

Notes from Walking/Cycling group meeting on 16th December 2020

Present: Tim Havenith, Denis Robinson, John Bennett, Celia Stevens

Apologies: Kevan Wind, Lyn Wind

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss what we should include in the Sustainable Calne Meeting that will be more widely publicised in January - and will focus on issues around walking in Calne.

The meeting agreed that we would try to include:

- Information about – and if possible representatives from local walking groups
- Information about how to report issues with pavements etc to Wiltshire Council
- An opportunity for others to explain issues they face when walking around the town
- Some information about the “Beat the Street “ campaign the council is running in late spring.
- Some ideas of favourite walks that are local to Calne – or even within the town and if possible to include an accessible walk. Group members to each suggest one.

Next meeting: Monday 11th January 7pm.

Note: There are lots of things we need to come back to – great work done by Kevan Wind and Denis Robinson on auditing the local footpaths and cycle routes. How can we make use of this information?

Something to think about at our next meeting:

The walking/cycling group focus is evolving but I put together these ideas as our main aims - would be useful to have some agreement as will help us focus. Please note these are just my thoughts and probably miss a really important topic and I will not be the slightest bit offended if you have other ideas!

- to identify reasons why people don't walk and cycle as much as they could for short journeys within the town and try to address these
- to educate people on the importance of reducing the number of short car journeys within the town
- to inform people of some of the local opportunities for walking and cycling as a leisure activity
- to help people identify short cuts across the town
- to ensure people know how to report issues with pavements etc to Wiltshire via their website or MyWiltshire App
- To lobby local government to improve the walking and cycling routes (eg Cycle route to Chippenham) and where new paths are being laid push for dual use (eg from Stockley Lane area into Bentley Lane - currently expected to be a path but a cycleway would be much more useful)