, because they don't believe planners are serious about their policies. Got worse as LA planning / economic dev capacity has been diminished

Chris Lawrence: Vancouver buses take 2 bikes on a rack on the front to make transit easier for cyclists.

Suzanne Moir: With the wide use of contactless payment now, should smart ticketing still be a priority?

Seven Szostak: True Jamie.... Hybrids like SRCIC also have an important role.

Paul Davies: Thank you to the presenters - all very informative on this area of work. Well done to Andy for hosting too. :)

Jennifer Russell: increase in people buying electric bikes mean people are actively wanting to see better more secure bike lockers at workplaces or in towns/cities as theft is a big deterrent.

Hazel Cross: Another fantastic session, thanks to all speakers & participants & the Surf team, lots of food for thought.

Suzanne Moir: Brilliant session. Really interesting

Barbara Kerr - Sustrans: Great presentations and discussion today! Thank you all.

Marion McDonald: transition black isle worked on a pilot with stagecoach in 2014 to have bike racks on rear of buses. Issues but can be done!

Sarah Deas: Really interesting discussion - thank you

Marion McDonald: hello Chris! do you remember me from Caledonia paper mill??? :-)

Steven Szostak: thanks for the stimulating debate

Shona Glenn: Marion - in relation to your question on access to land for cycling infrastructure - you might want to have a look at our work on land rights and responsibilities , which set out expectations for landowners in relation to the Govts. Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement

<https://landcommission.gov.scot/our-work/good-practice/land-rights-and-responsibilities-protocols>

The protocols on diversification of ownership and negotiated transfer may be particularly relevant to the situations you described.