

LCWIP Working Group 16th June 2021

Present: Adrian Berendt, Chris Cavanagh, Ben Coleman (PJA), Katie Cullen (KCC), Natalie Earl (SBC), Alastair Gould (SBC), Alison Reynolds (FTC), Miranda Palmer (KCC), Tim Stonor, Julian Saunders (Chair)(FTC), Eddie Thomas (FTC), Chris Wright

In attendance: Adrienne Begent Deputy Town Clerk (DTC)

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kris Barker

2) Confirmation of LCWIP Working Group

Members of the LCWIP working group with voting rights were confirmed as: Kris Barker, Chris Cavanagh, Alistair Gould, Alison Reynolds, Julian Saunders Tim Stonor, Eddie Thomas and Chris Wright.

All other attendees are officers or consultants.

3) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Cllr J Saunders was nominated to be Chair of the LCWIP Working Group by Cllr E Thomas for the Civic Year 2021-22. This was seconded by Mr C Wright and following a unanimous vote he was elected.

Cllr C Cavanagh was nominated to be Vice Chair of the LCWIP Working Group by Cllr J Saunders for the Civic Year 2021-22. This was seconded by Cllr A Reynolds and following a unanimous vote he was elected.

4) Terms of Reference

It was proposed by Cllr J Saunders, seconded by Mr T Stonor and on being put to the meeting it was agreed to accept the Terms of Reference.

5) Declarations of Interest

TS confirmed that Space Syntax had been appointed by the Duchy of Cornwall. This was entered on the Register of Interests for the year 2021-22.

6) Minutes of the Meeting on 5th May

The minutes of 5th May were approved.

7) Matters Arising

(Minute 3)

It was noted that the Parishes of Boughton Under Blean, Graveney with Goodnestone, Oare, Ospringe and Selling had been sent emails detailing the LCWIP and asked if they wish to collaborate. Dunkirk will be written to at the next stage as it is not directly affected by the LCWIP.

JS confirmed he will be attending the meeting of Graveney with Goodnestone PC on 12th July and the meeting of Selling PC on 17th June.

ACTION: AB to follow up the emails to Boughton Under Blean and Ospringe (Minute 4)

MP confirmed the Access Fund (KCC StAR Programme) delivery was due to come to a close on 31 March 2021 however due to Covid, the DfT have granted KCC an additional six months to complete the programme i.e. until September 2021. There is no more funding available via the DfT Access Fund but it is being replaced by the DfT Capability Fund, to run for 12 months. All Local Authorities however are waiting on the final grant award letters prior to the start of works.

MP confirmed that she had met with Sarah-Jayne Ellcock who had confirmed there was no additional funding for the Stonebridge Crossing Project. However she would be keen to hear about plans as they progress so if funding does become available they could be put forward.

8) PJA Presentation (Stage 2)

BC confirmed Version 5 had been circulated to the group earlier in the month. Comments received from the group have been incorporated as well as suggestions from KCC and SBC regarding additional maps showing air quality and indices of multiple deprivation. The next stage is to arrange for the network to be audited, looking at existing conditions and proposing changes.

BC introduced the 16 routes would be considered in the audit. These are not set and amendments can be made.

The LCWIP network should connect to the Parish to Town Network

AB confirmed that the audit would be of existing infrastructure. The new developments would need to be considered and this would be part of the Town to Parish project.

The existing network (town centre) is walking focused but early findings indicate that the extended network to the developments is likely to have more of a cycling focus.

CW raised the issue of physical barriers. BC confirmed that these issues can be addressed at the Design Reconciliation Stage, depending on funding available, specific funding opportunities for targeted interventions.

ACTION: CW to create a list of barriers.

MP confirmed that KCC was happy with the routes.

TS questioned if this was a plan of routes to be audited or a plan of proposed routes. He highlighted the continuing issue with the 40 speed limit on Love Lane.

BC confirmed that it is the routes to be audited, nothing is fixed, will need to decide how many alignments we show. Decisions will have to be made on how they integrate with the town centre.

It was agreed that Stone Street, Cambridge Road, Love Lane and the route from north end of Queen Elizabeth School to Route 1 should be added to the audit plan. BC and AB to then meet to finalise alignments and the network.

ACTION: Meeting with AB, BC, CC and JS and member of community to be convened to discuss the audit. [Office Note: arranged for 28/06/21].

9) Audit Work

It was confirmed that the audit for the cycle network would be desk based initially and then validated on site.

A physical audit for walking (and some cycling) would then be undertaken. Local volunteers would need to be recruited. (Walking Groups and Town Councillors?)

It was envisaged that the auditing would be completed by end of July.

9) AOB

The issue of connectivity to Jubilee Way and Wilson development was raised. The planning application has been submitted.

ACTION: NE to raise issue with the Planners.

10) Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 28th July at 9.00am