

IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING the STREET AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

Notes of meeting held 24 MAY 2016

Present: K. Hindmarsh, Kevin Stoodley, Jean Gardner, Barry Mead, Gina Clarke (Sustrans)

Apologies: Michael Orde, Kate Rankine (Crown Estate) Ian Hedley (NCC) Kate Bradshaw ,Leanne Shipley (Groundwork NE) Anne Bromley, Alan Morris.

1 The two year plan agreed in November 2014 was reviewed. Some objectives have been achieved or ongoing. Projects for Year 2 - 2016 are:

Cycle path /recreational facility £1000.00 approved Big Local funding.

Community Engagement £2500 approved Big Local funding.

Reinstatement of sloping path and pond walkway Lynemouth - £2500 approved Big Local funding for technical feasibility study.

£5000 remains in the budget from the NCC enhancement team project which did not go ahead and is earmarked for improving the path in Lynemouth Dene.

2 It was thought that to move the whole Project forward a draft plan for the next stage needs to be drawn up and be submitted to the Partnership Board for approval. It was felt the group has already got the residents approval to improve the street and green environment without having to seek it again.

3 Unfortunately owing to unforeseen circumstances our partner Leanne from Groundwork could not attend the meeting and it was decided to discuss the next stage and new projects with her at the next meeting or earlier if possible.

4 The meeting welcomed Gina Clarke from Sustrans and we outlined how we hoped to improve footpaths and cycle tracks between the 4 villages. Gina mentioned a new Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Strategy which has just been published which could help us. Gina agreed to take away a copy of our map showing the potential routes and activity stops and look at land ownership and report back at the next meeting. Gina was very supportive of what we are trying to do.

5 A short discussion about potential new projects took place:

Disabled access to footpaths was raised and it was suggested that as the projects became more advanced the possibility of improving access would be addressed,

Cresswell Pele Tower project has submitted its bid for funding to National Heritage and if successful – will know in September 2016 – down the line in May 2018 the project was hoping Big Local could earmark another £5000 - £10,000 towards the amount they need to raise for match funding for the Delivery Stage which could bring in circa £695000. The project has also been gifted some land around the Pele Tower and the " Friends of Cresswell Pele Tower" need funds to clear the land and plant wild flowers etc.

6 Paul Nichol from the NCC tourist / visit Northumberland Section met with KH , LS, (G/work) and LB(FoLD) last week to look at the new path in the dene and is working on putting lesser known walks in South East Northumberland onto the NCC Visit Northumberland Website and tourist map.

7 The NCC launched an anti-litter campaign on 16/05/2016. Kevin H has some stickers and posters which are being put up around Lynemouth. Kevin S took a supply and would put them up around the villages when he does his "post-box "run. Jean Gardener is to put a full page article in the next edition of Cell Life about the campaign in relation to improving the street environment.

8 Fly Tipping on Lynemouth Links was mentioned and the relevant officials have been contacted.

9 THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY 5 JULY 2016 AT 10.00AM IN THE L.R.C Training room