

BOTHER REPORT FOR THE PC MEETING OF 24TH NOVEMBER 2021.

On 22nd November 2021 the BOTHER Group met with representatives from Cornwall Council and Sustrans. The Teams meeting was chaired by Catherine Thomson and Cllr Martin Worth was also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to drill down a bit deeper into the actual route the walk and cycle path would take. There is planning permission currently under discussion which will prevent a route going in opposite the landfill site entrance on the east side of the Roodscroft corner.

A proposal has been suggested that brings two route options together which is being termed as a fifth route. This fifth route transgresses land, which until now, hadn't been explored, so other landowners will need to be consulted. As this will involve a further piece of work an extra cost of £2,030.00 will need to be found. Cornwall Council will fund part of that with the rest to come from a Botus Fleming PC vat return on the initial report.

It was agreed by all parties at the meeting that the route is a two way project. Not only for the residents of Hatt to link up with the town of Saltash and garden centre but for the residents of Saltash and eventually Treleden to enjoy Botus' delights.

Sustrans committed to having the revised version of the report ready by the end of February 2022. This would enable Cornwall Council to cover the corresponding part of the above mentioned £2,030.

BOTHER committed to continue with informal contacts with landowners along the revised route.

It was also agreed by all parties that before any final conclusions are reached on the preferred route, the Parish Councillors would need to consider that route and would take a vote on it. Only at that stage would another survey be conducted among the parishioners of Botus Fleming and Hatt for their views. These next steps won't be concluded much before May 2022.

However, the BOTHER group are buoyant about the project moving in the right direction. There are still many hurdles and hoops to go over and through but we are under no illusion as to the enormity of the project.