

Congleton Integrated Transport Working Group Meeting

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday 20 October 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

Time: 4pm – 5pm

Present: Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Kay Wesley, Ant Bolding (Active Travel), Cllr Suzie Akers Smith, Jackie MacArthur.

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1.	Apologies	Cllr Margaret Gartside, Cllr Duncan Amies		
2.	Agreement of agenda	Agenda accepted – notes of last meeting not discussed as 2021		
3.	<p>20's Plenty - CEC is open to suggestions from Town and Parish Councils for suggestions on which roads should become 20 mph. Budgets will need to be agreed for the cost of the signage and Road Traffic Order and what the process will be for selecting the roads to be made 20mph. Cllr SAS suggested that traffic orders can run to £10k. At this stage CEC interested in views and priorities. A list was shared with the group containing suggestions that had come forward from the public for roads that they would like to see made 20 mph in East and West Ward as well as Somerford Parish. General discussion on principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential roads around schools • All housing estates • Town Centre roads 	<p>Arrange a ITWG meeting for the 17 November 2022 to discuss the issue face to face with maps and create recommendations on 20 mph zones for Council.</p> <p>Write out to the schools to get their thoughts on 20s plenty and also an update on if schools have travel plans (SMOTs)</p> <p>CEC has said all new housing developments should be 20mph. CTC Planning to be made aware and should request 20 mph when asked to comment on new housing developments</p>	<p>Jackie</p> <p>Jackie</p> <p>Cllrs on Planning</p>	<p>October</p> <p>October</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
4.	CEC ACTIVE TRAVEL - update from CEC on the Active Travel designs for Congleton – Clair Visco and John Davies from CEC came to a Strategy Working Group to share design works for active travel improvements from the fire station roundabout to Barn Road roundabout.	The designs have been submitted by CEC. There has not been any feedback so far, but there is a general concern that Government funding for active travel may be reduced and CEC is a national competition to projects funded.		

5.	Proposal to engage a consultant to help develop an integrated transport Plan for Congleton. The CEC active travel improvements were limited to a very localised area. The CEC Local Transport Plan is general. The group felt the town would benefit from a working with a transport professional to develop a holistic Integrated Transport Plan for Congleton – with details on the demographics, understanding of how people get about and could get about.	Cllr Kay Wesley and Jackie to work on putting together a brief to get some costings which could then go to committee as a recommendation.	Jackie and Cllr KW	November
6.	Update on cycling initiatives - Ant Bolding gave a brief update on the success of the Rickshaw and regular local trips. Group made aware of a new Climate Action Group on transport which is likely to include a cycling action group setting up on Tuesday 25 October.	Invite the new Chair of the group to a future ITWG meeting Noted cycle racks being placed in Congleton Park	Jackie	When appointed
7.	Update on public transport changes - group aware that there is no additional funding coming from Government to CEC for bus improvements. Noted the Sunday 38 service has disappeared. Andrew Barnet new officer at CEC – needs to be made aware of the work of this group on buses	Send a copy of the work carried out on buses including the bus survey to Andrew Barnett. Speak with Andrew re potential pilot bus projects potentially with a local bus supplier	Cllr KW Cllrs SAS/ KW	Oct Oct
8	Update on walking accessibility improvements – general discussion on improvements needed. Traffic lights at Mossley/Leek Road – no gap for pedestrians Bath Vale Bridge - needs a pavement Antrobus Street – crossing point Newcastle Road - pavement	Gather up the lists submitted by Ward Councillors (each Ward Councillor is allocated Highway budget for high priority improvements – note highways improvements are very expensive and budgets limited.	Jackie to approach Ward Cllrs	Oct
9.	AOB CEC has asked Ward Councillors to list their top 10 highways priorities. Cllr SAS shared hers. Keen to see lists from other ward councillors. Reminder that there is a consultation on Anti-idling	Contact Ward Councillors and ask them to share their lists Send link to staff and Councillors and put out on social media. Encourage responses.	Jackie Jackie	October October
10.	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 17 November 2022 – Face to Face 3-5pm		