

Walking and Cycling Update

- Further progress has been made regarding strategic and local projects throughout the district.
- A total of £312k has been committed to strategic and local projects in the current financial year with the view that most will be delivered during the same period.
- The bidding process for funds from the Walking and Cycling budget has been formalised with a new form and has seen several new applications for local schemes submitted. Projects totalling over £150k and across 6 parishes are currently being assessed.
- Feasibility work on the Cam-Dursley Greenway, and Cainscross Road has been completed by GCC following joint funding from CIL and the Walking and Cycling budget.
- Following the completion of feasibility work on the Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield Greenway by Sustrans, a successful UKSPF funding bid of £70k has been match funded by £75k of the Walking and Cycling budget to allow the project to be taken to the detailed design phase. Discussions about how this will be taken forward are ongoing.
- Following discussions with GCC to improve the safety of the Stonehouse to Stroud bike path, £75k of the Walking and Cycling budget has been allocated to resurface the full length of the track, match funded to equivalent contributions from CIL and GCC.
- The Service Level Agreement with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) is being updated to include a role for GRCC in assisting Parishes to identify local walking and cycling projects. This will include an information event for Parishes in the late autumn, following on from the successful event held at Ebley Mill in November 2022.
- Following a campaign led by BYCS, an Amsterdam based NGO that supports community-led cycling initiatives, a Stroud District Bicycle Mayor was appointed early in the year.
- In June SDC invited the bicycle maintenance team from The Bike Drop to run a free bicycle maintenance day for staff.
- The Discover Stroud Trail app has been upgraded with new features with funding from the Walking and Cycling budget.
- The Bike Drop has been successful in an application to the UKSPF fund for a total of £50000 over the next 2 years to expand the network of bike hubs throughout the district.
- The CN2030 Team are working with councillors and officers from various departments to celebrate **Cycle September**, an initiative started by the organisation **Love to Ride** who are dedicated to helping overcome barriers to cycling.
- The Bike Drop are holding a festival of Cycling on 9th September to coincide with The Tour of Britain Stage 7 passing through the district. Georgia Spooner

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from the CN2030 team will be attending the event with the Community Engagement board to talk to people about small changes they make and what it's meant to them in terms of travel.

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