

MEETING : **CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**
DATE : **13 March 2014**

REPORT OF : Genni Butler, Countryside Access Development Officer

RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1. Updates on current projects are appended.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted.

PROGRESS ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ROWIP) – CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Project	Completion date	Partners	Detail and work completed	Update March 2014
Dane Meadow, Holmes Chapel	Ongoing	Holmes Chapel Partnership	Partnership project to improve public access in Dane Meadow area. Paths for Communities application successful to improve path surfaces, interpretation, signage and furniture. ROW Committee approval granted to create new PROWs. Planning consent approved. Legal documents drafted to create new PROWs. Construction of new paths underway, completion due Nov. Legal documents sealed. Public notice made and legal process completed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complementary works commissioned to replace existing public footpath steps leading to and beyond Dane Meadow, with funding also from the Parish Council scheduled for April.
The Carrs, Wilmslow	Ongoing	Friends of the Carrs, Bollin Valley Partnership, Parks	Partnership project to improve public access in the Carrs park, particularly for active travel to leisure and employment locations. Paths for Communities application made for a multi-user route to be dedicated as a public bridleway. Internal processes completed. Legal processes underway. P4C application successful. ROW Committee decided on proposal to create new PROW.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal process to create new PROW in progress. • Construction works in progress. • Project due for completion end March 2014.
Crewe Footpath upgrade to Cycle Track status	Ongoing	Sustrans, Crewe LAP Highways sub-group, Highways, developers	Proposed upgrade of public footpaths, (Nos. 3 (part) and 36) running between Hungerford Road and Sydney Road in Crewe, to the legal status of cycle track. Safety Assessment undertaken.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .Proposal put be to ROW Committee in March 2014.
Cranage to Holmes Chapel off-road link	Ongoing	Parish Councils	Proposal to create an off-road route to connect communities of Cranage and Holmes Chapel. Proposal put to Portfolio Holder.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Case submitted and in project management system for decision.
Church Minshull circular walk	Ongoing	Canal and River Trust	Proposal for a circular walk in Church Minshull by Parish Council. Identified need for connection from canal towpath to footpath.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C&RT agreed to put access in when doing bridge works Aug/Sept 2014.
discovercheshire.co.uk	Ongoing	Marketing Cheshire, Mersey Forest, user groups	Population of www.discovercheshire.co.uk and its sister websites Discover Cheshire's Peak District and Discover the Gritstone Trail with promoted walks, cycles and horse rides. Seasonal pages updated. Heritage Loop of Laureen's Ride added	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project underway by Marketing Cheshire to collate sites into single tourism website, to maximise audience and make mobile-compatible.
Publicity	Ongoing	Communications team, user groups, town and parish councils, Local Area Partnerships	Previous press releases undertaken. Bike Week, Connect2 Greenway launch, Goostrey new footpaths, Bridestones new footpath, Walks for All Leaflet publication, and ongoing Ranger Service events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
Advice: various	Ongoing	User groups, town and parish councils	Advice on projects offered to various local groups including East Cheshire Ramblers Toddbrook Watershed trail, Chelford village hall path, Church Minshull circular walk, Henbury village permissive paths project,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing.
Planning	Ongoing	Planning Department Developers Canal & River Trust	Securing planning contributions and infrastructure for public rights of way, walking and cycling and countryside access improvements from developments and putting forward ROWIP aspirations when developments, including road schemes, are consulted on. Marsh Farm, Congleton, improvement works completed. Elworth Canal Towpath: legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments submitted on numerous planning applications. • Potential s106 funding in negotiation from a number of sites.

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			<p>processes being undertaken and quotes and specifications obtained. S106 funding secured for: Odd Rode FP22 to play area, Alsager FP26 and path to railway station, Comments fed into proposals for: Congleton Relief Road, Poynton Relief Road, SEMMMS A6-Airport Relief Road, A556 Planning Inspectorate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison between Highways Development Control and ROWIP/Cycling issues. 																					
2014-2015 ROWIP Projects	March 2015		<p>Update March 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital budget allocated from Local Transport Plan. Proposed projects for delivery approved by Portfolio Holder. Projects being initiated: <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="573 491 712 515">ROWIP ref.</th> <th data-bbox="734 491 853 515">Scheme</th> <th data-bbox="1182 491 1263 515">Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 523 618 547">n/a</td> <td data-bbox="734 523 958 547">CAMS Web Portal</td> <td data-bbox="1182 523 2085 619">Development of web portal for CAMS GIS database in order for a full PROW network survey by volunteers to be undertaken to obtain information for network management and accessibility information for public</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 635 618 659">T37</td> <td data-bbox="734 635 1361 659">Crewe Footpath Nos. 3 & 36 upgrade to Cycle Track</td> <td data-bbox="1429 635 2152 691">Undertaking of a Cycle Track Order to permit cycling on route from town centre to residential areas, including minor works , signage and legal order processing</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 707 629 730">T117</td> <td data-bbox="734 707 1375 762">Middlewood Way and station access path</td> <td data-bbox="1323 707 2069 762">Improvement of the surface of path linking Middlewood Road, Poynton with the Middlewood Way, and on to Middlewood Station</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 778 629 802">T118</td> <td data-bbox="734 778 1375 834">High Legh: off-road link to school from housing area</td> <td data-bbox="1429 778 2136 834">Delivery of an off-road path through woodland to the school crossing from a residential area, as identified under the Parish Plan</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 850 607 874">H1</td> <td data-bbox="734 850 1061 874">Congleton Bridleway No. 1</td> <td data-bbox="1182 850 2136 906">Resolution of drainage on bridleway which forms a key link into the countryside and between sections of the town</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 922 618 946">X15</td> <td data-bbox="734 922 1003 946">Accessibility Schemes</td> <td data-bbox="1182 922 2152 978">Procurement of accessible path furniture to improve accessibility on Public Rights of Way around the borough. Highways & Transport Service Plan Target Ref.H&T05-3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ROWIP ref.	Scheme	Notes	n/a	CAMS Web Portal	Development of web portal for CAMS GIS database in order for a full PROW network survey by volunteers to be undertaken to obtain information for network management and accessibility information for public	T37	Crewe Footpath Nos. 3 & 36 upgrade to Cycle Track	Undertaking of a Cycle Track Order to permit cycling on route from town centre to residential areas, including minor works , signage and legal order processing	T117	Middlewood Way and station access path	Improvement of the surface of path linking Middlewood Road, Poynton with the Middlewood Way, and on to Middlewood Station	T118	High Legh: off-road link to school from housing area	Delivery of an off-road path through woodland to the school crossing from a residential area, as identified under the Parish Plan	H1	Congleton Bridleway No. 1	Resolution of drainage on bridleway which forms a key link into the countryside and between sections of the town	X15	Accessibility Schemes	Procurement of accessible path furniture to improve accessibility on Public Rights of Way around the borough. Highways & Transport Service Plan Target Ref.H&T05-3	
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