**Leeds Emergency Active Travel Group**

23 Sept 2020

**Attendance:** Paul Chatterton, Cllr Peter Carlill, Cllr Lisa Mulherin, Tina Shield, Ruth Gelletlie, Lizzie Greenwood, Martin Hamilton, Margo Hanson, Paul Foster, David Mihell, Anzir Boodoo, Cllr Peter Carlill, Clare Booth

**Apologies:**

**Update from Paul Foster**

* All schemes are up on Commonplace
* A660 has been split into 2 phases.
  + Phase 1, Shaw Lane to Hyde Park corner begins this week. There is one area where width is 1.2 no wands will go in that section.
  + Phase 2 Hyde Park corner to City Centre still finalising design. Hoping to create shared benefit for buses and cyclists. The one pinch point in this segment is the right turn past the University
* Roseville Road waiting on machinery from contractor to remove existing white lines. This is in high demand and short supply nationally.

**Active Travel Neighbourhoods**

* Beeston/Cross Flatts
  + delayed until after Chapeltown and Hyde Park due to concerns raised in consultation responses. Holding online consultation with community next Tuesday.
  + Concerns raised at consultation: too many closures, too restrictive, access concerns, exiting one of the cells requires turning right onto Dewsbury road
  + Noted that communities in the city generally more active on Facebook than Twitter
  + Community-owned information sharing would be more effective than something from the University
  + Key partners in this area include the three local ward Councillors and Hamara
  + Residents raising concerns about emergency services but emergency services have been consulted and have not raised any concerns about the scheme
  + LCC is using constructive feedback from local ward Councillors to make communications more accessible and user friendly
  + Issue of comms not reaching everyone in Beeston and Chapeltown has been investigated and addressed
  + Ideas from the group
    - Talking heads video for social media could be a good option
    - Zoom call with people from other diverse areas with successful ATNs to generate clips
    - Advocacy group made of supportive residents from Beeston
    - Send info to each area for local leaders and advocates to rewrite in a way that will resonate with local residents—Gill’s team has the contacts and the support but would need help with comms knowledge
    - The lottery funded Climate Action Hub in Beeston could help to support
    - How do we tap into the volunteer approach that worked so well for covid response with community hubs?
* Hyde Park
  + Waiting for safety audit should be ready to start on 12th Oct
  + Response from residents has been very positive
* Chapeltown
  + Should be ready to start in October
  + Mixed response from residents

**Comment/Questions about cycle routes**

* Woodhouse Moor has two parallel footways on either side of the road. Could these be used for cycleways?
  + This option has been explored but it presents a design challenge around lighting, surfacing, and cost
* Cycling communities have raised concerns about rubbish and broken glass trapped in orca wand cycle lanes
  + These areas have yet to be included in the cleaning routes for the special narrow street cleaners—this should be resolved soon
* Change wording on Commonplace site from “Have your say” to “comment online” to make it more clear that the request is for comments on live schemes rather than general feedback

**Tranche 2 Funding**

* No information yet and there is some doubt around the programme now due to pushback against LTNs around the country
  + There is a real danger that the money won’t come through if government goes back on this plan
  + We need to be putting pressure on MPs to put the tranche 2 funding through
  + Leeds City Council is already having to address a £118m hole in the overall Council budget as a result of Covid – both because of increased costs eg. the establishment of city-wide food distribution network and volunteer hubs, and loss of income eg. reduced business rates, loss of leisure centre income etc. So unlikely to be in a position to find alternative pots of money if the government’s promised tranche 2 Emergency Active Travel Funding doesn’t come through
* If we get the funding how do we balance the need to do the design work and delivery of the schemes and an appropriate level of community engagement. How do they get this right?
  + There will be examples of the schemes that have already gone in (Beeston, Chapeltown and Hyde Park)
  + Some of the funding from tranche 2 can be put towards community engagement
  + What lessons can we take forward from the tranche 1 work?
  + Can we augment funding for engagement through other areas that have synergy with active travel—clean air, health etc?
  + Raise the idea with other third sector groups about focusing efforts on active travel
  + Need top civic leaders, major employers and business leaders to put out a loud and consistent message in the press about the big picture and how LTNs and other measures fit into this big picture
  + Cross party support is a challenge

**Actions**

* + **Action Paul** Foster share FAQ documents with the group for comment
  + **Action Gill** share document of groups they are working with for group to add to
  + **Cllr Carlill** send Waltham Forrest presentation to Paul/group
  + **Cllr Carlill** to speak to contact in Public Health about how to better embed active travel in their programme
  + **Paul Foster** share local school travel data with Ruth

Next meeting 7th October