# Leeds Active Travel Group Meeting 22 July 2020

# Confirm minutes of last meeting

• Action: Cllr Mulherin and Paul to agree all minutes after meeting

#### Confirm remit and website

- · Amendments made to website will be confirmed with Cllr Mulherin after meeting
- Action: Paul notify group via email when website is ready to go live
- Action: All once website is live share with your networks
- membership?
  - Group is not meant to be representative rather limited life group supporting emergency measures
  - New members may be brought on to fill gaps
  - o For the moment it needs to be a focused group supporting lcc

## Phase 1 review and outstanding action

- The following schemes are included in tranche 1:
  - o 500 cycle spaces across the city (inc those installed this week at Kirkgate Market)
  - 6 school streets have been opened
  - o 3 Active Travel neighbourhoods
  - Segregated cycle lanes on Roseville Road and A660
- Timescale for these projects: Official start date 3 Aug, completion date 28 Sept
- Commonplace is consistently updated to reflect the work as it happens
- Hyde Park and Beeston will be the first active travel neighbourhoods followed by Chapel Town.
  - Otley was intended to be one but may end up rolling over into phase 2.
  - These projects have ended up costing more than expected
- A65 cycle lanes were funded separately
- Other cycle lane projects included in the City Connect scheme have been brought forward (not funded by Active Travel)
- What does success look like for phase 1?
  - o More people feel comfortable walking and cycling where interventions have gone in
- How it is monitored?
  - Pre-surveys, cordon count, weekly surveys leading up to September then 12 months later

# **Review of A65 cycle lanes**

- Have A65 orca wands been trialled with a range of users now? What is planned going forward?
  - o Reviewing A65 this week
  - Other areas expected to be less challenging than A65
  - Feedback from this group has informed the review

- Will review the route with Anzir and colleagues with different types of bikes after known issues have been addressed
- O Why focus on the road when cyclists could use the canal path?
  - Options are important—some cyclists prefer using road if it feels safer to cycle where there are lights and people, if they need to stop at shops etc
  - Challenges around social distancing as towpath is quite narrow
- Orcas do not resolve major pinch points at junctions

## Phase 2 priorities and timetable for application

- Bid to be submitted to WYCA by 7 August
- Workshop next week to identify schemes
- Schemes in tranche 2 must be committed by end of financial year
- Action: David send final list of schemes to this group for comment before submitting
- AMA appraisal required before submitting the list
- Suggestions from the group
  - Request funding for community engagement as part of tranche 2

#### **Hyde Park Active Travel Zone**

- Neighbourhood is divided into 7 cells and a parklet using 16 point closures, a few one ways, and a bus gate
- Refuse are on board and happy with the plan
- Emergency services requested updates for satnav data
- How will this effect Mecca mosque on busy days?
  - Ward members have been in conversation with mosque and say they are happy with the plan
- Public has not yet been engaged but will be soon—LCC understands the importance of getting the community on board.
- Planters will be used for point closures.
  - More permanent measures to be considered after the trial.
  - Hoping community members will help with maintenance of planters
- Suggestions from the group
  - Accessibility of All Hallows church should be considered
  - Consider how these Active Travel zones connect as network expands to create more cells

#### A660 cycle route plan

- 1.5 m at junctions, 1.7 at other points, 2m where possible
- There is a possibility to look at widening Otley Rd/North Ln junction as part of tranche 2
- Considering banning left turn at Hyde Park corner
- Must consider risk of funnelling traffic through neighbourhoods making those areas less safe
- Suggestions from the group:
  - One of the parallel footpaths along Woodhouse Moor could become segregated cycle way at very little cost
  - Get it in is quickly as possible before people can complain

- o Its okay if it isn't perfect as there are alternative routes running parallel
- These interventions should be used to set a tone and direction—preparing for a future with fewer cars/more cyclists and pedestrians
- Email David with questions

# Joint Uni-LCC Application to Leeds Social science Institute Impact fund (ATN monitoring study)

- Can apply for £15,000 for monitoring this work Leeds Uni/LCC collaboration
- Cllr Carlill says they are open to this support and would want to involve Lizzie from Public Health and a couple of other key stakeholders
  - o Want to monitor and evaluate wider social impact, lessons for future
- Action: Paul/Margo/Ruth set up meeting for follow up conversation

Next meetings: 4th August 930am; 19th August 930am