
NOTES OF THE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2021, 7PM (ONLINE)

1. Welcome to the meeting

Cllr Wolton gave his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting, Cllr Carter stood in as Chair.

2. Update on developing a local sustainable transport plan for Brockworth and increasing provision for walking, cycling and public transport in our area.

J Harris joined the group at 19:40 and updated the group on the progress on the transport plan. Cllr Joynes informed the group that he has plans to go out with maps and identify problem areas for drop kerbs, as several are not accessible enough for disabled residents. J Harris has been invited along to the community engagement day, that is taking place on the 27th of October. A member of the group or the Apprentice will take charge of the stand and deal with the public until J Harris arrives as he has work commitments until 13:00 on that day. Cllr Joynes fed back some views on the bus stops, at the request of J Harris. He stated that there is very little room for wheelchair access in front of the bus stops (on the pavement) The Clerk suggested placing J Harris in a slot on the Planning & Highways committee in November to discuss matters.

3. Parking issues

At the most previous Environment working group, it was discussed that there was a limited amount of cycle racks along court road (especially outside the charity shop and Co-op). There was a discussion in the environment group about the apprentice doing some research into finding a bike rack that is also a planter.

4. School Road Safety

The Clerk stated that a meeting with the local primary school took place last week (some group members attended). There was a group discussion on there being a school crossing patrol being put in place. The Clerk suggested that the group propose to Full Council that they would like to be apart of school road safety by providing the school with a hi vis and signage for the patrolling. The school would then employ the crossing patroller and insure them, as Council doing this could be complicated. There is £1000 in reserve that was approved in November for school road safety. The group will have to work with County Council & their processes to carry out visions.

5. Community speed watch & speed watch survey's

The Apprentice stated her reasons for not yet going out to do traffic counts along court rd. (It simply wouldn't be a true reflection as there have been roadworks being carried out) The traffic count would be completed by the apprentice before the next meeting. The Clerk had Churdown's speed gun to hand & demonstrated to the group how it worked. The group discussed how they would go about tackling the community speed watch and how they would record who when out where & what time and day. The Clerk has a list of roads that need to be surveyed. Maps will be printed out, so group members can mark down where down the roads they were stood on. A spreadsheet will be used to record all the information about the speed watch. These speed checks are monitoring the average speed of cars travelling up and down Brockworth roads. These results will then be presented to the relevant person so a formal check can be carried out to see if we are eligible for VAS along the roads the group surveyed. The Group decided that it was a good idea to pre-warn residents about the community speed watch survey before the group went out to conduct the surveys. There was discussion on creating a banner to hold up or handouts to notify residents. The group decided that it would be a good idea to utilise the WhatsApp group for communicating with each other on when each member has the speed gun.

6. Other road safety measures

The group discussed the participation in Road safety week (15-21 Nov). The group discussed the possibility of purchasing banners & bin stickers to support the occasion. It was decided that it would be more financially efficient if we design our own road safety banners and send the design off to the company who have created our previous banners. The group thought it would be good for the youth group to design the banners.

Clerk to put on the next planning and highways agenda, that the group would like expenditure for banners etc to be approved. Cllr Joynes suggested different slogans that could be installed on the banners.

Apprentice to create posters with mantras such as “kill your speed not a child” so the youth group can take it as inspiration for their banners for road safety week. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the local primary schools to discuss involving the children in road safety week by hosting a competition for ‘the best bin sticker designs’ in preparation for road safety week. Cllr McNeill has put forward a written proposal to the Clerk to put a formal motion for consideration at Full Council in Nov regarding appealing for more 20mph roads. The group agreed with the proposal and all the reasons stated for the motion to limit certain roads to 20mph.

7. Any other business or updates

None

If you are interested in undertaking practical work to support this project, please let us know which of the following you would be interested doing:

- Traffic counts
- Access audit (walking & cycling routes)
- Evaluating public rights of way
- Observations on parking issues (school parking)
- Construction traffic behaviour and movement
- Survey promotion
- Speed surveys