

LCWIP Working Group 8th September 2021

Present: Adrian Berendt, Chris Cavanagh, Katie Cullen, Alastair Gould, Alison Reynolds, Julian Saunders and Chris Wright

In attendance: Adrienne Begent, Deputy Town Clerk

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kris Barker, Katie Beswick, Ben Coleman, Natalie Earle, Miranda Palmer, Tim Stonor, Eddie Thomas and Chris Williams

2) Declarations of Interest

None

3) Minutes of the Meeting on 28th July 2021

The Minutes of 28th July 2021 were approved.

4) Matters Arising

School Streets

AB confirmed that discussions had taken place with Iona, and that further discussions would take place next week.

Some schools have expressed interest in the project.

KCC had run a successful School Street project in Margate and was considering doing a project in Tunbridge Wells.

Country Bikes

AB/JS confirmed they had attended a meeting about bike hire with County Bike, who run an app for booking bikes at county locations. Hollingbourne is presently the nearest pickup/drop off point. They also run a service delivering to campsites and B&Bs etc. This could be a complimentary project. It was noted it was for leisure cycling rather than utility cycling

5) Audit Results

AB gave an informative presentation on the audits that were undertaken on 29th July. The presentation focused on the walking audits, there would be a further update on the cycling audit in due course.

[Office note: the slides were shared with all members of the working group 10th September]

6) Project Programme

Stage1: Determining Scope

Stage 2: Stage Gathering Information/

Stage 2A: Additional Information
Stage 3: Network Planning for Cycling
Stage 4: Network Planning for Walking
Stage 5: Prioritising Improvements
Stage 6: Integration and Application

AB confirmed the project is at stage 3/4 and moving towards Stage 5.

A sub-group should be formed of 2/3 people to interrogate data from the audit results and start to consider priorities for the next phase.

ACTION: JS to form subgroup and arrange meeting CC, CW, AB, and JS volunteered. It was considered that the involvement of ET and TS would be beneficial.

CC asked if we have dates for planned interventions.

AB confirmed it was open ended, with the exception of one or two projects such as the Stonebridge Pond project, a plan is in place but implantation is dependent on funding.

JS confirmed that there is list of actions compiled by the 20's plenty group which is aligned with the list emerging from the work of this group, but rollout will be dependent on funding availability.

AG asked if additional routes should still be submitted.

AB confirmed yes, all feedback was welcome.

AG enquired about links to Duchy land, and in particular over the long bridge.

AB confirmed talks had taken place concerning route alignment out to Boughton.

CC asked for tab to be added where discussions with developers could be added to monitor success of negotiations. Also enquired about buses not being allowed to turn right out of the Mall because of the refuge and having to turn left. Further he thought it would be helpful if opinions from say GIST and bus drivers could be gathered.

AG commented that regarding developers commitments (S106) it would be helpful to liaise with the planning department.

ACTION: AB to follow up (Ben J Martin would be a helpful contact)

7) Applications

Application has been made to KCC Active Travel Fund for £1million. Waiting on outcome of application.

An expression of interest has been made to Department of Transport to become a trial site for the Little Holland Scheme. (12 sites sought)

AG confirmed GP application had been made to KCC which should have been passed to DoT.

KC confirmed that KCC Kent Capability bid to DoT was successful and there would be press release soon.

8) Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 9am on Wednesday 27 October.