



**Make Your Way Key Links: Leadhills - Wanlockhead**

**01.10.21, 10am**

**Google meet**

**Attendees:**

- Emma Connolly, Leadhills Toddler Group - EC
- Robert McCafferty, Wanlockhead Visions CIC, Wanlockhead and Leadhills Railway - RM
- Sarah O’Sullivan, Project Officer - Active Travel, Community Action Lanarkshire - SO
- John Ralph, Leadhills Community Company - JR
- Vicky Reed, Leadhills Parent Teacher Council - VR
- Anne Marie Neil – Virtual Assistant (minutes) - AN

**Apologies**

- Rab Campbell, Leadhills Community Company and Hopetoun Arms Hotel - RC
- Amanda Davis, Leadhills Development Officer - AD
- Anne French, Leadhills Primary School - AF
- Stuart Lang, Leadhills Golf Club - SL
- Colin Pettigrew, Leadhills General Store – CP
- Lincoln Richford, Wanlockhead Community Council - LR
- Androulla Richford, Wanlockhead Community Council (Secretary) - AR

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p>	
<p>SO welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for giving their time to attend.</p>	
<p><b>2. Progress to date</b></p>	
<p>SO provided an overview of the updated Sustrans funding application last week, for a decision 22 November to progress to Stages 3 and 4 Detailed and Technical Design.</p> <p>The updated timeline for the phased construction is as follows – funding dependent:</p> <p><b>October 2021:</b> Exhibition of Stage 2 proposals and drop-in events, to be discussed. Results to be absorbed as part of an extended Stage 2 Report start November.</p> <p><b>November 2021:</b> Stage 3 Detailed Design commences including further topographical surveys and ongoing community, landowner, and stakeholder discussions. Drawings submitted to Planning at the end of this stage which can take 4 months to turn around. It will be submitted as a major application due to its size – over 2 Hectares. This phase will be ongoing alongside Douglas – NCN74 pathway. Applications will also be submitted to Historical Environment Scotland due to ancient monument status and discussions with Nature Scotland.</p> <p><b>April 2022:</b> Construction of Douglas and Leadhills village centre improvements to be managed and delivered by SLC and 30% match funded by Renewable Energy Fund – estimated 2-month construction / installation time. WLH village centre improvements (Church Street) to be installed as part of the following year’s construction. Behaviour change initiatives commence.</p> <p><b>Summer 2022:</b> Stage 4 Technical Design. This stage could be completed by Autumn/Winter but must wait until Spring / Summer for weather more amenable to construction.</p>	



<p><b>April 2023:</b> Construction commences Leadhills – Wanlockhead off-road path – to be 30% match funded by Clyde Windfarm. Behaviour change initiatives increase.</p> <p><b>April 2024:</b> Construction commences Douglas off-road path – to be 30% match funded by Clyde Windfarm / Renewable Energy Fund.</p>	
<p><b>3. Upcoming Exhibition and drop-in</b></p>	
<p>SO confirmed that an Exhibition of Stage 2 Concept Designs is due to take place in the following locations for the duration of October, with accompanying drop-in events, giving people the opportunity to speak directly with the project team from Community Action Lanarkshire and Project Contractors Ironside Farrar:</p> <p>Leadhills: outside the Primary School. Drop-in event Mon 25 Oct, 3-7pm. Wanlockhead: Community Garden. Drop-in event Thurs 28 Oct, 3-7pm</p> <p>There will be an outdoor event shelter (3mx3m) erected on these dates. SO will arrange to discuss the best location to pitch the shelter at the school with AF.</p> <p>VR/EC agreed that the shelter could be located next to the Community Centre however as an alternative location it was discussed to use the car park at the museum (this is in the middle of the village) EC will request consent for this and feedback to SO.</p> <p>It is hoped that all materials will be going to print on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct so would need all event details confirmed asap.</p> <p>Online / paper feedback forms will accompany the exhibition. Surveys to be picked up / dropped off at Leadhills General Store as per last consultation. Following a discussion for Wanlockhead, surveys can be picked up/ dropped off in a weatherproof box inside the telephone box opposite the Community Garden. All surveys must be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> October for results to be returned to Sustrans at the beginning of November.</p> <p>SO informed that AD is keen to have surveys posted through letterboxes, JR advised that he may be able to help with this and get others to help. SO will contact AD to contact JR.</p> <p>Exhibition launch TBC Mon 4 October – the group agreed to help with promoting events and recognised the importance of getting the message out to as many residents as possible to comment. Issues raised at previous meetings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Road crossings - you have to cross the road to use the path, but most obvious route was to stay on the same side. SO advised that if the route remained on the same side of the road, it would not meet the objectives of the active travel requirements as strongly as the proposed route which also is also preferred by the landowner and as per the previous public consultation. JR offered to map the route detailing a possible path on the other side of the road and the preferred route with the two crossings.</li> <li>• JR raised the concern of drivers (delivery drivers in particular) not observing the speed limits on roads (not the main street) and how narrow the roads are.</li> <li>• Cars park in the middle of the square – parking needs means that white lines cannot be painted here.</li> </ul>	<p>SO/AF</p> <p>EC/SO</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>SO/AD/JR</p> <p>JR</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>



