

## **Notes taken at the meeting of the Cycleway Project Working Party.**

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm by Zoom**

**Present:** Jill Smith (Chair)(JS), John Colebrook (JC), Chris Haynes (CH), Mark Funnell (MF)

**Apologies:** JS advised that Colin Tether has sadly resigned from the working party to other commitments. We thank him for all his work and continued offer of advice.

**Chairs Report:** JS reported that further to the last meeting regarding Phil Goddard highlighting the legal designation of the cycle route, he has recommended that the route be designated as a bridleway as this reduces any possible legal claims against the landowners by its users.

However, there may be a need to fit a higher side fence protection across the bridge over the A46. (The cost could be considerable as the road would have to be closed) JS advised that one solution could be to fit horse rider dismounting posts/steps (copy emailed separately.) JS also reported that the British Horse Society may support this idea. Ongoing JS

Discussions are needed with County Cllr Mike Rouse (cabinet member for County Transport and Highways) to ask for his assistance in approaching National Highways to gain permission to use the land between the A46 and the Evesham road from Harvington to the bridge in Norton.

Our previous contact at Eagle One, Tom Hedges, has now been replaced by Phil McLean. We also need to make contact with Eagle One with regard to the Bridleway across their land.

Contact with National Highways is now a priority. Ongoing JS

It was suggested by JS and CH that a promotional summary of the project could be written up as a briefing and background information for new contacts; and also for the local MP. That would assist any contacts to familiarise themselves with the project and what we would be seeking from them.

MF confirmed still no contact with County Cllr Laura Gretton and that a complaint has been lodged regarding her absence from her constituency work and lack of response to queries.

Attempts are still being made to hold a meeting with County Cllr Laura Gretton, Cllr Bradley Thomas and Eagle One. Ongoing JS.

Everyone present agreed they has received the drone view from CH of the proposed track from the bridge across the fields.

### **Project Plan.**

It was agreed that the Gantt Project Plan requires revising to include all the main activities and to add new headings identifying who has committed to deliver each activity and who is funding each activity. Action CH to consider a spread sheet format.

JC suggested that we have a further meeting with Phil Goddard to confirm the County Councils commitment to funding the works and maintenance.

**Financial Matters:** None of the £150,000 grant has yet been committed. No match funding yet been applied for or sponsored.

JS attended the Severn Trent seminar regarding community funding and advised of the funding available (they could match fund up to 75% if they are the major funder). JC will investigate to see if we are eligible to apply, and to seek further if any other match funding opportunities are available. However, it was agreed that we need to re-work the estimated costs of the project if we are going to seek match funding.

It was agreed that consideration be given now to enter into a formal agreement with the County Council via Phil Goddard and pay the fees (estimated at £50 per hour for approx. 20 hours). (£1000) to kick start the County Councils commitments to the project and work out what the County will and will not pay for.

**AOB:** It was agreed we should use the Harvington News to report on progress but no action for this month.

**Date of Next Meeting.**

Monday 20 February at 3.00pm by Zoom.

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