

FOCUS GROUP REPORT

Roads, Bridleways, Footpaths, Pavements, Cycle routes in Lyonshall Parish

Held 13th Feb 2013. IN Memorial Hall.

Total number attending = 12

How they heard of meeting: via e-mail website = 1 couple, most of the others via green insert in Parish magazine. Posters were put up throughout the Parish.

ROADS

Main issue raised was speeding.

Solutions suggested

- Chicanes at each end of village
- 30mph limit to be extended from Holmes Marsh to junction with A44. Query how to enforce?
- Speed Indicator Devices (same as Pembridge) though it was pointed out that traffic speeds up after passing such devices.
- Traffic calming methods by reducing width of road in places eg at Old Station ex rail bridge.
- Juggernauts to be directed up Rise Lane past George pub instead of making tight left turn.
- Improve road markings at Rise lane and George pub. STOP sign would be useful.
- Mini roundabouts at the two right angled corners in village not followed up.
- Ask quarry lorries to take another route instead of through village but success unlikely as SatNav gives them the shortest route which is probably straight through village. Also the lorries are private contractors and diesel is very expensive.

State of Roads

- Repair of side roads may be given to Lengthsman.
- More passing bays needed in side roads

PAVEMENTS

- No solutions suggested as to how to increase pavement space in centre of village.
- Extend pavement from Memorial Hall to church. There is enough space though it may be necessary to nibble into the hedge.
- A480 is walkable from Burgoynes to Holmes Marsh provided the grass is kept down.

- Pedestrian crossing wanted from Wharf cottages (at end of Lynhales Drive) across to Church.
- Ramp at Stepstile (gradient?)

FOOTPATHS

- 15.2miles of footpaths throughout Lyonshall. People didn't realise that Chris South is the Footpaths Officer and any hazards or broken stiles etc should be reported to him so that he can pass it on to Council for repairs. Perhaps this needs to be added to Lyonshall website
- More stiles with dog gates requested though it was pointed out that this is slowly being done when old stiles are replaced.
- Issues over footpaths through fields with crops. Where possible walkers will go round the edge of the field if possible but fields these days are huge.
- Re-opening of ancient footpaths not raised.
- Footpath maps for just Lyonshall are available but uncertain where to get them. Query website.

BRIDLEWAYS

- Often not accessible and not well maintained.
- Call to raise awareness of disused tram and railwaylines through parish.

BUS ROUTES

- Bus service greatly valued and acknowledged that routes will influence the sites of Affordable Housing. (No point in building Affordable Housing in places with no bus route if the inhabitants have no car or don't drive)

CYCLE ROUTE

- Decided not an option as not enough space for pavements!

STREET LIGHTING (from Village to Memorial Hall)

- This divided opinion but mostly not in favour.

I.J.Hutton (Chair)