

Notes from Meeting of Sustainable Calne Walking /Cycling Group 26.10.20 via Zoom

Present: Denis Robinson, Lyn Wind, Tom Morris, Celia Stevens and Kevan Wind.

Each member of the group introduced themselves.

Lyn is keen to walk and cycle around Calne to get to places within the town but commented that it's hard to do this without going through the town centre.

Denis has long-standing expertise on rights of way in and around town but also commented that there are long sections of footpath – particularly as you go out of the town – where the pavement is overgrown and where the vegetation and mud have largely covered the walking area.

Celia – also interested in improving the pavements and possible cycle routes to get from one part of town to another – particularly on routes that could be used by children to go to and from school.

Kevan joined us a few minutes later – he is a keen cyclist and commented that there are lots of great places to cycle around Calne but you always have to go along main roads that aren't at all cyclist friendly to get out of the town.

The cycle track to Chippenham is ok when it's dry but for several months of the year is only accessible to those who are willing to get covered in mud – and largely inaccessible for family cycling – or walking with pushchairs or wheelchairs.

We talked around a few related issues – pavements in Lickhill Road a common concern. Agreed that much of this is Wiltshire Council responsibility but also aware that it won't get dealt with quickly as resources stretched but perhaps we could prioritise issues.

Tom informed us that Calne Without are doing an audit of their footpaths and perhaps we should do the same. Agreed that this would be useful but that the issues would be very different as we would mostly be looking at pavements – of which there are many rather than stiles and where they are overgrown – though there are some rights of way within the town.

He also told us that it had been suggested that a cycle route could be made along the right of way that goes from Stockley Lane area across to Kingsbury Green. There is already S106 money for some of this but perhaps we could chase this up.

To make a start on something we agreed we would look at mapping where there are alleyways and cut – throughs within the town and try to get these mapped. Aware that Google maps does show some of them and seems a primitive way to do it but need to start somewhere.

Denis also explained how to access the Wiltshire Council Rights of way map.

Wiltshire Council/leisure/rights of way.

Access Development officer: Mike Crook

Rights of Way warden: Stephen Lennard

Celia agreed to send out map with sections and members present would research paths/alleys/ cut-throughs. This would be to add to map and note condition (afterthought – perhaps note if lit at night too).

Meeting closed at 7.40.