

Proposal for Arundel Town Council Full Council Meeting 8th July 2021

Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Group

Background

Following changes to the Arundel Cycling and Walking Working Group earlier this year, a new working group was established to focus on the Arundel-Ford Pathway, as a major, long-term infrastructure project. The walking forum and the group looking at development a Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) became community groups, with link councillors for the LCWIP group.

What is an LCWIP?

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs), as set out in the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, are a... strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at the local level. They enable a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks, ideally over a 10 year period, and form a vital part of the Government's strategy to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle. (LCWIP Technical Guidance for Local Authorities, Department for Transport, 2017)

Benefits of Operating as a Working Group of ATC

The LCWIP group believes that there are a number of important reasons that it will be able to best fulfil its aims and objectives as a working group of Arundel Town Council (ATC).

- LCWIPs are a key tool for local authorities to assess local need and priorities for infrastructure and its creation through a working group of Arundel Town Council lends weight and credibility to the process and the LCWIP's adoption
- The government guidance on LCWIPs explicitly calls out the importance of considering this work alongside other strategic planning documents, such as neighbourhood plans, transport planning and land use planning, with ATC best placed to take a broad view across these areas
- LCWIP's can be used in bids for investment, business cases, preparation of walking and cycling action plans, allocation of funding within local delivery plans, cycle and walking 'proofing' major schemes, consideration of planning applications and other proposed land use changes and the preparation of travel plans and transport assessments. Given its wide scope it is of benefit to ATC to play a central role in its development and adoption.
- Once the LCWIP is complete there will still be a need for cycling and walking projects, including those proposed in the LCWIP to be championed and considered within the broader work of ATC. For this reason, and to ensure a legacy for this project, the work of the group should not just be defined by the LCWIP, but it should operate as a Cycling and Walking Working Group.

The new Cycling & Walking Working Group would have its own terms of reference and would be separate from the Arundel-Ford Pathway Working Group. Having both of these as

Working Groups of ATC make it easier for learnings and opportunities to be shared, whilst giving each the independence and flexibility to pursue their own objectives.

Membership

James Stewart
Nigel Searle
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Proposal

The LCWIP community group should be made a Working Group of Arundel Town Council

John Bradley, 29th June 2021