

## Congleton Integrated Transport Working Group Meeting

### NOTES OF MEETING

**Date:** Thursday 26 October 2023

**Location:** Bridestones

**Time** 4pm – 5.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Suzy Firkin , Cllr Kay Wesley, Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Heather Pearce, Jackie MacArthur.

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Glen Williams, Cllr David Brown, Cllr Suzie Akers Smith		
2.	<b>Approve Draft Agenda</b>	Approved		
3.	<b>Appoint a Chair</b>	As Chair given apologies, Cllr Kay Wesley chaired the meeting		
	<b>Outstanding Items from previous notes not on the agenda</b>			
4	<p><b>Flexi Bus Consultation</b> A consultation response was sent to CEC. Not received any feedback.</p> <p><b>20mph zone</b> – shared response from CEC – looks as though the Town council request for the whole town minus the main A roads will not be placed very high on the list of priorities. Group discussed ways to move forward.</p>	<p>Shared feedback when received</p> <p>Potential that a new paper on the 20 mph will come to Council? ITWG thought the concentration should be on the Town Centre. Look to engage with Chris Hillier, Ward Councillors, CEC Highways and Transportation group.</p>	<p>Jackie</p> <p>Jackie</p> <p>Marketing</p>	<p>15/9</p> <p>Immediate</p>
5.	<p><b>Improving Bus Services</b> Congleton continues to be poorly served. Believe CEC should be doing more to meet Transport for New Homes. Should be funding from HS2 money. Congleton TC has commented on the improvements needed for many years but not breaking through. Discussed setting up a Transport Partnership – need to get key influencers together.</p>	<p>Look into setting up a Transport Partnership, or if one exists for the area can CTC have a seat at it. Feel that we are missing out on opportunities for much needed improvements for the town that should be happening with its rapid growth.</p> <p>Can anything be done to help Bath Vale with access to buses?</p>	<p>Jackie</p>	

7.	<p><b>Stephen Joseph Report</b> - draft report shared with the group. Noted that Stephen had suggested some quick wins. Overarching theme was around partnerships and forum.</p> <p>Stephen requested feedback from the group – group to look through the report over the next couple of weeks and report back any changes to Jackie to report to Stephen.</p>	<p>Jackie to collate feedback and send to Stephen Joseph. Comments should be received by the 14<sup>th</sup> November.</p>		
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Concern that we need help to achieve any transport improvements for Congleton. Need to make more noise about transport.</p>	<p>Continue to comment on transport issues for all new large developments</p> <p>Ask questions about whether travel plans promised with Planning Applications are being delivered</p> <p>Make more use of our Ward Councillors</p> <p>Amanda to research which ward councillors sit on which committees so that we can make sure that they are aware of working group issues.</p>		
	<p>Date of Next Meeting to be confirmed. Jackie and Cllr SAS to meet first to look at the walking and cycling routes, any updates that have happened and report back at the next meeting.</p>			