

## COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

### ITEM 20 – COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS – Jackie Rhodes

On March 19<sup>th</sup> 2021, as the parish council's appointed representative, I "attended" - via Microsoft Teams - the first meeting of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Partnership ("LCWIP"). My report on the meeting (which ran from 9am to 1pm) is as follows:-

#### Introduction

LCWIPs offer a new strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements at a local level. A successful LCWIP will include the following key outputs:

- a network plan for walking and cycling identifying preferred routes and core zones for further development
- a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment
- a report which sets out the underlying analysis carried out and provides a narrative which supports the identified improvements and network.

An LCWIP can focus on any area ranging from a town centre, a specific route, or a whole borough. In this case the LCWIP will cover the area of the New Forest District Council with the exception of Totton and the Waterside which has its own LCWIP.

LCWIPs enable a long-term approach (typically 10 year periods) towards helping develop local cycling and walking networks and form a crucial part of the Government's strategy to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle.

Having an LCWIP 'ready to go' is vital in helping to attract and secure the right future funding and help developers understand local ambitions, therefore drawing in successful contributions from new developments.

Ultimately having a consistent LCWIP in place means that local authorities stand a much better chance of gaining the investment required to improve facilities for all existing active travel users and enable a significant mode shift towards active modes. LCWIPs can also link with other strategic planning documents, such as Local Transport Plans, Local Plans, or walking and cycling strategies.

#### The workshop

Stakeholder engagement is essential, and this workshop was set up to help establish a working network from a 'blank-sheet' mapping approach; creating the opportunity to discuss existing barriers to walking and cycling within the local area

The 40 attendees were split into 6 groups for the purpose of the exercises. Each group met in separate 'rooms' with a facilitator and a map of the area to be covered.

**Exercise 1 Barrier Identification** - involved highlighting any key barriers to future cycling and walking routes such as rivers, railway lines, motorways, busy A roads, or tricky junctions.

**Exercise 2 Walking Zone Identification** – involved marking up on the map areas of no greater than 400m wide as possible walking zones. These zones would typically be an area where there were local amenities, shops, or areas where people gathered.

**Exercise 3 Walking Routes** - involved marking up on the map walking routes from the walking zones identified in Exercise 2.

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**Exercise 4 Cycle Routes** - involved marking up key cycle routes that would be of most benefit in linking towns, or large villages, as well as railway stations, retail and leisure centres, education establishments, and large housing developments. Having identified these routes, we then decided on which we felt should be the priority. Our group identified the route from Cadnam to Brockenhurst as being top priority.

#### **Future Actions**

- Information collected from the 6 groups within this workshop will be used to highlight Cycling and Walking routes.
- Prioritise the routes into short term (<3 years), medium term (<5 years), and long term (>5 years)
- Integration and Application

Other data sources to be used to gather information include, but are not limited to:

- 2011 census, travel to work and school census data
- Travel to work data – short car trips
- Air quality management areas
- Allocations in borough local plans
- Traffic counts/cycle counts/pedestrian counts
- Travel plans and neighbourhood plans
- National Travel Survey (for trip purposes)
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**If anyone would like to share information or has any questions you can contact:**

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**Cllr Jackie Rhodes**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021**