**MINUTES of the Chiseldon BMX (CBMX)working party meeting**

**held on Thursday 10th December 2020 at 8.00pm. Remote meeting via MS Teams.**

**Present:** Chris Rawlings, Rosie Griffith. Clair Wilkinson as minute taker.

Joined by Melanie Johnston and Chay Ford and Dick Millard from “Friends of the Path”.

**Apologies for absence & Non-attendance:** Darren Blackstock, Emily Gravestock, Alistair Millington, Keith Bates

**20/12. Discussion with Friends of the Path.(FOP)**

**Key points noted:**

* FOP assist Sustrans with maintenance and work days on the old railway track which is part of the 45 cycle network. It’s an informal arrangement and Alistair Millington is on their committee.
* Sustrans cover any legal element of work, and if they have work planned they advise Sustrans who get approval etc
* They have a very positive working relationship with Sustrans
* Sustrans are also a charity. They have their own objectives for walking and cycling improvements on the track.
* They encourage cycling and make sure new developments/roads have a cycling provision.
* FOP would support this project in general.
* FOP try to enhance the natural environment, the path in question had a medium level of diversity when the last ecology survey was carried out.
* It was noted that Matthew Griffith, local tree surgeon had informally assessed the site and advised the work could be done in harmony with the existing trees. He was confident that the project would work in this area and preserve the bio-diversity of the site.
* FOP can assist with fund raising for this scheme and said that the North Wessex Downs AONB are proficient fundraisers also. They could possibly help with the fund raising.
* FOP will assist when the time comes to fund raise for the project.
* FOP believes the site is big enough – at least 15 metres wide it is estimated.

Clair will provide Rosie Griffith with a site map and Rosie will ask Jennifer at Wroughton’s track for the name of their track builder so we can approach them to determine if the site is large enough.

Chris suggested contacting the Memorial Hall Grant – Clair is to do this as she the contacts there.

Rosie is to look at the Landfill tax options further for funding.

Dick noted that the Landfill tax grants are good but often require evidence of match funding so may have to approach other schemes first such as the Memorial Hall Grant.

It was noted that Nationwide do match funding for events held.

Clair is to follow up with Alistair and SSE on whether the work on the bore holes has finished.

**20/13 Approval of minutes from 3/11/2020** No changes and minutes were approved as accurate

**20/14 Action Point review.**

***SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS FROM NOVEMBER***

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| ***Action Owner*** | ***Minute ref*** | ***Action*** |
| ***Mr D Blackstock*** | ***20/05*** | ***Investigate funding options. ONGOING*** |
|  | ***20/06*** | ***Contact Wroughton cycle track user for information- CLOSED*** |
| ***Ms E Gravestock*** | ***20/05*** | ***Draw up a timeline of required activities ONGOING*** |
|  | ***20/10*** | ***Send an image of the parish to Rosie Griffiths so a list of sites can be mapped out. ONGOING.*** |
| ***Clerk*** | ***20/09*** | ***Update TOR with required changes. DONE*** |
|  | ***20/05*** | ***Contact landowner in regards to land behind Washpool. DONE BUT NO REPLY. CLOSING AS SITE NOT CURRENTLY OF INTEREST.*** |
|  | ***20/06*** | ***Write to Swindon College again. DONE. NO REPLY*** |
|  | ***20/10*** | ***Find out from Sustrans who owns the land near the Farm Shop DONE*** |
| ***Rosie Griffith*** | ***20/10*** | ***Map out all potential sites with any pro’s and con’s listed. ONGOING*** |

* **20/15. Items for next agenda** Invite Alistair from Sustrans to the Feb meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.37

**Next meeting:** Thursday 4th February 2021 at **8.00pm**. Remote meeting via Microsoft Teams. Login details will be on the agenda.

***SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS FROM DECEMBER***

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| ***Action Owner*** | ***Minute ref*** | ***Action*** |
| ***Mr D Blackstock*** | ***20/05*** | ***Investigate funding options. ONGOING*** |
| ***Ms E Gravestock*** | ***20/05*** | ***Draw up a timeline of required activities ONGOING*** |
|  | ***20/10*** | ***Send an image of the parish to Rosie Griffiths so a list of sites can be mapped out. ONGOING.*** |
| ***Clerk*** | ***20/06*** | ***Write to Swindon College again. DONE. NO REPLY*** |
|  | ***20/12*** | ***Provide Rosie with a site map*** |
|  | ***20/12*** | ***Approach Memorial Hall Trust fund for grants*** |
|  | ***20/12*** | ***Ask Alistair at Sustrans and SSE whether the bore hole work on the track has finished.*** |
|  | ***20/15*** | ***Invite Alistair at Sustrans to attend the next meeting*** |
| ***Rosie Griffith*** | ***20/10*** | ***Map out all potential sites with any pro’s and con’s listed. ONGOING*** |
|  | ***20/12*** | ***Follow up with the Landfill Tax grants to see if we can apply*** |

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