

**Integrated Sustainable Transport Taskforce****Date:** 25th January 2022**Time:** 09:30-11:00**Venue:** Teams

Apologies: Alex Holt (Cheshire West & Chester Council), Bernadette Bailey (NHS Cheshire CCG), Debbie Bryce (WCNW Chamber), Robert Pickering (British Cycling), Carl (Chester Bid), Nicola Said (Marketing Cheshire), John Walker (CRAG), Kenny Murray (Cheshire Oaks)

No	Item
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>Cllr Shore welcomed all to the meeting.</p>
2.	<p><u>Minutes from the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were noted. Cllr Shore advised that there had been some changes to the Highway Code and asked for any ideas to help advertise these.</p>
3.	<p><u>Programme of Meetings</u></p> <p>GS advised that a programme of meetings needed to be arranged as some members have suggested that the current ones are too regular and the times, particularly evenings, are not always suitable. It was suggested that the meetings are staggered to include some mornings (work hours) and some evenings, alternating to allow everyone an opportunity to join some, if not all meetings.</p> <p>AF questioned fitting meetings around a forward plan of activities for the group. RMC advised that there will be a list of topics to be discussed published soon.</p> <p>MG endorsed AF's suggestion and commented that some great pieces of work have already been carried out and these should be reviewed and discuss feedback from these as well as new work. GS advised that he was hoping for a substantial work programme in the future.</p> <p>RMC commented on the report from Kevin Riley on schemes was great, but the group needed to look at it to see what is now possible to do and what</p>

	<p>could be done in future. There is no funding at present. The group need to look at the work that has been agreed and currently has funding.</p> <p>MG and AB questioned if the group could look at work that didn't require funding but needed policy support. It was suggested that each member bring a list of ideas to discuss.</p> <p>SH asked about the new scheme involving Chris Boardman, what does this mean for us. RMC responded that she would ask Active Travel England for a presentation on this.</p> <p>Cllr Shore would like a good mix of discussion, but, to create a framework that adds value. It also needs to be borough wide and include all modes of transport.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Crowd Funding Exercise/ Work Undertaken to Support the LCWIP with Sustrans in Helsby</u></p> <p>SP provided an update on the Crowd Funding Exercise/ Work Undertaken to Support the LCWIP with Sustrans in Helsby.</p> <p>SP had just completed crowdfunding for a scheme in Helsby and Frodsham. It was looking to help encourage people to cycle to work, shops and school. In particular Helsby High School. This area is physically restrained by the motorway, railway, marshland and Helsby Hill.</p> <p>They needed a scheme to be ready to go as soon as funding became available, as previously it has taken too long to draw up a proposal and missed the funding opportunity. They raised funds to get a professional report to study the area between Hornsmill and Helsby High School. The cycle group took on this task to help speed up the process. They used a site called Spacehive. This meets their needs well but took a bit too long to set up.</p> <p>It is important to keep everyone involved up to date on the project. This included the Parish Council, local business, and the local community. This was done with the help of schools sending information home to parents and presentations to the Rotary Club.</p> <p>Getting the funding at the end was not easy as you had to set up an account with Stripe (US version of PayPal) and there was a lot of American legislations etc that needed to be complete which was difficult.</p> <p>Cllr Shore thanked SP and commented that it was a positive scheme.</p> <p>Eileen Morgan had just completed a similar crowdfunding using the same people, and echoed that Stripe were not easy to work with. Her main problem is she is having to wait for Council approval before she buys her equipment.</p>

	<p>Cllr Shore advised she would follow this up today, however this was resolved during the meeting.</p> <p>AB was surprised at the cost of the study, and asked how much it costs for the scheme, as to a lay person it seems like a lot of money. KL explained that there is a lot more that needs to be done to make it a safe route such as lighting upgrades, installation of a Toucan crossing. There are also issues underground that most people are not aware of, such as moving utility pipework or cabling, to make the scheme possible. LTN1/20 has added to the costs of schemes.</p> <p>AB reported that this was helpful to know what is required to put these schemes in place.</p> <p>RMC mentioned scheme needs to make people feel safe when using the road. The group need to look at how using the space affects other vehicles and model where the cars will go if they can't use the current space available.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Participate Now</u></p> <p>RM reported on Participate Now and asked for ideas the group would like to talk about or nominate anyone who would like to contribute. If so, to send an email to RMC.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Council Update</u></p> <p>KL gave an update from Cheshire West and Chester Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park & Ride - is key to get people into the City for work and leisure. More analysis needs to be done of the £1 fare. It did though increase passenger numbers before the Omicron variant hit in December 2021. • A5117 – the council have been successful in gaining funding for the A51 and the A5117, Sutton Way cycle paths and Ellesmere Port to Chester Canal Towpaths. • Bus Service Improvement Plan - The Bus Back Better and BSIP schemes have been fully embraced but now it looks like funding for the schemes may be reduced. • E-Scooters - AB said the figures for the e-scooter journeys were great, but questioned could that be shown as CO2 saved etc? it was also questioned if there could also be e-bikes as well as scooters as more people might use them. The e-bikes have bigger tyres and are more substantial than normal bikes, so people might feel safer using them on the roads. <p>AB queried why the Park and Ride survey was only aimed at current users and felt that it was narrow in what it was asking. He asked if the Council could</p>



	<p>look at the Andy Farrell report and questioned if more could be done to make the sites more attractive, solar power, electric charging, somewhere to buy a drink.</p> <p>VB suggested looking at York and Oxford where they have made it difficult to use a car in the City. Also, the people need to feel safer and more comfortable at the sites. Some areas have clean city zones to encourage public transport.</p> <p>Cllr Shore suggested that it would be good to set up a subgroup to look at the Park and Ride. There is investment available to improve the sites, but it was delayed due to Covid.</p> <p>FT commented that this was very City orientated and we needed to look at the wider picture and help the more rural communities around Chester as well to make people feel like they are part of the City. He is receiving help from KL and is very grateful for this.</p>
7.	<p><u>Future Agenda Items</u></p> <p>GS questioned how we can start subgroups and what subjects people were interested in.</p> <p>RMC responded that it is important to look at all areas, it just happened that the Park and Ride had current information that needed to be shared today. Any ideas that people had for the agenda can be sent to TransportStrategy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. RMC will then review them and set up some forward planning for future meetings. Everyone agreed to keep the update on Council work as provided by KL.</p>
8.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>KL questioned if meetings could be provisional booked in moving forward, for the year so that people have dates that they can plan around as diaries fill up quickly.</p> <p>VB asked if Taxis and Private Hire vehicles could be discussed as they are used to plug gaps in public transport in the night-time economy, rural areas, and disabled passengers. Cllr Shore said that she would discuss this with the licencing team.</p> <p>AB asked as safety is a key deterrent to cycling could average speed cameras be considered or are they expensive. Cllr Shore said that some schemes are being considered and they are liaising with the Crime Commissioner. Costs are probably more than that of the cycle infrastructure. KL said that she will try to get some more information. VB asked if we could set up a community speed watch.</p>
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Date of the next meeting – TBC