

Walking and Cycling Forum Meeting Minutes

24th May 2021

6.30pm- 7.50pm

Attendees

Cllr Meller	Helen Pidd	Lucy Bridges
Andrew Howard	Ian Barker	Mark Glynn
Amy Beasley	Kathy England	Sarah McClelland
Alex Purrier	Cllr Aaron Thornley	June R
Rosie Batut	Mike Padfield	Harrie
Erika Siemaszko	Nick Rosenthal	Dr Matt Jackson
Dave Butler	Pete Vickerman	Steve Davies
Cllr Davies	Peter Jackson	Pete Abel
Debbie Hall	Peter West	Cllr Iain Roberts
Cllr Kate Butler	Rob Clark	Cllr Kate Butler
Diana Scotcher	Simon Temple	Elysia Marriot
Faye Drinkwater	Siobhan Beck	

Apologies

Kath Edwards

Minutes	Actions
1. Minutes from the late meeting	
Yes all okay	
2. Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF)	
<p>Work has started on a Greater Manchester wide programme to make journeys on foot or by bike much easier and more attractive. Alex gave an update on schemes that are currently on site:</p> <p>Heatons Cycle Link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 works are complete in Meadow Gardens. The bridge over the Black Brook is planned to be replaced in summer. • Path improvement works are nearing completion on Nelstrop Road North. • Works are underway at the Chandos Road / Buckingham Road junction until the end of the month. • Works substantially complete at the Wellington Road North crossing, and scheduled to start on Didsbury Road in summer <p>Bramhall Park to A6</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A is substantially complete, works in the Park until June • Section B is underway, expected completion autumn. • Works are nearing completion along Section G. • Works are ongoing in Section H until July / August. <p>Offerton to Stockport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The upgrade to the crossing on Offerton Lane is substantially complete, and the new controlled crossing on St Mary's Way is complete. • Works to introduce crossings on Waterloo Road and Hempshaw Lane planned for summer. • Works are complete in St Thomas' Rec with the exception of bollard installation which is expected in early June. <p>A555 Community Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to upgrade the Gillbent Road crossing are complete. • Works to introduce a crossing over Stanley Road at the A34 are complete. Next phase to follow. • The path from Highfield Parkway, through Woodford Rec, to the A555, is complete. Landscaping works continue to the end of May. <p>Cheadle Crossings Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to implement the Bird Hall Road crossing are scheduled to commence at the end of this month for approximately 8 weeks. • Crossings on Calderbrook Drive and Tarvin Road to commence in summer. <p>The following schemes are also planned for consultation in the coming weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Romiley to Stockport - Edgeley to Stockport (including elements of Stockport Interchange) <p>It is planned to run Active Neighbourhood trials in the Heaton and Romiley, following a series of workshops which are in the process of being arranged.</p> <p>Reponses to the recent Heaton Mersey Common consultation (Heaton Cycle Link) are currently being analysed and considered.</p> <p>Alex to report again on MCF and progress at the next meeting</p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there an interactive map? • Dean Lane scheme more mature trees to be planted • Bridleway at Woodford Rec is this being extended to Moor Lane ? 	<p>JW</p> <p>AP</p> <p>AP</p>
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3. Highway Updates

Green Lane Consultation

Two options for potential access controls were shown on the consultation proposals drawing:

- Motorbike inhibitor and horse stile; or
- Bollards (the principle of which forms part of the existing arrangements)
- From the comments received following the consultation exercise, it is clear from the responses that there are advantages and disadvantages for each option.
- We are currently updating the scheme proposals drawing, to take into account all comments received regarding all elements of the scheme. We intend to report the outcome of the consultation exercise, as well as our recommendations for the scheme, at the next Area Committee Meeting.

Emergency Active Travel Fund

- Was set up to support re-opening of the Town Centre from the Covid 19 pandemic
- Due to the third lockdown which happened past the financial year we have extended the scheme to ease the reopening in the town centre
- The intention is to monitor it again in June to see if levels of use have increased
- It will be removed at the end of October when the Active Neighbourhood trials end.

'Safe Streets Save Lives' project update

- Was introduced to improve safety in the District Centres' for all users after the initial lockdown eased from the Covid 19 pandemic
- Due to the third lockdown which happened past the financial year we have extended the scheme to ease the reopening in the district centre
- They are temporary schemes with a max lifespan of 18 months and we will be discussing the individual futures with the respective Ward Councillors.

Comments in the chat were that:

- Where is Green Lane?
- Accessibility is not optional.
- When is the phase 2 EATF works coming to fruition - town centre pedestrian friendly improvements?
- Bee Network is using LTN 1/20, which says that barriers should not be used. Bollards at 1.5m minimum spacing are the recommended option.
- Is the results from Green Lane going to the next area committee in June?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the EAT the road markings have worked well are these to be removed? Local member will retain as much as possible 	
4. Active Neighbourhoods	
<p>An Active Neighbourhood aims to enable residents to make short trips on foot, by cycle or by public transport, instead of jumping in their car. Active Neighbourhoods also seek to make our roads a safer place for all users. This can be achieved through measures such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New crossings New walking and cycling facilities Traffic calming Introduction of temporary, play street closures Introduction of measures around schools to improve road safety Measures to prevent 'rat running' in residential streets Pocket parks <p>Stages of an Active Neighbourhood</p> <p><u>Stage 1</u> When the community demonstrate an interest in an Active Neighbourhood</p> <p><u>Stage 2</u> Officers meet Ward Councillors to discuss the appropriate steps to move forward with plans Identify which stakeholders need to be involved Understand how best to engage with the community</p> <p><u>Stage 3</u> What would you like to see in your local area Identify local priorities Help to decide on an engagement area</p> <p><u>Stage 4</u> Putting together a Business plan to release funding for public consultation and trials Secure MCF programme entry</p> <p><u>Stage 5</u> Public consultation leading to workshops and trials</p> <p><u>Stage 6</u> Re-consult public after trials before permanent schemes are imputed Secure funding for permanent schemes</p>	

