

Meeting of Cycleway Network held at Salford Priors Memorial Hall
Monday 18th June 2018
7pm

Present:

Paul Freeman – representing Cleeve Prior
Angie Deacon, Penny Taylor – Bidford
Colin Tether – Evesham Town Council
Jack Fryer - Wixford
Alan Green, Liam Maude, Tony Shale – Salford Priors

In Attendance Donna Bowles, Clerk to Salford Priors Parish Council

The meeting began with Tony Shale welcoming everyone, followed by introductions.

Salford Priors have a Working Group who met recently to discuss possible routes. The parish has boundaries with feasible footpaths; there is a route under the bypass which links with Wixford. Harvington could link at Fish & Anchor, Newtown. One possible route would be to go through Cleeve Prior and then cut back across.

Bidford provided details of 4 written walk routes - towards Marlcliff, Barton, the centre of Bidford that links the Bidford Golf Club (which could go to Welford) and the High St using Westholme Rd through to Broom. There are several footpaths which do not allow for cycles at present.

Cllr Green suggested linking up Dorsington although there may be an issue with people not wanting cycles going through. Might be an idea to talk with Heart of England.

Various routes were discussed, as well as involving local businesses. It was suggested to look at the history of the Greenway route and how it was set up. There is a need to change the status of the PROW as no cyclists are allowed on these paths.

Colin mentioned there is already a route from Honeybourne to Evesham and a possible route would be to use the old railway line from Evesham to Redditch. He suggested Harvington and Salford Priors working together.

It was initially thought to set up 5 workstreams to discuss Council 'lobbying', Communications, Strategy and Timeline, Route Development and Funding Streams, however there were not enough people present to split into 5 groups. Consider joining Council Lobbying & Funding into one.

The way forward:

To have a phased approach – the group to meet to look at what the routes could look like. Highlight potential routes and look at how they will work, costs, who owns the land etc. Look at easiest routes first to get the idea off the ground.

To identify where funding could come from. S106 monies/CIL. Warwickshire County Council, Stratford District Council, Worcestershire County Council. Sustrans are a national charity putting cycle routes in all over the country. They could possibly provide someone to come along to a meeting, point the group in the right direction for funding etc

Donna to send out possible days for the first week of July and email County Councillor Mike Brain all information so far. This meeting would be to map out the routes and identify opportunities and issues with each, allowing the group to prioritise or give information to collect information for evaluation at a further meeting.

Once priorities set, work out workstreams to start developing plans and activities.

Meeting finished 8pm