

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL**ACTIVE TRAVEL WORKING GROUP
VIA TEAMS****3RD MARCH 2022****PRESENT**

Councillor Alan Mosley, Elisabeth Roberts & Rob Wilson (Chairman)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Rosemary Dartnall, Julian Dean & Kate Halliday

IN ATTENDANCE

Helen Ball (Town Clerk) – Shrewsbury Town Council; Rose Dovey (Active Travel Manager) Shropshire Council; Penny Bason (Head of Partnerships, Public Health) Shropshire Council

25/21 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Twin hatted Councillors declared an interest in matters affecting Shropshire Council & the Town Council combines. Councillor Wilson also declared an interest in that he was an active member of Sustainable Transport Shropshire

26/21 NOTES OF THE MEETING

The Notes of the Active Travel Working Group Meeting held on 3rd February 2021 were circulated ahead of the meeting.

It was AGREED that:

The Notes of the Active Travel Working Group meeting held on 3rd February 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record

27/21 MATTERS ARISING

The Town Clerk had spoken to Jason Hughes about traffic light signalling. He was unable to come to this meeting but would be available for the next one.

28/21 BIG TOWN PLAN MOVEMENT STRATEGY

The Town Clerk reported the development of the Movement Strategy. Phil Jones Associates had been appointed and an Inception meeting had taken place together with an initial meeting to discuss the specifics around the brief. The Town Clerk shared details of the interactive board which had been used to capture ideas. Of particular note were:

- With or Without NWRR scenarios were being considered
- Bus Station need or otherwise
- Role of Park & Ride
- Town Centre Movement was key to movement throughout the town
- Rail Parkway was still of interest to Rail providers
- Impact of development sites and the management development policies

Next stage of the process was an Internal Workshop to discuss stakeholder engagement.

29/21 LCWIP

Rose reported that LCWIP was still on track for a July completion. They had completed the sites visits and they are still to review a few more sites in Shrewsbury on the 9th March. Rose had been made aware that not all Councillors knew of the site visits. She would contact City Science to allocate time to meet with those who wished to. It was hoped that the Network Map for Shrewsbury would be ready for the end of March and Interventions would start to be prioritised in April. LCWIP will go to Cabinet in July/August, followed by public consultation and ultimate adoption by the end of the year

The Working Group discussed commitment to developing LTN120 Schemes. Rose advised that Shropshire Council were still committed to the principles of LTN120 but recognised there may be areas where this will never be possible. Accessing government funding will more than likely means only LTN 120 schemes will be submitted. The Council was also looking at how it might use s106 and CIL funding.

30/21 WALTHAM FOREST

The Chairman sought the Working Group's view about the potential of visiting Waltham Forest to view their Mini-Holland initiatives. They were one of 3 London Boroughs that received Transport for London funding in 2010. Whilst this was an urban area it was felt that a visit would be useful not only to see how they had developed Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and initiated treatments in the High Street but also to gauge the Council's appetite and ambition for walking and cycling initiatives. Phil Jones, who had worked on the initial project was happy to facilitate a visit. The Town Clerk would contact him.

31/21 WALKING & CYCLING MAP

The Chairman reported on the proposal to develop a Walking & Cycling Map. The BID had secured £10k of funding to commission City ID who had previously been commissioned to develop the Wayfinding System for the town. The Town Council's Climate Committee had committed £5k of funding to ensure that the map would be in printed as well as electronic form. The Chairman had been to the initial inception meeting. The map was being aimed at residents more than visitors. It was hoped the map would be ready for the summer.

Rose advised that this tied in with discussions she had been having with Transport for Wales regarding publicising walking and cycling routes in their trains.

The Working Group also discussed other possible groups that could help both inform the map and help distribute it. They included Charlottes Tandems and Cycling 4 All.

32/21 WORLD CAR FREE DAY

It was reported that World Car Free Day would take place on Thursday 7th September. Often many Councils carried out initiatives to promote World Car Free Day. The Working Group looked at potential opportunities and initiatives that would encourage more walking and cycling. It was agreed that this be discussed further at the next meeting

33/21 BEAT THE STREET INITIATIVE

Penny Bason updated the Working Group on an initiative they have been working on with Energise and Sport England to develop an initiative to encourage more active young people particularly in the run up to the Commonwealth Games. This was a 6 week game involving all of the schools in and around Shrewsbury. The proposals would cost £134k. On the proviso that there would be a significant contribution from Sport England this was a project that was worth developing, but would require potential contributions from the BID and Town Council. Penny would circulate the proposals to the Town Council for further consideration.

34/21 NEXT MEETING

7th April 2022

35/21 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

Jason Hughes to talk about lights phasing/crossings particularly around Welsh Bridge and the Station.