Henleaze STAG meeting "Report and Action Plan"

Wednesday 27th January 2016

Firstly we looked at our initial aims since our first meeting in March 2015. There were a surprising amount of achievements and I would like to thank everyone who played a part in that.

Feedback on the 5 min walk zone:

- It was agreed that it was a useful exercise to plot our modes of travel on the maps and it has provided us with some data to monitor in the future.
- It was suggested that we repeat the process twice a year, once in the winter and once in the summer. Dates suggested were early December and early June. The alternative is once in autumn and again in Spring, October and April.
- We received feedback from a parent who drives to school and has changed their parking habits since the introduction of the walk zone. She has found it very convenient.
- The second round of data collection had a much smaller uptake, so no genuine comparisons could be formed.
- It was suggested that after half term was a good time to remind people of the benefits of an active lifestyle. Taking the opportunity to embrace the onset of spring, longer daylight hours and milder weather.
- It was suggested that the A1 maps could be displayed at new parent's induction and a short presentation made about STAG and the 5 min walk zone. It was agreed that this was a good time to influence new habits.

Actions and timescale:

Chrissie - Speak to Manon about new parent inductions. She did a great job this year and maybe she would agree to do it again? In time for summer inductions.

Chrissie - Check with heads that they are happy with bi-annual data collection and short presentations at new parent inductions

Volunteer opportunity - Develop our 'active lifestyle' message and plan how to convey it to maximum effect. Maybe a couple of people could work together on this? After half term.

Updates on the new cycle and scooter parking:

When we became cycling champions in 2015 we asked Bristol City Council for help to fund new cycle and scooter parking. It was agreed in principle and we were asked to draw up plans and get some quotes.

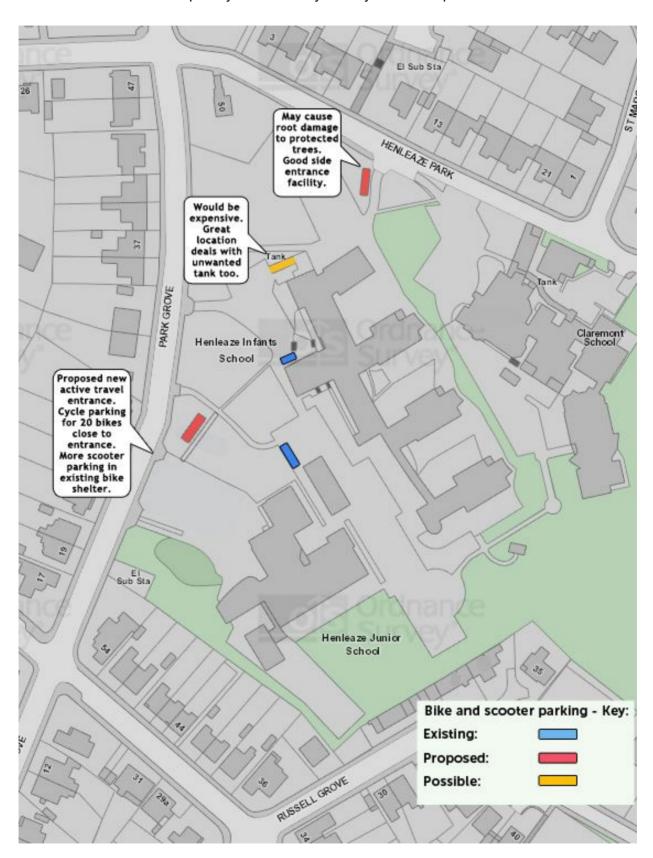
This process was not straightforward as each school had to take into account any future plans for the school grounds and look very carefully at the needs of all users before deciding what is needed and where to put it.

Mrs Martin, Mr Barber, Mr Galliers and myself walked around the site before the summer and discussed some options. I put forward ideas suggested at STAG meetings.

We came up with some ideas, which are on the attached diagram but it was clear that it needed to be mulled over some more and more research done.

Mr Barber is looking into the possibility of using the entrance to the junior school car park for both entrance and exit and using the current car park exit as an active travel entrance. This idea was very well received and we are looking forward to hearing about progress in due course.

In the meantime, we may have missed the opportunity for funding from the initial source as it may well have been spent already. It was agreed however that we could look at other ways to fund it if needs be and the priority was to clarify exactly what is required.



Actions and timescale:

Volunteer opportunity - Research shelters and stands, check reviews and suppliers etc. Sue Orr - Find out who is supplying St Ursula's bike shelters. ASAP.

Bristol City Council plans for traffic calming on Park Grove:

There is no new progress to report. The consultation has now closed. There were 82 responses, mainly objecting to the proposal to ban southbound vehicular entry into Park Grove from Springfield Grove. The rest of the plans were supported. In light of this, traffic engineer Rob Grieve is looking at upgrading the proposed painted surface on Springfield Grove to a raised table.

Actions and timescale:

Chrissie - Contact Rob Grieve to follow up progress.

Crocodile App pilot:

Kevin Ramm and Chris Thurling from the Crocodile team introduced their app which is being developed to offer an easy way to create both formal and informal shared journeys to school. The app is now ready to trial and for anyone who is interested we have set a date with Kevin and Chris to download the app and have a demonstration of its capabilities.

Actions and timescale:

All welcome - App demo on Wednesday 17th February at Chrissie's house - Contact chrissie@psand.net if you would like to take part.

What next:

Problems have been reported with parents parking on the double yellow lines on Henleaze Park at the bottom of the steps to Longleat Close. This is a spot where lots of children cross and has double yellow lines to keep it clear and safe.

Suggestions to address it include:

Putting out 'no parking' traffic cones - they may get stolen.

Placing planters at either end of the double yellow lines. - would need consultation with local residents and highways department. Would need to be planted and regularly well tended. Apply to BCC for a buildout with bollards - would be a permanent solution but may take years to implement.

Actions and timescale:

Chrissie - Speak to heads of each school to ask their opinion. ASAP

Not mentioned at the meeting but two of our outstanding suggestions are:

Placing rail top planters on the safety barrier at the main pedestrian entrance.

Removing the secondary barrier at the main pedestrian entrance (the one that is on the pavement) to increase accessibility.

Actions and timescale:

Chrissie - Speak to heads of each school to ask their opinion. ASAP

Next Meeting: Provisionally booked for Tuesday 19th April, 8pm at the Eastfield Inn.