

COUNCIL

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Cycling Champion Report

- **Pendle's Cycle Legacy Strategy** - most recent version
 - o Objectives – 3 main objectives in the strategy including:
 1. improved cycle infrastructure
 2. cycle tourism
 3. cycling for health
 - o The Action Plan at the back of the strategy includes Pendle Cycle Network. This is our wish list of infrastructure schemes to make connections for off road cycle routes in Pendle
 - o However, the budget for cycling is £5,000 per year for revenue/maintenance. All of this goes on an annual event at the Steven Burke Sports Hub to raise awareness of the hub as well as maintenance of existing cycle paths that are not maintained by LCC.
 - o Tour of Britain (ToB) Legacy event – we included this in the strategy as it was written a year after the ToB came to Pendle. However, we would need funding to do a big legacy event in the future which could be up to £100,000 to close roads etc. It would be difficult to get approval for this type of funding now. The strategy mentions the possibility of being part of the Tour de Yorkshire, perhaps taking in bits of Pendle which used to be in the West Riding and finishing in Colne which was a success in the Tour of Britain but we would need Member approval and support for this to happen.
 - o Our strategy's objectives coincide with the National Cycling and Walking Strategy as well as Lancashire Cycling Strategy with the aim to double the people that cycle by 2025.
- **Steven Burke Sports Hub**
 - o We achieved funding from various sources including: Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF), Tesco Bags, Barrowford and Nelson Area Committees, Newground and Pendle Council Capital Programme to complete the BMX Pump Track last year as Phase 2 of the Steven Burke Sports Hub. This has proved very successful and has attracted a new type of cyclist and younger cyclists to the site. This was opened on the 12th May 2018.
 - o We received Access Fund money for a new more secure container at trackside. The bid to the Access Fund was a joint bid with Pendle School Sports Partnership who are in the process of buying some bikes to go in the container. These can be used by projects run by Pendle Leisure Trust, Go Velo, British Cycling and CDPP to encourage new people to get on a bike at the hub.
 - o We also did a joint bid to the Access Fund with PLT for their Bike Revival Scheme, PBC built a workshop for the scheme at the Swinden Pavilion. This Pendle Leisure Trust Bike Revival Scheme started officially on the 27th February 2019 and is where people can be trained up to do up old abandoned bikes and then can buy them cheaply from the scheme thus encouraging more people to cycle.
 - o With CDPP we will be looking at a 5 year plan for the Steven Burke Sports Hub to see what further improvements can be made such as toilets closer to the circuit; higher fencing to stop cricket balls going over the fence and better drainage and car park surfacing for the car park opposite the BMX Pump Track. This is using money that CDPP has achieved by renting out the circuit to groups and clubs.

- **CDPP – cycle user group**
 - o We formed Cycle Development Pendle Partnership (CDPP) last year by amalgamating the former Pendle Cycle Forum and CDPP.
 - o Minutes from the meeting on 30th October 2018 attached for information.
 - o We now have CDPP Sport – covering racing and club use of the circuit and CDPP Community - everything else at the hub.
 - o This group meets 3 times a year and is a place for people to air their views about cycling in Pendle.
 - o They will meet to discuss a 5 year plan for the hub
 - o They will meet to organise an event at the hub, see below
 - o They will meet to assist Lancashire County Council Engineers to produce Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs). This will be a major piece of work over the next two or more years looking at routes across Lancashire to create a Lancashire Cycle Network. Currently they are just desire lines on maps but from this they aim to create county wide Masterplans across all districts.
 - o Hopefully this will assist us in obtaining future funding for cycling in the borough.

- **Future infrastructure schemes**
 - o **Barrowford Section 106 – scheme Booths**
 - § Shared use path from Pendle Heritage Centre to the canal along Colne Road using the grass verge, see attached plan
 - § Plans have been drawn up and it needs to be put out to tender once we have reviewed the plans. There is a section that had landownership issues to resolve
 - § We may require an additional £5,000 to complete the scheme but will know for definite once the scheme has been put out to tender.
 - o **Lomeshaye Extension cycle path**
 - § Economic Development put a bid into ESIF for funding including blue/green infrastructure (a cycle path along the river) to compliment the Lomeshaye Extension project.
 - o **Pennine Bridleway/Pennine Way Corridor Links**
 - § On the 8th March we submitted a bid to RDPE for cycle tourism links between the Pennine Bridleway/Pennine Way Corridor to create cycle tourism links up to Yorkshire. This is for £1 million. We won't hear the outcome of this until May/June 2019.

- **Cycle Event for 2019**
 - o We did a 24 hour cycle challenge at the hub last September
 - o This year we have an idea to do activities around the Tour de France with a final race on the final day on the circuit.
 - o This way we hope to attract more people during the duration of the Tour de France race with guided rides, king of the mountain events etc. etc.
 - o We need to hold a meeting to discuss how we are going to do this with the assistance of CDPP Community, Go Velo and PLT.