



LBN Catch Up - Minutes

Date: 26/11/2020

Location: Meeting held in Library Arcadia

Attendance: Approximately 20 people

Introductions

Item 1: Updates on Projects - £2.5m – general discussion around the value and what can be achieved from funds. Discussed the process of imagining/designing a 'gold standard' vision as the principles of our active neighbourhood so budget should not fully determine aspiration at this stage.

Included in discussion was the process explaining that we are at Programme Entry will need to provide an Outline Business Case – this means that there will be flexibility in the amounts asked for and so it could be more.

A6 Interventions:

- Good progress has been made since the Parklet design drop in. Parklet is being developed to Sketch scheme along the lines suggested by the community:
 - Green – planting
 - Places to sit – places to play for children
 - Defensive – protected from the road
 - Cycle parking
 - Try to incorporate shelter.
 - Flexible to allow different groups to sit on it.
- Cycle parking and sites being agreed.
- **ACTION: Pauline will share once a design has been worked out.**

Filtered Neighbourhood:

- Design Team appointed – combination of Sustrans and Jon Little – experience of delivery (Brief discussion around team)
- **Design Methodology will be shared** – generic methodology is being adapted to match the specific circumstances of Levenshulme.
- General discussion around traffic flow with discussions around specific issues, everyone was encouraged to repeat the issues by submitting the responses to Commonplace.
- Discussion around Commonplace: <https://levenshulmebeenetwork.commonplace.is/> explaining what it is and how it will be used. Everyone is encouraged to submit ideas and responses if they haven't already.
- Data Collection:



- Data currently being prepared.
- 5 air quality monitoring points installed by TfGM
- Identified ped and traffic monitoring

School Streets:

- 6 Primary schools are fully involved with children actively engaged in co-design of the spaces. They are also carrying out; Big Survey assessments mapping how people travel to school.
 - The Schools are; Acacias, Chapel Street, Cringle Brook, Alma Park, St Mary's and St Andrews.
 - Birchfields are already doing Living Streets and so are engaged in the conversation.
 - Pauline has also been working with Levenshulme High on an Air Quality Internal Monitoring Project/engagement exercise via their Eco School work with GMYN. Action: Will update as it progresses.

Open Streets:

- Advocate Amy Burt reports of the successful trial at Scarisbrick Road in the summer. Really positive experience of neighbourliness and there were few complaints.
- Review of schemes to happen in the coming months – MCC are rewriting policy so seeking to work to assist the best possible outcome of that.
- **Action: Pauline is in the process of feeding back results of summer trials to ensure policy is in line with experience - will work with other advocates on this (Jen O'Brien) and trial participants.**

Aspirations are that the Open Streets/Play Streets will be able to happen with little notice, multiple times, at no extra cost. Requirement for storage of signs and wider participation etc.

Summary/close: All thanked for attending.

Website on verge of being launched.

Keep up to date on platforms for next meeting in the new year.