

## MINUTES

### Traffic & Transport Sub Group meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 at 7pm via zoom

#### PART ONE

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller, John Salt and Martin Whiteley  <b>In attendance:</b> Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were approved as accurate and all matters arising were addressed on the agenda.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>A51 Bus Lanes Sub Group:</b> Cllr Salt gave a verbal report on the A51 Bus Lanes Sub Group and will forward the minutes as soon as he receives them. Stephen Perry from the Active Transport Forum is chairing the meeting and Cllr Salt reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting concentrated largely on the purpose and aims of the sub group and agreed that there would initially be a short term focus on the future of the Bus Lanes (A51 Boughton and A41 Upton).</li> <li>• There was a discussion and vote to clarify which groups were: a) in favour of keeping the bus lanes b) in favour of keeping the bus lanes but with adaptations c) in favour of discarding the bus lanes. The majority of the members were in favour of option b) with some favouring option c), no one wanted to keep the bus lanes as they are.</li> <li>• Members of the Sub Group were asked to feedback potential solutions that might be feasible before the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>A discussion between councillors took place and included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Should the bus lanes go all the way to the Park and Ride at Boughton Heath, rather than causing potential bottle necks around Sandy Lane?</li> <li>- What sort of monitoring of accidents, air quality etc were taking place at the moment? It was agreed that any decisions needed to be underpinned by robust data although it was also noted that this is difficult as current traffic levels are considerably less during covid19 restrictions. There was agreement that observational data should be included where possible.</li> <li>- Local consultation was discussed using online surveys and local notice boards.</li> <li>- A long term (10 year?) integrated travel plan should be created for Chester rather than short term fixes</li> </ul> <p>Councillors were asked to send a short outline of their ideas to Cllr Salt within the week so that he could submit a summary to the Chair of the A51 Bus Lanes Sub Group.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Travel Force Group:</b> Cllr Bulmer talked through the issues raised at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January. This group is chaired by Garfield Southall from Chester University and is the overarching strategic group for this piece of work. Cllr Bulmer shared a flow diagram which explains the links between each sub group (see below).</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>SE Chester Pilot Taskforce:</b> Cllr Bulmer reported that David Beer , Senior Manager Wales for Transport Focus (an independent transport user watchdog) is chairing the group although it has</p>

	<p>yet to meet. There was some concern expressed that S106 funding from Saughton be used in the most efficient way – Cllrs Bulmer and Salt have recently attended a Briefing on the subject from CWaC and have asked for details of spend so far and how parish councils can apply for the funding. It has been confirmed that a Decarbonisation Officer has been appointed and will be starting soon which may help move things forward.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Pentland Close:</b> Cllr Bulmer and the Clerk continue to push for the changes to be made to the barriers at Pentland Close and will report back as soon as any progress is made.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Caldy Valley Road/Gorse Lane:</b> despite repeated attempts by the Clerk it has not been possible to confirm a start date for this work. <b>RESOLVED:</b> to pass to CWaC Ward Cllrs for support.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Budget:</b> There was a concern raised that at the Precept Setting Council meeting, there appeared to be councillors who did not understand the purpose of a £3,000 budget for this sub group. It was agreed that in order to move some aspects of a travel plan forward, there may be a need for a financial contribution. <b>RESOLVED:</b> that a spending plan be confirmed as soon as possible.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting:</b> Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm for any immediate issues</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 5.30pm</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF REGULAR START TIME</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Information exchange:</b> None shared.</p>

# Linkages to the Sustainable Transport Taskforce

