

Summary of Active Travel Board

19 October 2017

Bridgend Integrated Network Map

The Board was given a presentation on how Bridgend County Borough Council has planned and implemented its duties under the Active Travel (Wales) Act, explaining the process they followed regarding community engagement, prioritisation and plotting active travel routes ready for submission. The Board discussed resources and that many local authority staff are the driving force in delivering effective community engagement. There was also a discussion on the risk of raising unrealistic expectations and how to effectively manage this. The Board also discussed the relationship between Bridgend CBC and the Health Board and Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) data of active travel.

Levels of Active Travel 2016-17

The Board was presented with information on active travel data. A full statistical bulletin is due to be published in the New Year. The presentation highlighted the current trends in walking and cycling including some contextual information from the wider data set. The Board discussed further analysis which could be included in the next bulletin including investigation into the contribution that active travel is having in adults reaching their recommended physical activity time each week. The Board also requested whether information could be gathered regarding children's use of active travel outside of school journeys.

Travel to School

Active travel to school is a key area for action in which most of the Board members have either direct or indirect involvement. Those Board members engaged in delivery of school based programmes and other relevant activities were asked to provide the Board with an overview of work throughout Wales.

- **Curriculum Reform – the Health and Well-being Area of Learning Experience (AoLE)**
The Board was presented with an overview of curriculum reform including the different processes involved and timescales for completion. The Board was interested in the changes being made and discussed where they could feed into discussions to ensure Active Travel is considered and reflected in the new curriculum.
- **Active Travel to School National Stakeholder Group**
The Board was given a brief update of the work of the National Stakeholder Group including a viewing of the new video which accompanies the Doorstep to Desk infographic, developed to promote active travel.
- **Active Journeys, Sustrans**
Sustrans updated the Board on progress they have made with the Welsh Government funded Active Journeys programme and their aspiration to look towards increasing parents' use of active travel.

- Walk to School, Living Streets
The Board was given an update on Living Streets work including the Walk to School and WOW programmes, which are now being used by 10 schools in Wales. Living Streets' Walk to School software will soon include a Welsh language option.
- Welsh Cycling – Go ride
Welsh Cycling gave an update on the work they have been doing across Wales including after school clubs and community clubs and spoke about the HSBC funded officers who will be focusing on the Cardiff area but may be extended to work across the city region.

Welsh Government Update

The Board was provided with an update on Welsh Government activity and discussed preparations for the Active Travel Conference, including potential themes. The Board also briefly discussed the Integrated Network Maps (INMs) appraisal process.

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- i. The Board discussed behavioural change programmes and the need to continue to fund schemes which will assist with breaking down some of the barriers to people choosing active travel.
- ii. It was suggested that road safety be included in a future meeting to look at the relationship between active travel and road safety. The Board was given a brief update on the Road Safety in Wales event which was held on 18 October.
- iii. The Board briefly discussed the proposal that all footpaths could be changed to allow cycling under new access to the countryside legislation.

Date of next meeting: 8 February 2018