

Notes from HASTAG meeting 4th March 2024

7pm 55 High Street (Kindly hosted by Caroline) or via zoom

Attendees: Cllr Caroline Underwood **CU**, Cllr Catherine Grigg **CG**, , Amy Burbridge **AB**, Cllr Gerald Sansom Cllr (Chair) **GS**,.

Apologies: Emily Lankfer, Mark Williams.

1) Actions from last meeting

CG still to draft a letter for the residents on the state of the roads and pavements, and submit to **HASTAG** members to review.

CU and AB met in regards to LHI bid guidance which has now been submitted before 12th January 2024.

2) Cycleway updates

Final invoice for BPC contribution has still has not been issued **CG is meeting KB** and ask him to chase this please. **CU** reported that at Operational Plan meeting it had been agreed that any monies left could be used towards the park with VHT)

CG and **AB** mentioned that the upgrade to the cycleway was so much better for all users, but the lighting was poor in a few places but thought that finance and electricity constraints would mean this could not be addressed.

3) Speed Watch and MVAS units

CG reported that Roy's suggestions around reducing the top end speeds(60-70mph) on the units could discourage drivers who appear to be seeing how fast they can get the units to flash the speeds up, the units data will still record higher levels that we can still share with the police.

EL is still looking into how to make data reporting more understandable way for the group and **RM (Clerk)** will link up with **EL** to able to get the reports from the contractor.

ACTION EL to produce Spacewatch reports, but has been busy with work exams at this present time. **CG** Speedwatch sessions have been taking place during the winter months and is grateful to all the volunteers for their support in managing these, it was also felt that we could still advertise for more volunteers in the Roundabout and social media.

4) National Highways

GS circulated email response to group members from the **A428 NH** team about traffic monitoring survey for the known increased volumes of vehicle movements and to include Noise and Air pollution details we could monitor due to increased levels experienced since the new section of A14 was completed.

It was felt that this was a disappointing yet expected response, and **AB** would look at what she was able to bring from her knowledge of past dealings of similar situations, it was also felt that we should

look at responding to our **MP** even with his term being short until the next election we were still thinking he could lobby as he has been on one meeting regarding the A1 recently with BPC and **NH**. (Since the meeting MW has offered his support in putting together a planned response also).

5) **Mill Road**

CCH (Magjic) have been to site regarding the Hedge along the footpath at the Marina end, he met the Marina's (Manager Aquavista) and has asked that the owner keeps the hedge cut back along the footpath/cycle path as the **CCH** can/will issue enforcement notice if this is not kept under control.

Still ongoing, and will await update to respond back to the group.

6) **Operational plan targets**

TARGET 1

Install 'Speed watch Village' signs and continue to support Speed watch volunteers to monitor speeding traffic within the village.

ACCTION CG to bring details of how to take this forward to the next meeting

TARGET 2

Install more road safety features

MVAS units in Lucks Lane via LHF1

Apply for dropped kerbs and yellow lines via PFI

ACTION AB and CU to meet to put together PFI bids

TARGET 3

Conduct a series of surveys to gather views of residents on traffic and transport issues

Agreed next survey would look at accessibility around the village.

ACTION CU to start a survey re accessibility for others to review, also AB to ask BW to review survey.

CU to approach the School in regards to a year 6 survey for inclusion in any further surveys we can look at.

7) **High Street CCH (email circulated) to group**

CG as climate champion of this group felt that planters would help combat emissions with the right plant selection, everyone agreed and that bollards along here would be a benefit to pedestrians and the CCH asking for our thoughts on this was positive way forward with them financing this was thought really pro active from CCH. **This recommendation to be presented to full BPC for approval.**

8) **AOB**

CU circulated an email in regards to smart wheelie bin speed limit stickers, group agreed it would be a good idea to purchase some of 20mph and 30mph and offer them in areas that could benefit the residents.

The raised bed near the Lion it was thought that this could benefit with replanting under climate mitigation.

Date of next meeting: 7pm 7TH May 2024