

## COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

<b>Date:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2013	<b>PRESENT:</b>  <b>Panel Members:</b> CC Member Anne Brown (Chair), Colchester Cllr Theresa Higgins, CC Member Julie Young CC Member Sue Lissimore, , Colchester Cllr Lesley Scott-Boutell,
<b>Venue:</b> Grand Jury Room, Colchester Town Hall	
<b>Apologies:</b> Colchester Cllr Martin Hunt (Chair) CC Member Kevin Bentley, Colchester Cllr William Quince, Parish Cllr John Gili-Ross, ECC Officer Bev Sargeant Senior Customer Services Officer	<b>Other Attendees:</b> , ECC Officer Alan Lindsay Strategy & Engagement Manager, ECC Officer Rob Macdonald Highways Liaison Officer, ECC Officer Rosemary Wilkins

Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions:</b></p> <p>Chair Cllr Anne Brown opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the cycling catch up meeting. The LHP had previously requested that we hold a cycling meeting and invite our cycling officer Rosemary Wilkins to look at and discuss which schemes to recommend.</p>	
2	<p><b>Cycling:</b></p> <p>Rosemary (RW) presented the scheme list previously discussed which was scored and prioritised. The schemes came from a mixture of sources - from planning documents, Cycle Colchester, Sustrans, engineers and LHP requests.</p> <p>Cllr Scott-Boutell was keen to look at extending the networks we have.</p> <p>Rosemary presented a map showing the main cycle routes.</p> <p>Cllr Higgins said that there has been some examples of pot holes being fixed and the line not being replaced and lining work being done but not the pot holes. RM asked that these are reported through the normal channels with location details.</p> <p>Cllr Scott-Boutell also had concerns around lining over potholes in Stanway and would like more shared pavements.</p> <p>Cllr Higgins asked about the underpasses and the removal of TROS. RW explained that subways are on the list, there were objections last time however they are being looked at again.</p> <p>Cllr Lissimore asked what makes a cycle path. RW explained that it is a segregated or shared path. If it is an existing path then a notice is required. Guidelines are not below 2.5 meters however the size would depend on the number of pedestrians vs. cyclists.</p>	

Cllr Young asked for an update on the Wivenhoe Trail. It is owned by the landowners and is a public footpath – there is a licensing agreement to allow cycling however this ends in two years. We are hoping to extend this and investigate adoption to a highway/bridleway.

A discussion was held around the map over the different schemes. It was agreed as a strategy to target school safety and linking educational establishments and train stations into town.

RW reminded the panel that Bikeability courses are available.

**Agreed Schemes:**

Colchester Urban areas	Comprehensive signage of all routes and realign suitable Routes for main urban area of Colchester - Design	£20,000
Butt Road to Norman Way	signs and lining - design	£2,000
Hospital Lane to Sheepen Road Via Colchester Institute	Existing footpath - conversion and signing and lining - design	£2,000

3. **Date of next meeting:**
- December 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 Public**
- March 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 Private**
- June TBC Public**
- September TBC Private**