

## Wheels of protest



CYCLISTS and climate campaigners held a rally outside St Andrews House Edinburgh yesterday, in which they accused the SNP of breaking its promises. The SNP manifesto pledged "to increase the proportion of transport

spending that goes on low-carbon, 'active' and sustainable travel". However, sustainable transport campaigners Transform Scotland said there had been a 33% cut in spending to promote walking and cycling, from £18.5 million in 2011-12

to £12.6m in 2012-13, while the overall transport budget has been increased. Scores of cyclists gathered outside the Scottish Government offices to protest, and to deliver a letter outlining concerns to Transport Minister Keith Brown.

Tom Ballantine, chair of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, said: "The manifesto promised to increase funding for active travel. The draft budget cuts it by a third. That is not acceptable." Picture: Steve Cox.