



Make Your Way Key Links - Leadhills and Wanlockhead

11.11.20, 10:30am

Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91494966204>

Attendees:

- Sarah O’Sullivan, Project Officer - Active Travel, Community Action Lanarkshire
- Amanda Davis, Leadhills Development Officer
- Anne French, Leadhills Primary School - could not access meeting
- Robert McCafferty, Wanlockhead Heritage Trail CIC, Wanlockhead and Leadhills Railway, Leadhills Community Company Ltd

1. Task 1: Design and Construction

- Overview of vision and aims of project - CAL
- Discussion of Options Appraisal created for review by SG: Working specification, landscape character, concept, existing surfaces, topography, directness, physical constraints, as follows
 - Specs - Scheduled Monument area - project depends on HES legislation - RM. Follow up - CAL
 - Gates have been installed recently on existing track by Hopetoun to tackle the problem of motorbikes and caravans accessing the land - AD
 - Bin lorries (have a key for the gate), Gamekeeper jeeps and railway dump trucks use the track at Station Road, Leadhills, which is black top until it reaches the railway - AD and RM
 - Leadhills Wanlockhead Railway currently have planning permission from D&G Council and support from Buccleuch Estates to extend the railway with a new station and car park within WLH to Townhead Cottages. They are currently looking at drainage on the route and looking for funding to progress works - RM
 - Individuals are currently buying plots of land from Buccleuch - Tom Moffat potentially owns some of the land from cattle grid into WLH. RM to provide contact details / CAL to contact
 - Route from cattle grid west into WLH noted as preferred route but that there are issues on this route in winter due to the route being churned up with drainage issues - RM and AD
 - RM and AD generally supportive of the preferred route to the east from Leadhills, crossing at the cattle grid to the west entering WLH

2. Task 2: Community Engagement

- Review of community / stakeholder / landowner contacts: Add Leadhills Family Action Group, Lowther Playgroup (AD providing contact details), Wanlockhead Community Centre, Geocaching (AD providing contact details), Wanlock Visions
- Groups using route include Biggar Ramblers. Check this with Hopetoun Hotel - CAL
- Public consultation launching w/b 16.11 online and offline. AD and RM will help forwarding emails, social media shares, word of mouth
- Offline presentation and survey - 4x A4 posters confirmed as preferred method for public display.
 - AD checking whether we can use the LH Community Noticeboard to display
 - Use Community Noticeboard in WLH
 - Use LH shop as pick up / drop off point for surveys? CAL to check
 - Bus stops identified as additional potential display point for posters
- Equality Impact Assessment - hard to reach groups identified as children - reach through Parent Council

3. Task 3: Behaviour Change



- Overview - to identify and implement a range of activities - CAL
 - AD and RM indicated that the local community are confident walking and cycling due to the opportunities offered by the extensive local network. The local communities are also used to walking and cycling in all conditions due to the location of the villages. Children especially are not put off by tracks being covered in snow!
 - Many visiting cyclists currently access the existing network - RM
 - Bike repair workshops would target knowledge of bike maintenance - RM and AD
 - There had been a bike repair shop in Leadhills - AD to find out details ahead of potentially linking up
 - Leadhills Community Co. survey identified appetite for setting up a mountain bike club - AD to send survey to CAL
 - Look into setting up a cycle group so people can go out together and cycle leader training - CAL to contact Cycling UK
- 4. Task 4: Permissions and Obligations: Land ownership, Ecology, Council**
- Landowner and stakeholder discussions being progressed - CAL
 - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal to take place end Nov - CAL
- 5. Task 5: Communications**
- As above - social media - share on group / individual accounts, emails - forward to personal contacts
- 6. Task 6: Monitoring and evaluation**
- Overview: to prepare a plan that demonstrates how project outcomes will be measured
 - Prepare for baseline monitoring (Stage 2) - potential for active travel counts, monitoring of active travel barrier locations
- 7. Next meeting**
- Tue 9 Feb, 10:30am - Review of refined study
- 8. Any other business**
- N/A