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SUSTAINABLE LOW-CARBON SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT:-

the experience of Sibu

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Introduction

Sibu Municipal Council’s jurisdiction area cover of about 129.5 sq km with a population of about 240,402 (2010 census)
Promotion of Greenery

From private sector participation, since 2011, Sibu has 11 urban parks apart from the numerous Council's owned.
Tree Planting
Bicycle track may be part of Lake Garden landscape

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SIBU: A bicycle track may be incorporated into the landscape of Lake Garden at Taman Permai here.

Sibu Municipal Council’s (SMC) Works and Traffic standing committee chairman Robert Lau Hui Yew said his committee would make a proposal to a track which well-designed and inviting.

He was speaking on Monday evening when officiating at a cycling event themed ‘Greening Sibu, Let’s Cycle’.

More than 20 people joined the event.

Lau said he did not expect that many to turn up.

“A shop in town was kind enough to lend me 20 bicycles for the event,” he disclosed.

He added: “We’re short of a few because we’ve underestimated the response.”

Lau said the main objective of the activity was to get the people to feel what cycling for pleasure and fitness was like.

Participant Wong Ai Moi, a teacher by profession, said she cycled to school every day.

“It takes me just five minutes from my house to the school,” she said.

“It’s a good exercise. And, expenses on fuel and the nuisance of finding a parking space don’t concern me,” she quipped.

Wong, who pedals almost daily with neighbours and friends, is all for the idea of creating a cycling track at Lake Garden.

Another participant, Doreen Wong, 11, said cycling had been her hobby for some time.

“I cycle in our neighbourhood every evening, sometimes with my siblings and sometimes with friends,” she said.

Municipal chairman Datuk Tiong Thai King and his deputy, Daniel Ngiong, were among the participants on Monday.
FOR A GREENER SIBU: (Seated from third left) Ngien, Tiong, Lau, Hii, and participants of the workshop.

Bicycle track plans begin with community brainstorming workshop

SIBU: Sibu Municipal Council’s intention to create a cycling track at the Lake Garden in Taman Pernai was given a head start yesterday with the holding of a community workshop.

Council chairman Datuk Tiong Thai King said the workshop was a brainstorming session and feedback from the participants would be taken seriously.

“Growing Sibu, Choose Cycling,” was meant to pool ideas and opinions on how best the proposed cycling track could be implemented.

At this stage, the main idea is to have the track linked to nearby schools and residential clusters.

Calling for support from all quarters, the chairman said he hoped the proposed project would come to fruition within this year.

“When we have this cycling track, we shall explore the possibilities of extending the track to the Sentosa Forest Park,” he said.

Though bicycles are no longer a popular mode of transportation locally, Tiong said cycling was still popular in other countries, particularly in rural or suburban areas.

Touching on the benefits of cycling, he mentioned various aspects that included accessibility, economic efficiency, environment-friendly, health and tourism.

Meanwhile, council secretary Hii Chang Kee stressed the need to have a cycling liaison committee to coordinate the implementation of the project.

“Cycling associations and schools for instance have important roles to play,” he pointed out, suggesting that they were in a good position to promote cycling.

“We’ll look for funds in due course,” Hii added.

Also at the workshop were council deputy chairman Daniel Ngien and councillor Robert Lau Hui Yew.
Waste Management

1. Composting centre
2. Promoting:
   a. Community composting
   b. Waste segregation at Source
   c. Community Awareness
3. Recycling centres
4. Collection of recyclables at sanitary landfill
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