Update on developing AN schemes – Expected delivery

Design and Approvals

Wave 1: Heaton Chapel and Romiley

- Analysis of engagement – Dec 20 – Feb 21- Workshop sessions for members and WRR – Spring 21
- Approvals for Trial – June 21
- Trials – July 21 – Sept 21
- Consultation of permanent scheme – Oct 21
- Approvals – Late 21
- Business Case Submission – Early 22

Wave 2: Cheadle AN (Sustrans and Arup)

- Cheadle AN consultation closure date- Feb 21
- Analysis of engagement March 21
- Trials- Spring- Summer 21

Construction: Permanent Scheme

Wave 1: Heaton Chapel and Romiley

Start – April 2022 (subject to funding)

Community engagement and activation are essential for the success of an AN . By achieving this, we will be able to help the delivery of other walking and cycling related programmes in Stockport.

We will be able to support the following:

- Identifying local priorities and opportunities to enhance planned schemes with other measures/ community ‘asks’
- Engagement with other local stakeholders (incl. schools, community groups, sports clubs, WalkRide groups)
- Promote activities and opportunities with local communities (e.g. Play streets, Bike ability)
- Help to embed schemes within communities post-construction through support with community activation.

Comments from the chat

- I think it would be helpful if the council explains at each consultation what has happened with previous ones - people get confused why they are being asked again, when they already did the Commonplace map
- Personally I think 3 months is enough, as long as it's not all in the school summer hols
- You want it to start when it's quiet and then 6 weeks later when schools go back test it on "normal traffic"
- When will the next workshop be held
- Cycling is not just for the ‘summer’ months

5. Good Gym

Good Gym helps you get fit by doing good. They are a group of runners that combines regular exercise with helping the community.

Community missions

Run, walk or cycle to help community projects with practical tasks

Mission runs

We run to help older people with one-off tasks they can no longer do alone, such as clearing gardens or changing lightbulbs

Group runs

We run in groups to do physical tasks for community organisations

Coach Runs

We run to make social visits to isolated older people who we call our 'coaches' as they motivate us to keep going

www.goodgym.org

www.goodgym.org/case_studies

www.goodgym.org/reports/

Comments

- Send cllr Jude Wells email

6. National bike week

- This Year bike week is running from 30th May to 5th June 2021. Bike Week, delivered by Cycling UK, is an annual celebration to showcase cycling and how brilliant it is..
- Our message to employees and Stockport residents:

With so many of us working at home during the pandemic, we know that many of you have been getting back in the saddle to take a break, whether it be for a quick ride to the shops, a ride after work to de-stress or a family evening or weekend ride. Cycling can play a major part in boosting your mood and can help to combat stress, anxiety and depression and help to boost self-esteem

7. Stockport Enduro & Cycling Festival 18th -19th September

We are part of a steering group that is organising a major event in Stockport Town Centre on **18th & 19th Sept** that is focused around cycling. We have a really wide range of partners already on-board including:

- Stockport Community Cycling Club

- Woodsons Cycles
- CeraCycloan
- British Cycling
- CP Wheelers
- Rollapolluza
- Pedal Powered Smoothie Bike
- Dress Your Bike Comp

We also have **Fusion Extreme** doing **BMX, Trials Bike and Parkour displays** throughout each day (see link above)

Velo29 are managing a **competitive Suburban Enduro** (a short urban bike race of approx. 1 mile) all around the town and market place, both which should make for an excellent spectacle. It will draw competitors from far and wide. They will host a number of races throughout the day for children, youths, seniors and elite.

The race will attract a niche group and offer an amazing, exciting viewing opportunity for spectators (unlike anything we've had in Stockport before). But there will also be a whole range of cycling related family activities on offer throughout the whole weekend.

The purpose of the event is to create a cycle festival atmosphere that will attract footfall from far and wide and encourage members of the public to walk or cycle to the event to see how much fun cycling can be!

- The town centre team are working up our marketing materials now and the promotion video is due to be launched **during bike week**.
- Once this is out in the public domain, perhaps you could help spread the word?

8. Walk Ride Group updates

Heatons –site meeting with David to discuss proposals
 - currently doing an independent review of cycle routes
 -issues with Brawshall Primary

Reddish- met with Ellie and David
 - Planning app for Asda – not heard anything back

Marple
 - had a discussion on school streets

9. AOB

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For items due to go to the June Area Committee meeting, can a report be accessed beforehand? • The latest stats figures for cycling accidents increased 	
Details of next meeting: August/ September	