

Meeting of the Active Travel and Accessibility Forum

Kaposvar Room, Guildhall 2/3/20

Attendees: Mary Young (MY) Ramblers; Saskia Heijltjes (SH) University of Bath; Adam Reynolds (AR) Walk Ride Bath, Frank Tompson (FT) Two Tunnels Group; David Stoye (DS) Walk Ride Bath; Mark Minkley BANES (MM), Ken Ayres (KA) Bathwick Estates Resident Association; Alison Sherwin (AS) BANES; Neil Terry (NT) BANES, John Taylor (JT); Bryn Jones (BJ) Transition Larkhall, Cllr Sue Craig, Mandy Bishop (MB) BANES

Apologies: Cllr Joanna Wright, Alasdair Barron, Paula Spiers, Jon Usher, Stephen Little

Item 1: to discuss future Terms of Reference

AR: Circulate designs by email and collate responses, not wait until meetings for comments.

BJ: If via email, needs to be a mechanism to see other peoples' comments.

Action: Will share information and comments via email; all members to confirm if happy to share email addresses via Justin Reeve.

MY: what power does the group have to veto proposals?

MB: would take opinions into account to help inform decisions.

JT: Group should make reference to protection of vulnerable road users.

FT: How can we be informed of all works that take place?

MB: Are group happy with the Agenda format for this meeting?

FT: How can ideas be put into the Council system for future implementation?

NT: Council could use scoring mechanism to evaluate suggestions for consistent approach.

?RUH: Ensure that the group is in sync with other forums.

MY: Balance between walking and cycling representation. Can we have a relaunch event to raise awareness amongst wider representation?

KA: Does Public Realm only apply to central Bath?

MM: Public Realm & Movement Strategy was written as Bath specific, but other work is looking at areas outside of Bath as well.

Action: All to suggest appropriate ideas for alternative names.

Item 2: Regional Consultations

MB: West of England Combined Authority has open consultations on Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan, Joint Local Transport Plan 4 and Bus Strategy.

AR: LCWIP doesn't reflect ATAF comments about focus on safe routes to school.

AS: Walking routes were prioritised using the number of pupils per km on the route. This methodology was not detailed in LCWIP document but will consider for final draft. Cycling routes were scored using proximity to schools as well as other criteria. Map being developed to show routes in more detail.

MB: Plans are at a strategic level, which is required in order to source funding from central Government opportunities.

BJ: Will current information on the web (LCWIP) going to be added to?

AS: Yes, routes shown are high level no detailed designs at present.

Action: Justin Reeve to send link to consultation page to members.

Item 3: Local Strategy and Policy

MB: Getting Around Bath strategy being refreshed with a Delivery Plan. Will bring to the group once ready. Evidence based schemes are in strong position for funding.

AR: Bath Quays – entrance to car park in worst place to interfere with traffic flows on main road.

MM: Have been assured system proposed should ensure quick flow of traffic into the site.

KA: Similarly car park entrance to Southgate hazardous to pedestrians. Poor visibility of signals.

SC: Concern about Bath Quays bridge mixing pedestrians and cyclists.

AR: Concerned that the design intentionally uses pedestrians as a traffic calming measure for cyclists.

Item 4: Local schemes/Forward programme

FT: What are proposals for Bathampton Meadows for shared use path?

MM: part of Bath Riverline, feasibility work being done this year. Still in early stages. Will bring proposals to group when new officer appointed.

MY: LCWIP, BTDP etc. grand schemes, but current state of pavements is poor. What is happening with regular maintenance of footways?

MB: Funding for pavements is limited.

MM: Some funding for improvements being used, eg Keynsham high street.

RUH: Staff travel from West and Bristol, patients from East of Bath. Not suitable for public transport routes, so improvements focused of improving links for staff. Wider context, understanding why people in Bath use cars, eg supermarkets are central not close to residential areas. RUH have supplied suggestions via email.

FT: Signage of routes. Funding sought, but ongoing maintenance costs would be an issue.

MB: £100k has been added to future budget for maintenance of cycle routes as this has been recognised as lacking.

SC: Can city centre security be added to next meeting.

SH: Mapping of issues has been taking place. Will share with group when email addresses are captured.

NT: Summary of upcoming local schemes.

AR: Can the proposed orcas being used for light segregation on the cycle lane at the Upper Bristol Road Toucan have wands added to reinforce segregation? AS: they will be installed at the beginning of the cycle lanes.

MB: Budget proportions much greater towards walking and cycling than previous years.

SC: Can we have an update on cycle parking at next meeting.

MB: Funding for buses via WECA, will keep updated on any additional funding for Low Traffic Neighbourhoods etc.

Item 5: AOB

MM: Kingsmead Square pedestrianisation closure in May.

RUH would like to improve signage from the Riverside Path and Newbridge P&R to the RUH

AS: Cycle parking outside Guildhall; will replace all cycle parking stands with new bolt down stands. To move forward soon subject to funding.

NT: Name should include 'movement'.