

BOTHER REPORT FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING ON 26/10/22

A meeting of the group did take place on Tuesday 4th October. Unfortunately Cllr Ellis was unable to attend.

The first focus was, is there still a future for the group? No new members came forward so Cllr Fletcher is to put out a call for people to join the group. An update would be provided regarding the walking/cycle path.

There are two events coming up that is of particular interest to the group: the Saltash Environmental Action Group on 25th October at 7.30 in the old station and a Climate Action march in Plymouth City Centre on 12th November at 12.00 noon. Margaret Matthews has volunteered for the former and ask a question about renewable energy projects, prompted by the pilot scheme at Stithians to purchase a community heat pump. Cllr Fletcher will attend the latter with Cllr Ellis.

Margaret Matthews (MM) reported that her confidence about the cycle/walkway project had been recently boosted. There seemed to be wider interest - the project was now a permanent agenda item for Cornwall Gateway and the Chair of the Area Road Safety Group had congratulated the group on its progress report and suggested it be circulated to other councillors. Meanwhile the CC Transport Officer had been proactive in commissioning a costing from Cormac for Segment 1.

Recently a document was circulated about improving local bus services. Cllr Ellis has volunteered to run a campaign. The group were behind the idea and are willing to support him in anyway he thought suitable.

Regarding the document about Highway Grants. Cllr Fletcher will check whether or not the PC has already applied for funds in this round (for street signs in Hatt). If not, the group will ask the PC to apply on BOTHER's behalf. The money could be used to upgrade the crossing on the south side of Hatt roundabout for example.

There was also a document sent to Helena Vallis by her daughter as regards funding for cycle/walk routes. MM explained that she had already emailed British Cycling to enquire about possible sources of funding for the cycle/walk way. MM will also email the Active Travel Fund group in CC to find out how to apply for funding.

Cllr Fletcher pointed out that money from Active Travel seemed to have been exclusively allocated in previous rounds to areas of west Cornwall (Penzance, Truro, Falmouth, Newquay). Christine Burns will draft a letter to Martin Worth to point this out and ask him to support a funding application for the walk/cycle way.

It has been recently announced that the developers for the third stage of the Treledan estate is to be BLOOR.

On the 1st October MM and Cllr Ellis attended a climate conference. We were given several examples of how we can be sustainable in our own county by producing our own food and reduce are flood risks etc.. Should anyone wish to know more on this subject contact MM or Cllr Ellis.

Finally the group would like to reiterate the need for volunteers to come forward. The group is small and if a couple cannot attend any meeting for whatever reason it simply can't go ahead.