



## Cycling Collaborative Working Group

Frodsham Town Council, Cycle North Cheshire & Residents

<b>Frodsham Town Council</b>	<b>Cycle North Cheshire</b>	<b>Residents</b>
Lucy Sumner	Ashley McCraight	N/A
Patrick Eakin	Steve Pemberton	
Pauline Lowrie	Frank White	
	Rob Crowther	

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### Meeting 1 - 16th May 2022

#### 1. Attendance register and apologies received

##### Present

- Lucy Sumner, Patrick Eakin, Ashley McCraight, Frank White

##### Apologies

- Pauline Lowrie, Steve Pemberton, Rob Crowther

#### 2. Existing research and resident feedback

It was noted that there is a great deal of existing feedback in a number of surveys that have already been completed. Information in the following sources will be able to back up future proposals.

- The Neighbourhood Plan
- LCWIP
- Helsby High School Survey
- Walk. Ride. Thrive.
- Walk or drive survey.
- Active travel: a briefing for local authorities
- Youth club survey. Young people would like to be able to use the pool in Beechwood but are unable to get there.

#### 3. The Neighbourhood Plan

- Lots of existing feedback on cycling and walking.
- Many older residents find different things important to younger residents.
- Has not been published yet, FTC did have access to an earlier draft. Latest draft to be sourced.
- The environmental assessment has been done.
- Chapter 5 is particularly relevant and shows a map with red dots of where people feel unsafe in the town. These include crossing around Eddisbury Square & Church Street, Manley Road and Fluin Lane.
- An update is being provided prior to Frodsham's Town Meeting.

#### **4. Operation Close Pass**

- Has already been run once with PCSO Neil Flanagan.
- Will likely run again, CNC support this initiative.

#### **5. Speed Watch**

- Ashley & Madeline McCraight are involved and are planning sessions out in the community.

#### **6. Bike Mechanics**

- Aim to run sessions at community events where possible.
- Nobody available for the Jubilee event in Castle Park.
- Would like to negotiate with the youth club and scouts more.

#### **7. Encouraging active modes of travel**

Some methods of encouraging active modes of travel are beyond the remit of FTC. Such as improved road infrastructure. Some items will be prohibitive due to cost.

- Frodsham a road by-pass to divert traffic from the A56 possibly along the marshes would likely be cost prohibitive. Another route would be diverting southbound traffic from the swing bridge to Lady Hayes to reduce through traffic. This sees 200 cars in each direction per hour.
- Needs a mindset change as people do not view walking and cycling as the default option. How do we change these attitudes?
- Sustrans research shows that the only viable way to make people choose active travel is to make it difficult for cars to reach the destination or for walking and cycling to be quicker options. This is true of London.
- One way road infrastructure with an active travel lane. Would need a working relationship with Cheshire West & Chester. FTC can amplify voices of residents.
- Reduce road speed in shopping areas.
- Pedestrianised shopping areas could be trialed at weekends and on market days.
- Traffic calming islands for unsafe area like Fluin Lane.

#### **8. Bike racks**

- Are some around Frodsham at Morrisons, the station, Post Office and Eddisbury Square
- They are not sheltered or immediately visible.

#### **9. Barriers to public transport**

- Cost
- Regularity
- Route not aligned with starting point or destination
- Reliability

#### **10. Lift sharing / community bus / rural mobility scheme / on demand busses**

- Rural mobility scheme. The Opal group transport people in their own vehicles.
- On demand bus service using an app.
- Safeguarding issues for young people as two adults should be present, may not leave enough room in the vehicle for additional passengers if own transport being used.
- eScooter schemes may be more suitable for young people wishing to travel on their own terms to leisure facilities etc.

## 11. eBike & eScooter schemes

It was noted that a number of these schemes are being trialed in other locations including the Ginger scheme in Chester.

- Safety considerations of visibility of those on scooters especially in the dark. Lights are located much lower on scooters than on a bike and are less visible.
- Bright and reflective vests and helmets could be mandatory to any public scheme.
- Mixed reactions from the general public.
- Needs to be regulated.
- One way road infrastructure with an active travel lane would make it safer to use.
- Could be a longer term aim after some shorter terms gains for the group.
- Cars and bikes are selling around 3 eBikes per week, popularity is rising.

## 12. Actions arising from this meeting

Action	By who	Timescale	Status
<b>Source Existing Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>• LCWIP</li> <li>• Helsby High School Survey</li> <li>• Walk. Ride. Thrive.</li> <li>• Walk or drive survey.</li> <li>• Active travel: a briefing for local authorities</li> <li>• Youth club survey</li> </ul>	Lucy	ASAP	Ongoing
<b>Active Travel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source examples of where active travel has been encouraged effectively in other locations.</li> <li>• What are the learning points?</li> <li>• Ongoing general research</li> </ul>	Everyone	Ongoing	Ongoing
<b>Stakeholders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach out to stakeholders with minutes and invitation to join the group.</li> <li>• Chris Burrows</li> <li>• Gill Hesketh</li> <li>• Peter Vickery</li> <li>• Mark Warren</li> <li>• Neil Flanagan</li> <li>• FTC</li> </ul>	Lucy	ASAP	Ongoing
<b>Residents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach out on social media to residents who may want to be active members of the group.</li> </ul>	Lucy	Public invite to next meeting.	Ongoing
<b>Highway Code Changes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social media campaign on the changes relating to active travel.</li> </ul>	Lucy & Ashley	Ongoing	Ongoing

13. **Next meeting** - to be confirmed after documents have been sourced.