

Five things you need to know today



Transport & Environment Committee meets today – Holyrood Cycling debate – FOMBL Autumn meeting – European Annual Conference on Ocean Energy begins today – Tonight at the Bongo Club

The council's Transport & Environment Committee meets this morning. A fuller report on what will be discussed is [here](#).

Following a motion by Alison Johnstone MSP for Lothians the Scottish Parliament is to discuss the possibility of introducing strict liability for motorists involved in collisions with cyclists today. At 2:00pm the motion to be debated in the chamber is as follows:-

S4M-07934 Alison Johnstone: Strict Liability—That the Parliament believes that the number of fatalities and injuries to pedestrians and cyclists on Scotland's roads, including in the Lothian region, is unacceptably high; recognises that the Scottish Government has funded a number of national cycle safety initiatives; notes that versions of a strict liability rule exist in the civil law of many European countries; notes that a number of walking and cycling organisations support the introduction of such a law in Scotland; understands that a petition by Cycle Law Scotland on this topic has secured nearly 5,000 signatures; considers that a stricter liability rule could have positive benefits for the safety of more vulnerable road users as part of a package of measures, and would welcome further debate on this proposal.

You can watch proceedings on [Parliament TV](#).

Autumn is officially here: the leaves are falling in the Meadows, and the FoMBL autumn meeting will be held in the Dining Room, Teviot Row House, Bristo Square, at 7.30 pm on Monday 4th November. Read all about it in their newsletter, which you will find on their [website](#).



The European Annual Conference on Ocean Energy begins today at Our Dynamic Earth. Drawing together main players in the development of the renewable technology, there will also be opportunities to see and hear politicians from Greg Barker the UK Minister for Energy and Climate Change to Fergus Ewing the Scottish Government's Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism and the First Minister, Alex Salmond who will address the conference on Wednesday.

[Full programme here.](#)

And if you're a night owl then you need to know that The Bongo Club opens its doors tonight at 11:00pm to host a Halloween Special.

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