

Issues & Actions (in red):

Roads

Future Chippenham – WC putting a revised plan to Homes England, for Southern portion of distributor road and 3800-4200 houses. New group 'Save Chippenham' forming. Contact is: helen.stride@transitionalspace.co.uk. AN helping with potential legal challenge. County farms given notice to quit and masterplan to be progressed. Still predetermining Local Plan Review process, and inflating housing numbers.

Melksham (SM updated from local perspective) – most 'land-hungry' of all routes now WC 'preferred option', with most infrastructure needed. Lots of local councilors opposed so hope of support for challenge. Do need to address haulage / through-traffic issues.

Stonehenge Tunnel (KF from Stonehenge Alliance gave update). DCO quashed legally. Judge found Shapps' decision 'irrational'. Scheme to be redetermined. KF shared [this blog](#) which 'says everything on failures in planning and how WC handle things'. Local community being used cynically, and investments made/promised split stakeholder groups. The CEEs must now unite people against.

Please follow (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) Stonehenge Alliance – links from home page here: www.stonehengealliance.org.uk

Decarbonisation

KF shared key messages from a recent webinar by Prof Phil Goodwin & others (Recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYFMHEQQJv0>).

Underlines absolute urgency of decarbonizing transport, emphasis on roads. Next 5 years otherwise too late. Roads still treated as exempt/ring-fenced - cumulative effect of Councils each building a few = business-as-usual.

Cycling needs massive upshift to be at all effective in reducing carbon: Ageing population - need to feel safe - e-bikes / more wheels help, and need space!

Bridleways upgrades - already off road, rural network (safe), not as difficult/expensive as road schemes.

DfT's Decarbonisation plan & 'Jet Zero' aviation consultation (both linked [from our website here](#)) – 'all carrots and no sticks'. Sticks needed! (higher parking charges, traffic calming, CAZs through communities).

What can WCA TTG do to urgently drive home main messages to WC?

Suggestion - Public opinion survey (dropped through doors but requesting online response) with agreed central and local questions. May need experienced input. AN – WCA surveyed all council candidates but Cons didn't take part. Need to ask for elected Cons responses now – e.g. 'Should Councilors take a one-day course on Climate?' – can then use as leverage for educating.

New cabinet members with greatest responsibility seem just as unconvinced.

Need to involve MPs – 'Code red' urgency /aspirations for COP / addressing gulfs on policy, practice, messaging at all levels.

Area Boards

AN to deliver a Transport-specific presentation to next BoA Area Board.

KF commented on balance – antagonism to local schemes but offer alternative models – Cornwall aspirations as example (as rural county).

All (please) - enquire with local ABs about TTG (AN with others) presenting on transport at an Autumn meeting. Just need to liaise to arrange, and have a quick Zoom pre-meeting to discuss local issues.

KF - put together a 'general manifesto of aspirations' (DONE)

WC Climate Strategy Consultation

Big opportunity to feed back. WCA pushing a united front response, plus Topic Groups to respond on their areas. By October 17th. **Link to new WCA page on this, includes initial press release, events, plan for response.**

<https://www.wiltshireclimatealliance.org.uk/wcclimatestrategyconsultation>

All to share thoughts via document: 'Collection of Thoughts in preparation for a Response' on Google Drive (JS has set up).

AN to ask MW for input.

Other links / info shared

From	Information
CR	Video of Melksham Bypass proposed route: https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/new-video-shows-route-of-proposed-a350-melksham-bypass
KF	This blog about alternatives to Stonehenge plan is a good model for all our road scheme objections: https://mindfulstepspublishing.wordpress.com/planning/respect-stonehenge/
AN	'How to get more people cycling in a semi-rural area' webinar (Cycling UK) – Tues 14th Sept 7-8pm. Link TBC
KF	POST MEETING Three very relevant/useful free webinars (first Monday 6 th Sept, 9.30-11.45am) available for sign-up here .
KF	POST MEETING https://youtu.be/FmGGJAWWawc - New Civil Engineer 'Future of Roads: Repurposing Roads for Active Travel' presentation – featuring data and lessons learned from before, during & after lockdowns.

Outstanding actions from previous meetings

ALL - Cycling (& E-bike) Shop List – add any research you can do on your local shop or one not yet completed.

ALL* Town Cycle Networks – Investigate how [these old maps by WC](#) relate to actual progress on the ground - Use spreadsheet tool published on our website to report.

*If exercise not already effectively done by local Cycling campaign group.

ALL - Create 1-2 page briefing notes to help educate and engage Councilors and others on why/what changes should be made. Suggested theme list on Google drive - add your name against one and spend an hour or so writing one?

Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd Sept at 7pm (6.45pm for newcomers & chat)