

NOTES & ACTIONS

Cowbridge to Malmesbury Cycleway/Footpath Task Group – 25 September 2012, Malmesbury Library.

	Item	Notes	Action
	Attendance	Alistair Millington (Sustrans), Barry Dent (Malmesbury Civic Trust), Ted Palmer (Resident), Miles Cross (Cowbridge Resident), Heather Newton-Lewis (Cowbridge Resident), James Stanger (Cowbridge Resident), Judy Jones (Resident), Steve Cox (Malmesbury Town Council), John Gundry (Malmesbury Residents' Association) Caroline Pym (St Paul Malmesbury Without PC), Peter Gilchriest (MVCAP) Cllrs John Thomson and Simon Killane (Wiltshire Council) and Miranda Gilmour	
	Apologies	Kim Power (Malmesbury Town Council)	
1	Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No signed licences for permissive access yet. Do not anticipate problems with Minton, Redrow or Wiltshire Council's property Services. - Alistair has met Trevor Baker (bridge end of route) who sees the benefit of the proposals. He has indicated he is willing to enter into a licence agreement and has agreed to a number of basic improvements to make the path more accessible, Michael Weaver (sewage works end of the route) has also indicated he is willing to sign a licence. Currently the draft is in the hands of his solicitor. Both landowners think it will be better as it will confine pedestrians and cyclists to a designated area. - St Paul Malmesbury Without parish council will be the licensee. Ian Henderson is the parish council Chairman. Alistair was due to visit the parish council in October to discuss the relationship between the parish council and Sustrans. - There was some discussion about whether a letter should be sent to Mr Roper at Sustrans regarding Alistair's continual involvement in the project. Alistair explained that there was no question about Sustrans' commitment to the project, just staff capacity. He said that a letter would not do any harm. - Specification – Alistair circulated a summary plan (attached) in the first instance it will be an un-surfaced route with a minimal of works. The 	

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		<p>benchmark was that it should allow a mobility scooter to use it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access along the route would be via self closing bridle gates with vehicle access gates for the approach from Michael Weaver's land. - A short ramp would have to be constructed adjacent to the bridge to remove the abrupt step on either side. - A compacted aggregate surface would be laid in the cattle creep where the land was boggy. - Stock proof-fencing would be used on one side of the embankment to discourage trespassers. - At either end of the path the embankment would be re-graded to provide a shallower slope. - Finger posts and information boards would be included - perhaps to include information about the two farms. - Sustrans' ecologist has undertaken a survey of the route although Alistair hadn't seen the report. 	
2	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alistair referred to the finance sheet. The main risk area as he saw it was the main earth-moving works at either end of the embankment. This is a very rough estimate. Sustrans' engineer will be visiting site in October to look at this and other issues in more detail. - The group needed to consider future funders – Hills/Viridor and perhaps the area board to make up the £5,000k short fall. In the longer term they needed to consider funding for a more permanent route which at current costs was £150k+ when Dysons Foundation might be approached. - Cowbridge residents thought that Redrow might be willing to contribute consultation costs. - It was suggested that where possible local companies should be approached to undertake the work e.g. Willis Bros for fencing/signs etc. - Sustrans will put in the planning application 	Alistair

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3	Public Consultation Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Miranda and Alistair to coordinate this work - It was agreed that pictures told a story far better than plans and that pictures should be used to illustrate the design at the consultation events - Two events on: Monday 26 November 12pm - 8pm at Malmesbury Town Hall Tuesday 27 November 3pm – 8pm at Cedar House, Cowbridge - Suggest 3 people were needed at any one time at the consultation event - Agreed that it might be helpful to duplicate the information twice so that people could easily view it and ensure it is pictorial - A simple questionnaire would be used to gauge views which could be submitted with the planning application. This could possibly capture opinion to the longer term aspirations as well. - A list of frequently asked questions would be produced - Miranda to circulate programme with the notes in order that members of the group could sign up to support the 2 consultation events - Publicity in posters, Malmesbury & Villages blogsite www.malmesbury.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk press releases, email etc Cowbridge residents, GreenSquare residents, parish/town council, MVCAP, Residents' Association etc 	<p>Alistair</p> <p>Alistair</p> <p>Alistair</p> <p>Miranda/All</p> <p>Miranda to co-ordinate All to support, especially Heather, Judy and John Gundry</p>
4	Actions agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Target date for all licences to be signed 12 November 2012 	<p>Alistair to contact landowners, parish council and Wiltshire Council. John Thomson to contact Minton and Redrow</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation events 26 and 27 November 2012 - Simon to obtain Malmesbury Town Hall FOC for consultation event on Monday 26 November 12-8pm - Miles and Heather to investigate use of Cedar House, Cowbridge Mill on Tuesday 27 November 3-8pm 	Miranda and Alistair to co-ordinate. All to participate. Simon Heather and Miles
5	Other Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Cycling and Walking Strategy was being development –by Heather Blake - Malmesbury cycling group worth contacting - Caroline asked that all members of the group note that the land in question was not being purchased (as implied in a previous set of notes), but a permissive licence obtained only. 	Miranda to contact James to investigate All
6	Dates of future meetings	Most immediate activity could be co-ordinated by email. Next meeting Tuesday 15 January 6-7pm in Malmesbury Library	All