

Walking and Cycling in Liskeard

Monday 4 February at 1pm in the Mayor's Parlour

Present: David Ambler – chair (Liskeard Town Council/Liskeard Town Forum), Sue Jewell (SECTA), Peter Murnaghan (Walkers are Welcome/SECTA), Lorna Shrubsole (Walkers are Welcome), Ann Kinahan (Cornwall CTC/Cycling UK), Christina Whitty (Liskeard Town Council), Meagan Evans (CTC Cornwall/Plastic Free Liskeard) and Yvette Hayward (Liskeard Town Council)

Objectives

- Get more walkers and cyclists into the town.
- Safer cycling and walking routes in the area
- Improved connectivity in the town

Possible projects

Cycle parking

Walkers and cyclists come into the town for food and drink stops. More cycle parking is needed to facilitate this (one of the two hoops on the Parade outside Lloyds Bank has been removed due to damage). People want to leave their bike where they can see it. Crumbs café has previously allowed cyclists to leave their bikes in their courtyard. Advertise as cycle friendly? Where else in town has room outside for this? (Wetherspoons, the library when refurbished?). In some towns re plastic free initiatives cafes offer refilling of water bottles. What can be done on the former cattle market site? **Councillors will feed this into the forthcoming charrette process.**

Direct cyclists off the A38/Cycle route to Plymouth

Cornwall Council are working on some projects for major new cycle routes. The first is likely to link Plymouth to Looe via Seaton (possibly 1-2 years away), the next Looe to Lanhydrock, and then a further route connecting Liskeard to West Looe (most expensive route).

Work could be explored on signing safer alternatives, or signs warning motorists of cyclists, particularly where it would be necessary for them to cross the A38 (around Trerulefoot). The main A38 would fall under the jurisdiction of Highways England and any signage requests would be assessed by them, and if agreed potentially expensive. Can Sustrans help? They may have experience of similar projects in other parts of the country. They currently have limited routes in this part of Cornwall so may wish to be more involved in this area. **Town Forum will work on this.**

Connect Liskeard with the hinterlands via cycle routes to promote commuting/visits

Menheniot and Dobwalls are the largest villages on our border (St Cleer is already connected on the Caradon Trail). Dobwalls would be easier to achieve due to the topography. Possibly this just needs a ramp where there are currently only steps at

the bottom of the slip road near Lynes Cottages. This would make for a safer route than coming into town via New Road, and more family friendly – could also be used by people with buggies. Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe may be able to help. Will also need to speak to the neighbouring parishes for support (John Dunn chair at Dobwalls and Trewidland). **Town Forum will follow this up.**

Secure existing footpath network

There is a deadline of 1 January 2026 for all unrecorded footpaths and bridleways to be registered. Applications have been submitted for several in the Highwood area to be designated. We currently have 26 recorded footpaths in the area (?). Check recognised walks regularly and ensure missing signs, styles etc are reported. **All to do.**

Raise awareness of existing routes

TIC have a set of leaflets for 5 circular walks. Other guides available such as *Walks from the Railway* produced by the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership. CTC website has a good directory of circular cycle routes from Liskeard of varying length and endurance – **Yvette to ensure TIC have details and promote this.**

Work towards Neighbourhood Plan project M(OSL)

To prepare a walking, equestrian and cycling local infrastructure plan for Liskeard – also see map in the Neighbourhood Plan for Leisure, Access and Connectivity (P92).

Many of the residential estates have poor connectivity, and difficult walking routes to schools and local services. Pedestrian improvements also needed on busy streets e.g. West Street/Old Road (no continuous pavement from town to school), Callington Road (lack of safe crossing points) and Charter Way (no physical separation of traffic from pedestrians and cyclists).

The Cornwall Delivery and Investment Plan for Liskeard produced by Cornwall Council identifies projects and some funding sources. Also consider items which could be submitted to future rounds of Community Network Area Highways funding projects.