

Notes from Meeting on Thursday 26th November 2020 (via Zoom)

Notes in red are things that have happened since the meeting.

Present:

Celia Stevens, Lyn Wind, Kevin Wind, Denis Robinson, Rob McNaughton, John Bennett, Tim Havenith, Mala Tu.

1. Work done since last meeting:

- Celia attended cycling group meeting of Wiltshire Climate Alliance. Felt a bit down beat – discussing lots of things that have been campaigned on in the past but seemed not to have progressed much since then. However, had given us some contacts.
- Anne Henshaw – Calne Area Transport had been contacted and is involved with lots of groups working on this. She is encouraging but also warned that hard to get changes in place. Dual use pedestrian and cycling paths are hard to get in place as they need to be a certain width.
Research since suggests that 2 metres is acceptable and manageable even on quite heavily used paths.
- Contact with town council to find out what is being done –
 - council have put money aside to up-date maps for cycling and walking routes.
 - S106 group are looking at safe routes – using money identified from building developments to improve routes to the town from the new developments.
 - Town Council are asking Wiltshire for some changes to make Lickhill Road more pedestrian friendly.
 - Kevan Wind agreed to look at these plans and to see if there were any obvious links between routes that we could encourage the groups to examine for making paths across the town more straightforward. (Celia to send maps – only just done – 9.12.20)
- Lyn Wind had walked lots of the alleyways and footpaths around her areas of Calne to see if any particular issues arose – so far none had.
- Dennis Robinson had done a really good piece of work in checking the rights of way that go through Calne. Most of these are now hard surfaced but he identified places where the paths needed some attention for different reasons.
(No plan was made about how to address these so needs to be brought back to consider this).

- #### 2. One member of Sustainable Calne had asked about walking groups. John Bennett explained the two groups already set up for people needing support in getting out to

walk. It seems the Chippenham Ramblers are the other group that is available for people who would like a longer walk.

Celia has contacted Wiltshire Council officer responsible to ask for possible input from the relevant volunteers to a possible single issue meeting on walking in January and also to ask for the routes they use as these might prove useful.

3. John Bennett told us that there has been council money put aside to place benches along some of the routes around the town to help people who rest as they walk from place to place. Tim said he had a few ideas about where these could be and agreed to send a list to Celia who would forward them to Stuart West at the council. Tim pointed out that many of the benches in the centre of town are benches with no back and these do not always provide adequate support for those needing to rest.

This has now been done.

4. John Bennett expressed his concern about delivery vans pulling up on the pavements and making it very hard for pedestrians – and especially those with young children and pushchairs, or those using mobility scooters or wheelchairs

5. Tim has also set up a Facebook page for Walking and Cycling in Calne and is sharing anything of relevance from Sustainable Calne onto this. (Tim has run the successful Calne in photographs page so is experienced in this). It is called “Calne Walking and Cycling” and his aim is to share Walking resources (eg the Blue Plaque trail, the Walking groups information campaigns and petitions.)

6. When discussing the cycle track out from Calne towards Chippenham we were aware that the issue of the leases to the land was a reason why no investment into improving the surfaces had been made. Dennis informed us that the track to Black Dog Halt is a public right of way and that this might make it easier to get something done.

Dennis has since contacted the relevant Wiltshire Council officer to discuss the possibility of road planings being compacted onto the track. He will follow this up and ensure they are suitable for walking and cycling as a surface.

Suggested meeting dates:

Short meeting Wednesday 16th December

Full meeting: Monday 11th January.