

Community Partnership Workshop

16th September 2021



Summary

The workshop was very well attended by representatives across the Community Partnership area. 20 attendees contributed their views and suggestions throughout the busy two hour session, 10 of which represented the smaller parishes.

Several items were discussed during the event with the aim of identifying solutions and actions to take forwards.

A summary review of the available data was provided to all attendees. This included data from traffic accidents, local speed monitoring and supplemented by SID data from Debach. The group agreed on the whole on the data and added additional comments (see below).

Details of the public survey were also discussed, particularly the sub headings and themes. The group was asked to separate the sub headings in to two groups – one that was in the scope of the Partnership, and another where the responsibility lies with another organisation such as Suffolk Highways or Suffolk County Council.

The group were asked to explore a small number of the potential options in more detail. During this discussion there were additional options highlighted as ways of progressing forwards. Exploring the options in more detail will require further discussion, potentially once the list of options has been reduced.

The following were suggestions identified by the workshop as potential options for the Community Partnership to explore further.

Walk to school scheme	Speed watch – joined up approach
School engagement	Road Safety Forums
Child education in schools	CP to lobby key people
Car pooling	Senior representation from Police, SCC, etc
Corporate responsibility promotion	ANPR
Education of all regarding road safety	Clopton – reduce speed limit
Planning department involvement	Richard Bull, EDF to be involved
Lollipop people outside certain schools	Rural sub committee
Police presence at key times, eg rush hour	Parking enforcement at schools
Speed watch – increased delivery	Briefing Councillors and MPs
Speed Indicator Device – increase provision	

Suggestions of actions that are required by Highways/SCC are recorded and saved on the documents used during the workshop for future reference.

Discussion regarding communicating findings to key stakeholders was discussed. It was agreed that the survey findings would be shared with each Parish Council as a matter good practice.

It was confirmed that AJ had already contacted Cllr Alexander Nicolls (Deputy Cabinet member at SCC for transport) inviting him to engage with the Partnership. Response is due shortly.

There appeared to be significant interest in a rural sub committee because of the difference in circumstances compared to busier parts of the area.

The meeting ended with

- significant work being completed to explore the options and issues.
- a list of options and actions to consider further and discuss at the next Community Partnership meeting.
- Clear enthusiasm to engage with key stakeholders in the future to action clear change.

Next steps

Because of the scale of the issue it is suggested that further conversation continues at the Community Partnership meeting. Agreeing actions to focus on and take forwards are recommended as the next step.

There are also ongoing consultations taking place away from the Community Partnership, including the launch of a consultation regarding active travel. It is recommended that CP members and stakeholders are made aware of such consultations and results in order to inform future decision making.

Finally, it is recommended that future discussions relating to the topic focus solely on the potential solutions and actions that can be taken. This is because significant discussion, data collection and other research has been completed to provide a strong evidence base. There is now the opportunity to pool resources and energy in to positive outcomes.