

BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING 21.12 HELD ON 30 NOV 2021

1. Attendees:

- Charles Cockburn (CC)
- Ian Gibson (IG)
- Graham Webb (GW)
- Malcolm Ward-Close (MWC)

2. Apologies for absence: None

3. Approve minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes for 21.11 were approved.

4. Declaration of interest: (in accordance with the National Association of Local Councils Model Code of Conduct adopted July 2018) Councillors and Working Group members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter. No interests were declarable.

5. Speed reduction

- AutoSpeedwatch trial - continuing.
- 20 mph limits - CC will continue to monitor activity and represent BRSWG with the intention that Beech should have 20 mph limits for all, or part, of the village at the earliest opportunity.
- 20isPlenty Stickers – ACTION CC will investigate making available ‘20isPlenty’ stickers for residents in the village centre and Wellhouse Road.

6. Path to A339 – immediate actions

- Maintenance of existing A339 footpath. Planned for 2022 (BPC) – Hampshire Highways to remove dead trees etc between path and roadway, BPC to arrange surface scraping twice a year and to trim sides of pathway every 6 weeks.
- Educate riders about horse droppings on A339 path. Next Beech News article (GW)

7. Communication

- The Consultation Report has been published on the Web Site and responders have been advised by email.

- Thank those who volunteered to join the Working Group ACTION (GW) and invite new members with relevant skills or experience at the appropriate stages of the project e.g. fund raising, liaison with external bodies etc.
- BRSWG will meet Bushy Leaze West households re proposals/design for their section. Meeting to be arranged on site after BRSWG walk of route to refine footway designs and layouts. ACTION GW

8. Route/layout refinement

- Route survey, refine footway positions and designs – to include footpath to A339 and the stretch up to Alton Abbey. Arranged for 13th (10:00-13:00 meet outside 95 Medstead Road), 14th, 20th and 21st Dec. Equipment required, trundle wheel (ACTION MWC to buy), surveyors' tape (MWC, IG), ranging rods (ACTION GW, IG to make), notebook (IG), SLR camera (MWC), Hi-Viz jackets (IG, GW).
- Identify potential design consultants (after route survey)
- Identify roadside hedge hazards and how to mitigate them (as part of route survey)
- Consult HCC about the acceptability of chicane features and defined pedestrian crossing points (After route survey)
- Explore clearance of vegetation around streetlamps (for better lighting of proposed footways).

9. Design & construction refinement

- Consult cyclists and horse riders about kerbed on-road footways (and off-road footway surfaces). TBD at next meeting
- Investigate surface materials for on-road footways, and costs per metre. Underway ACTION (MWC)
- Investigate surface materials for off-road footways, and costs per metre (including mechanisms for bridging drainage grips). ACTION MWC (requires discussion at next meeting)

10. Actions/timings agreed at BRSWG meeting: See ACTION items above.

11. Date of next meeting: TBD