

Traffic & Transport Sub Group Meeting

MINUTES of the Traffic & Transport Sub Group meeting on Wednesday 5th February 2020 2019

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Amanda Miller, John Salt and Martin Whiteley Apologies: Cllr Ian Huffer In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk and Christleton Parish Councillor John Beckitt</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: the minutes of the sub group meeting held on Wed 15th January were approved and all matters arising were addressed elsewhere on the agenda.</p>
3	<p>Chester Air Quality Action Plan: Cllr Bulmer introduced Cllr Beckitt and explained that he had attended a recent Christleton Parish Council meeting to explore the potential of joint working between parishes to address concerns about local traffic management and air quality. Cllr Beckitt gave an overview of the work done to date on behalf of Christleton Parish Council, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Air Quality Report highlights the findings following months of monitoring air quality in and around the centre of the Christleton, from the A51 to A41, Pepper Street, A41 cycle path and across the Hamburger roundabout, Littleton A51 junction to Vicars Cross Golf Club and Little Heath Road to the A51, all of these locations are routes to schools used by children. The levels of pollution identified in the report from A41 through Christleton Village to the A51 is comparable to larger urban locations like Bolton, Bournemouth, Leicester, Edinburgh, Manchester, Newcastle, Liverpool, to name just a few of over seventy locations throughout the UK. Failure to act could result in fine particles penetrating deep into the lungs and cardiovascular system of young children with long term consequences of strokes, heart disease, and other respiratory problems if nothing is done to alleviate the problem. https://christleton-pc.gov.uk/traffic-parking/air-quality-working-group/</p> <p>Christleton Parish Council intend to ask CWaC to support the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous monitoring of PM10 and PM2.5 as well as NO2 • Actions based on an inevitable reduction in DEFRA limits for PM10 and particularly PM2.5 particles • Air Quality Management Area(AQMA) status for the A41 and A51 • Air Quality Management Plans for the A41 and A51 • Signage to direct traffic via the M56/M6 rather than down the A41 and A51 • Increased priority for building of a link road to bypass Littleton • Creation of additional lane from the A41 directly on to A55 with no lights • Create an additional lane from the Hamburger to the A41. • Improvements in control of the Hamburger to reduce queueing on the A41 • A delay in the upgrade to the A51 until sufficient NO2 and PMs measurements have provided a clear understanding of the effect of increased traffic flows on air quality • Essential improvements to the A51 roundabout including switching off of the internal lights • Plans to reduce traffic flow through the centre of Christleton • Park and Stride

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative cyclist and pedestrian routes to school <p>Cllr Salt then gave an overview of the discussions that have taken place recently with CWaC and Huntington Parish Council regarding the potential of a footpath/cycleway between Huntington/Great Boughton/Christleton.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that Great Boughton Parish Council support the moves towards better air quality proposed by Christleton Parish Council. Cllr Beckitt left at this point.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that Great Boughton Parish Council would investigate the costs and benefits of purchasing some Plume air monitors to use to collect evidence of poor air quality in the parish.</p> <p>It was further observed that there are a number of issues that are cross boundary – air quality, traffic management, infrastructure etc and that there might be advantages to lobbying the principle authority as a South Chester Parish Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that Cllr Bulmer as Chair of the Parish Council write to the Chairs of Christleton, Littleton and Huntington to propose joint working.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the draft response to the CWaC Air Quality Consultation composed by Cllr Bulmer be re-shared with the minutes so that Cllrs can scrutinise before submission on 12th Feb.</p>
4	<p>Meeting with CWaC Senior Manager: the Clerk has sent the draft minutes of the meeting on 23rd January with Sean Traynor, Senior Transport and Infrastructure Manager, CWaC to all who attended and has copied Daniel Lockwood, CIL and S106 Manager in for information. A further follow up email has been sent and any response will be circulated to the group.</p>
5	<p>Cycleway/footpath: It was agreed that a walk from the Rake & Pikel was still outstanding and would be useful so that all parish councillors fully understood the implications.</p> <p>RESOLVED: the Clerk will write to the three local council (Christleton, Littleton and Huntington) and invite them to a walk on Saturday 29th February or Saturday 7th March – either date to start at 10am.</p>
6	<p>Action Planning: the action plan was discussed and updates suggested (see attached).</p>
7	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: 4th March 2020</p>
8	<p>Information exchange:</p>