

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL****ACTIVE TRAVEL WORKING GROUP  
VIA TEAMS****21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2021****PRESENT**

Councillor Bernie Bentick, Rosemary Dartnall, Julian Dean, Kate Halliday Alan Mosley & Rob Wilson (Chairman)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Helen Ball (Town Clerk) – Shrewsbury Town Council; Rose Dovey (Active Travel Manager) Shropshire Council

**01/21 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Twin hatted Councillors declared an interest in matters affecting Shropshire Council & the Town Council combines

**02/21 NOTES OF THE MEETING**

The Notes of the Active Travel Working Group Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were circulated ahead of the meeting.

**It was AGREED that:**

**The Notes of the Active Travel Working Group meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record**

**03/21 ACTIVE TRAVEL MANAGER**

Rose Dovey (Active Travel Manager – Shropshire Council) attended the meeting and gave an overview of her role.

Her remit was three-fold:

1. Develop a Shropshire Wide Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP);
2. Develop the activities relating to the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2; those being the permanency of the temporary activities funded by Active Travel Emergency Fund Tranche 1;
3. Ensure the principles of LTN1/20 are enshrined in any Active Travel Project

Rose was keen to keep engaged with the Town Council's Active Travel Working Group and she will where possible attend future meetings

#### **04/21 LOCAL CYCLING & WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS (LCWIP)**

Rose detailed the tender arrangements for the development of a Countywide LCWIP. Eight tenders had been received and the work has now been awarded to City Science commencing on the 25<sup>th</sup> October; they had experience of developing similar Plans for Milton Keynes, North East Lincolnshire, Yeovil and Truro. Initially working on 6 study areas; they will develop plans for Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth Oswestry, Whitchurch & Market Drayton, working to a defined methodology with significant emphasis on public engagement. The Town Council will be actively involved in stakeholder sessions which will help to inform and prioritise data, determine preferred routes and prioritise action.

Members detailed work required in their respective areas and all welcomed some engagement with the Active Travel Manager as plans progress.

Councillor Mosley enquired about how the LCWIPs will fit with other documents like the Shrewsbury Big Town Plan, the Shrewsbury Movement Strategy and the Shrewsbury Integrated Transport Plan.

Rose advised that she worked closely with other officers at Shropshire Council to ensure compatibility across all such documents; stage 6 of the LCWIP would focus on integration. The Town Clerk enquired about the extent of the LCWIP and whether they would purely focus on Shropshire Council land; Rose advised that these plans would be broader looking at green corridors, disused rail routes, cycle paths and areas like the Quarry.

Councillor Wilson enquired about LTN1/20. Rose advised that Highways Engineers and Planners had already received training on LTN1/20 to ensure the principles embed in their work.

#### **05/21 LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS**

Rose detailed the current consultation on the development of Liveable Neighbourhoods in the Porthill and Copthorne areas of the town; these areas had been chosen as they had the highest cycle flows within the town and the topography lent itself to this type of infrastructure. Consultation ran until the 1<sup>st</sup> November and details were on the Active Travel Website.

Members raised the following comments:

- These initiatives were in line with Council Policy, fitted with the Climate Emergency Agenda and according with the Shrewsbury Big Town Plan;
- They were initiatives that promoted walking and cycling and helped to create better segregated and protected routes;
- They were relatively cheap to install and if developed next to another, can help to promote traffic flow between neighbourhoods

**06/21 ACTIVE TRAVEL THROUGH THE TOWN COUNCIL'S ESTATE**

The Chairman was keen to see the Town Council looking at its own estate to see whether it could promote walking and cycling more. The Town Clerk reported that much of the work in creating footpaths through parks, open space and recreation grounds was around linking communities and creating green routes between the urban and residential areas.

The Mayor reported that he was keen to develop the Shrewsbury Big Town Walk and was looking to holding a meeting to discuss how this might be taken forward using volunteers.

Members discussed the extent to which the Town Council could develop LTN1/20 compliant pathways and they discussed examples where the conflict between pedestrians and cyclists was at times far greater than between cyclists and car users. Shared routes were the last report within LTN1/20.

**07/21 FUTURE MEETINGS**

Next meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 4.00pm