



Cowbridge to Malmesbury Town Centre Cycleway/Footpath Task Group

In July 2011, Malmesbury Area Board agreed to formalise the work of a local group which was developing a cycleway/footpath between the centre of Malmesbury and Cowbridge. This group has now become a task group of the area board.

The idea for a path arose when the Cowbridge site was developed. It was considered important to connect local residents living in that area with the centre of Malmesbury by a legal cycleway and footpath suitable for accommodating all uses. The developer gave some money to Wiltshire Council to enable Sustrans to help implement the scheme.

The purpose of the task group is to deliver this project, which involves working with local landowners to lease land to enable the cycleway/footpath to be developed. The aim is to enable residents from Malmesbury town centre and from Cowbridge to have a right of way across this route, currently they are trespassing, and to design a route which everyone can enjoy whether they simply want to go for a stroll, or commute by bike or foot into town, or take the children to school.

Naturally we will have to obtain planning permission for the final proposals and local people will have a chance to see and discuss these proposals before a planning application is submitted.

In the meantime, it is hoped that members of the group will disseminate information from the meetings throughout their organisations.

Task group members:

- Caroline Pym - St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council
- Steve Cox and Kim Power - Malmesbury Town Council
- Peter Gilchriest - Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership
- John Gundry - Malmesbury Residents' Association
- Barry Dent - Malmesbury Civic Trust
- Miles Cross and Heather Newton-Lewis - Cowbridge residents
- Alistair Millington - Sustrans
- Cllr Simon Killane and Cllr John Thomson
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