

Notes from the Battle Health Pathway meeting on 4th January 2021

Present: Sue Burton, Carol Harris (Town Clerk), Dale Wheeler, Glenna Favell

Feedback from Town Clerk

BTC has received many positive comments about the Pathway and Cycle Skills Area(CSA).

There had been a request for a waiting area for the CSA.

Signs about social distancing were being posted within the Rec.

Matters to note/consider

SB has also received many positive comments together with requests for a café.

Noticeboards are in hand.

The fencing will be removed from the no-dig path as soon as practical. Thornes would have removed it when they came to carry out the drainage work, but it is too wet, so CH will contact them to discuss the matter.

There still is signage to go on the additional bollards.

There is snagging on the Pathway to be resolved.

CH will arrange for some hedging to be removed, or possibly for the hedge to be shaped, in order to improve sightlines below the Guide Hut.

Tree work will commence on BTC's estate soon, which will hopefully provide wood for more seating in the Rec. Suggestions for where seating could be installed are welcome. Final positions will need to comply with RoSPA guidelines.

One bin has been installed, but another is needed.

Some of the markings on the CSA are wearing off, but Clarke & Kent will replenish them.

Clarke & Kent have asked for a letter of appreciation, which SB will write. (GF to forward BHP headed paper.)

CH will ask Thornes and the Technical Advisor to investigate whether the chicane at the western entrance should be improved as it was suggested that children could run directly onto North Trade Road without needing to slow down.

Finance

BTC has made project payments which exceed grant income and other contributions

BTC has received £75,000 from Rother District Council CIL Fund

 £61,658 from ESC

Although it is appreciated that BLAP would like the project to be completed before releasing funds, BTC has paid accounts expecting funds to be paid in.

It was noted that the BHP group has still not applied to RDC for the Community Grant of £25,000.

CH will send the project ledger to Annette for review and comment.

There is nowhere to store bikes securely on BTC's estate, so SB will ask SE if BHP can hold funds for bicycles pending suitable storage becoming available.

Opening Ceremony

The opening cannot take place on 12th January due to Covid-19 restrictions. Due to the possibility that it may not be able to take place in February either, other ways to hold a ceremony will be considered e.g. a virtual ceremony with contributions from all those who would have attended in person. GF will look into ways of combining video contributions.

SB will write a letter to the Observer to thank all the volunteers for their contributions to the project.

The wonderful bicycle from the Yarn Bombers is ready, so a suitable place needs to be agreed to site it.

Soft Planting

GF provided an update with a list of actions:

- Source trees & shrubs, then order

- Find out when *I Dig Trees* plants will arrive

- Consider whether plants from *I Dig Trees* may be used to plant around edge of senior pitch at the Asten Fields corner and then along the south border to stop footballs.

- Use some plants from *I Dig Trees* to form barrier between the Rec and Saxonwood residents' gardens

- Prepare areas for planting once delivery schedule is known.

- Contact Agrifactors to find out when Sensory Garden will be planted.

- Contact Agrifactors to find out when hedging around workshop area will be planted.

- Contact Sussex Lund regarding Whitebeam tree that will not be suitable for Island 2 - plant elsewhere or not at all (useful plant as the flowers are pollinated by insects and the berries are favoured by birds. However, caterpillars of moths eat the leaves.)

- Agree sign for REG for taste garden (from their grant funding).

Date of next meeting

1st February 2021 at 2pm by Zoom.