<p>SO commented that any drawings, comments / feedback on previous and new consultations such as the exhibitions will be taken into consideration for the plans.</p> <p>The launch and survey link will be promoted by press release and social media – any shares much appreciated as always.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>4. Behaviour Change initiatives</b></p>	
<p>The Steering Group previously discussed potential Behaviour Change Initiatives in February as:</p> <p><b>School / pre-school:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bikeability / cycling confidence and active travel sessions at Leadhills PS – yearly sessions from 2022 - 2024?</li> <li>• Play on Pedals ages 4-5 – yearly sessions to 2022 - 2024?</li> </ul> <p>SO will contact AF to discuss the above.</p> <p>The group were in favour of any activity that gets people active. The school / community projects could be a great way to launch an event.</p> <p><b>Community:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential Cycling Skills – Absolute Beginners, Intro to on-road, Advanced on-road, Family – summer 2023 / Summer 2024 – Good especially for families.</li> <li>• GoMTB Spring 2024? – Good for teenagers, although may have to look at specific routes as people tend to go outwith Leadhills with Mountain Bikes. SO to speak with Leadhills Estates about sessions.</li> <li>• Bike Maintenance / Dr Bike sessions plus toolkits – Summer 2023 / Spring 2024</li> <li>• Installation of the Make Your Way mapboard and updated Leadhills Make Your Way maps – Autumn 2023. Maps have already been sent to JR although the Boards have still to be installed (funding required). It was also discussed to possibly have cycle maps that could be displayed in the shop/museum/hotel etc. SO will investigate this further.</li> <li>• Step Challenges – Summer and Winter 2023 / 2024 – keen to do this especially as a fundraising activity for charities.</li> <li>• Promotion of the Daily Mile - ongoing</li> <li>• Winter programme of talks / films – 2023 / 2024 – SO to contact Calum Gough (CG) who is a keen cyclist and may help with this. VR will connect SO and CG</li> <li>• Walk / cycle programme – Spring 2024</li> <li>• Cycle Ride Leader training? – SO to contact CG for further information/support</li> <li>• E-bike trials via Cycling UK / Healthy Valleys – group were keen to take this further and to include the use of electric scooters (look at safety issues) and mobility scooters with drop off points between villages.</li> <li>• Packages of locks / helmets to be made available to families on low incomes – Support people to get out. It was discussed that a bike trial event could be held to encourage participation. CG may be able to advise on the organising of such event. SO to investigate.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other options to consider from previous discussions:</b></p> <p>E-bikes – would there be a community organisation willing to take on e-bike rental?</p> <p>JR commented that the Leadhills Community Company may be interested in taking an E-bike project forward in the future and could write in their business plan. For Wanlockhead it</p>	<p>SO/AF</p> <p>SO</p> <p>SO</p> <p>SO/VR</p> <p>SO</p> <p>SO</p>



<p>would be best to speak to CG who is in the process of setting up the new community council and this could be a consideration.</p> <p>Energy Savings Trust provide funding for E-bikes see link  <a href="https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/ebike-grant-fund/">https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/ebike-grant-fund/</a></p> <p><b>What community events could the above initiatives potentially tie into?</b>          Easter Family event/Annual Gala/Open Gardens event and Leadhills Flower show were highlighted as potential community events that could be used to promote the project/consultations. JR will forward information on the Open Gardens event to SO. Several fundraising events also take place prior to the gala such as auctions in the pub, fundraising events. Events are held August/early September, but VR will confirm this.</p> <p><b>Cycle racks</b>          SLC can provide additional cycle racks / shelters once consultation has taken place – would there be appetite within Leadhills? D&amp;GC TBC          Cycle racks at the school in Leadhills and outside the museum. JR suggested outside the Community Company and at the bus stop and shop. This may be something that comes out at the exhibitions.</p> <p><b>Is there anything else that you would like to see on the programme, or anything that currently exists in the community that the programme could support?</b></p>	<p>JR</p> <p>VR</p>
<p><b>5. Next meeting</b></p>	
<p>TBC – SO will email the Steering Group with the outcome of the funding application</p>	
<p><b>6. Any other business?</b></p>	
<p><u>Maintenance of route</u>          An indepth discussion took place regarding the upkeep of the path, consideration should be given to this at planning stages. SO confirmed there is a draft maintenance plan already and will be progressed at the next stage of the project. JR cannot support anything that is not sustainable and requested that this is flagged up and kept on the agenda, JR also suggested that the Windfarm grant may be suitable to cover maintenance costs. SO agreed that this was an option she was looking into.</p> <p>To date South Lanarkshire Council and Dumfries and Galloway Council are not able to take on any additional liabilities in terms of the paths. South Lanarkshire Council have expressed that they will endeavour make good any required repairs. Rural Development Trust and Leadhills Community Company are not able to take on ownership of the paths. SO spoke with Hopetoun Estates to ascertain if they would carry out maintenance if funded, but they do not have capacity at Leadhills, unlike other parts of the Estate in West Lothian.</p> <p>JR suggested sponsorship of paths like that of the roundabouts where companies sponsor a roundabout to pay for the upkeep of said roundabout.</p> <p>It was intimated that when a Lease agreement is drawn up that a Maintenance agreement would have to be agreed then as well with the 2 Estates. SO will confirm if this is the case and</p>	<p>SO</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>SO</p>



<p>if existing Liability insurance from the landowners will cover the path. Sustrans may be able to assist with this query.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><u>Railway</u> RMCC informed the group that to date the Track Manager had not received any response from Ironside Farrar regarding the concerns submitted regarding the pathway. SO will contact the Ironside Farrar and investigate the reason why no response has been actioned and arrange a site visit in October when there will still be heavy equipment on site.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>Close meeting</b></p>	
<p>SO thanked everyone for their support and attendance and looking forward to seeing everyone at the drop in events.</p>	
<p>The group in return thanked SO for her work with this project.</p>	