

Congleton Integrated Transport Working Group Meeting

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Friday 25th September 2020

Location: Grand Hall, Town Hall

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Present: Councillor Suzie Akers Smith (Chair) Cllr Duncan Amies, Cllr Martin Amies, Cllr David Brown, Councillor Margaret Gartside, Councillor Suzy Firkin, Cllr Sally Ann Holland (remote link) Councillor Kay Wesley, Ant Bolding (Active Travel), Vic Brown (Parish Councils), David McGifford, Jackie MacArthur.

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By who	By when
1	Apologies	None		
2	Cllr SAS apologised for being late and welcomed everyone to the meeting and set the scene re Government and local desire to create viable active travel modes of transport to improve air quality, improve fitness, improve mental health			
3	Brian Sellers of Commonplace spoke via a remote Teams link about the CEC consultation on the Bridge Street proposals (care and share) and about the difficulty of promoting change. How the schemes introduced on a trial basis can be adopted, changed or removed. By being bold CEC should be successful in attracting additional government funding.	Look on Common Place website for good examples to share with the group Invite Brian Sellers to future Community and Environment Committee re consultation in Congleton	JMacA	Late October
4.	Congleton Issues a) Disconnect of footpaths, bridleways and cycleways b) Addition Routes – would like to see a completed River Dane Walkway run from the Link Road through town and to Havannah.	Work with the parishes to create a list of aspirations and missing links in order to create a usable network of connected cycling, walking and bridle paths between housing areas, schools, town and other key locations. To circulate by email. SAS/AB creating a list of priority needs to circulate to group	SAS/ AB/ MA/ DA SAS/AB	November 20 November 20

	<p>c) Signage – direct routes and safe routes</p> <p>d) Hard facts on current journey modes and destinations by segments. Understand current picture, set goals and create a road map for change.</p> <p>e) Lack of public transport options – what’s realistic in short, medium and long term.</p> <p>f) Understanding the process – Highways, footpaths all CEC responsibility. Funding comes into CEC for Highways. Need to understand mechanism to getting schemes before CEC.</p> <p>Need to check that the aspirations to resolve disconnect in current routes and to create the River Dane Green corridor is included in the Neighbourhood Plan</p>	<p>What is the best mechanism to get this moving – speak to Richard Hibbert</p> <p>Issue that needs addressing JMacA to speak to Richard Hibbert to find out what stats CEH has. Also to look into BBC Shared Data Unit figures. JMacA to request info from CEC</p> <p>Check existing plans CEC SF/SAH looking at trains KW looking at buses</p> <p>DMcG/ JMacA to speak to Jo Wise re Town Vitality Plans and the role of Mott McDonald and transport flows in the scheme</p> <p>Consider the 2019-2024 Local Transport Plan policies and how to apply to Congleton.</p> <p>DMcG to make sure covered in NP policies</p>	<p>DMcG / JMacA</p> <p>JMacA/DMcG</p> <p>JMacA/DMcG</p> <p>JMacA/DMcG</p> <p>Note consultation due Nove</p>	<p>October 20</p> <p>Part of LTP local delivery plans</p> <p>October 20</p>
5	Date of Next Meeting	To be agreed		