

Meeting Notes: Malmesbury CAN Transport working group

Friday 5th June, 7.30pm, virtual

Present

Gavin Grant, Chess Fearnley, Judith Hible, Rev Steve Wilkinson, Deborah Clogg, David Sivil, Chris Garbutt, Debbie Lawley and Jon Atkey

Apologies: Campbell Ritchie and Dan McAleavy

Welcome

Gavin welcomed all to the group and provided background of how the group had formed. Gavin also notified us that this was a good time for the group to be coming together and identifying priorities, as new Government funding has become available as a result of the Covid relief package.

Priorities

1. Chris:
 - a. Provided background about the first Transport meeting that was held in March 2020. A few priorities identified include:
 - i. The cycle/pedestrian connection between Malmesbury and Lea and Garsdon (L&G) Primary School as a result of having to cross the A429.
 - ii. Potential to link up Conygre Mead with the SusTrans route.
 - iii. Further linkages and a long-term connection along the Old Railway line (that ran between Malmesbury and Dauntsey, via Little Somerford).
 - b. Gavin raised awareness of the fact that the children of any new housing development within Malmesbury would be expected to go to L&G Primary School, and so focusing on links between our schools (Malmesbury to all the local Primary Schools) would be a good focus for the group.
 - c. On the note of new developments, Gavin made the group aware of a series of poorly joined pathways up towards Filands View, including a few paths that end in hedges etc.
 - d. Gavin also notified the group that there was funding available for a Lollipop person at Park Road.
 - e. **Action: Chris to map up route he was referring to for ideal connection between Malmesbury and L&G, as well as the ideal connection route between Malmesbury and the SusTrans route. Chris to build on his Cycle group knowledge to map key routes into Malmesbury from further afield.**
 - f. **Action: Gavin to find out further information about the Lollipop person funding, as well as to map poor path network around Filands View.**
2. Steve (Vicar of Great Somerford):
 - a. Concern about the lack of safe/flat connections to get out of the town.
 - b. **Action: Steve to map the key pedestrian/cycle routes out of village plus any other priority areas.**
3. Judy (from Corsham and Footpath Secretary at North West Wiltshire Ramblers):
 - a. Focus on White Walls Way – a circular route from Daniels Well to Alderton. Working on splitting this in to 5 or so shorter circular walks.
 - b. Working alongside Steve Leonard, Senior Rights of Way Officer at Wiltshire Council as well as Dan McAleavy and the owner of the land at Daniels Well to make this pathway more accessible for disabled users.
 - c. **Action: Judy to map her priority areas on footpaths.**

4. Debbie and Jon (from Hullavington):
 - a. Keen cyclists who are keen to promote safer travel.
 - b. Main concerns:
 - i. The backroad connection between Grittleton/Hullavington/Norton/Alderton/Foxley etc. and Malmesbury could be made a little safer with signage.
 - ii. The bus network –is not encouraged, limited/no cashless transactions available.
 - iii. A need to better understand the local groups, people responsible for footpaths etc. Judy notified the group that if there are any questions or queries about footpaths/styles etc. then for people to get in touch with her.
 - c. In response to Judy’s offer, Gavin also mentioned opportunities for funding for such concerns, including:
 - i. Area Board Capital Grants
 - ii. CATG (Community Area Transport Group) – subgroup of the area board who deal with highways concerns.
 - iii. Ollie Phipps (Malmesbury Community Engagement Manager)
 1. Wellbeing Funds
 2. Local Youth Network
 - iv. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/Section 106 money – when developments are built, some money is sometimes put aside for community development projects.
 - d. **Action: Debbie and Jon to map the key routes from Hullavington/Grittleton/Alterton etc. in to Malmesbury, plus any other priority areas.**
 - e. **Action: Chess to brief Ollie Phipps on aims of this transport working group.**
5. Deborah:
 - a. Sits on St Pauls’ Mamesbury Without Parish Council
 - i. Notified group of long term aims to surface the top of the embankment along the Railway path to make cycling easier.
 - b. **Action: Deborah to confirm SPMW footpath/cycle path priorities and areas of focus.**
6. David (resident of White Lion Park):
 - a. Priorities include the bus network – payment functionality needs developing as well as
 - b. Reiterated that we do have good cycle connections out of Malmesbury but how do we make the knowledge about these more freely available.
 - c. Could there be increased access to Tetbury?
 - d. **Action: David to map priority areas as well as great cycle routes that might not be well known to start building database.**

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- Tom Lawton presented a lighting invention to the Area Board which assisted children with walking to school. **Action: Chess to follow this up with Tom.**
- Judy notified the group that Parish Councils can set up working groups within the Wiltshire Council website. **Action: Judy, please could you supply the link to the group?**
- David suggested further clarification was needed on sub-groups and what each might involve.
- Chris explained “Eco Wheels” concept, hybrid car hire and booking schemes that are cheaper than owning a private car. Discouraging private car ownership in our town should be the way forwards, considering the lack of parking already existing in the town. Scheme would cost £30k to implement in the town. **Action: Chris to provide further information on the scheme and proposals for alternatives**
- If the Area Board is to come back into action with a Climate focused group, should we consider pitching at this meeting and what might this look like. **Gavin to advise the group.**

Priorities

1. All present to provide a map of the key cycle/pedestrian paths from their villages and parishes into Malmesbury, plus commentary on the quality of these routes, any concerns etc. This would ideally be a drawn over map, so that we can start to build a physical picture of the priority areas.
2. Using the CofE connections, understand the local connectivity from the Parishes into Malmesbury as a key priority **(Steve?)**
3. Involve Ollie Phipps so that we can start to identify councillors within each surrounding parish who would be sympathetic to the cause → “Walking and Cycling Champions” who can help us identify priorities as well as act as contact for community concerns.
4. Gavin to identify what CIL funding remains for each parish.

To consider:

- Do we need to split into smaller working groups – one focusing on cycleways and pathways, as well as another group focusing on cars and busses? This group would also cover electric car/charging options (including considering the addition of charging points in the long and short stay car parks). I am aware that the bus/car concerns that were raised have not been covered in the priority area above. To confirm at next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: TBC