

February 2023

Next Travel & Transport Meeting - 2 March 7 pm. Click here to join.

Key items for discussion:

- Travelling Light Draft 2030 Strategy
- Community Conversations Commonplace

Monthly Roundup:

Influencing & Shaping Policy

February has been a very busy month, where we have seen the HVCA #UseTheBus campaign in full swing. A link to our <u>campaign bulletin special is here</u>

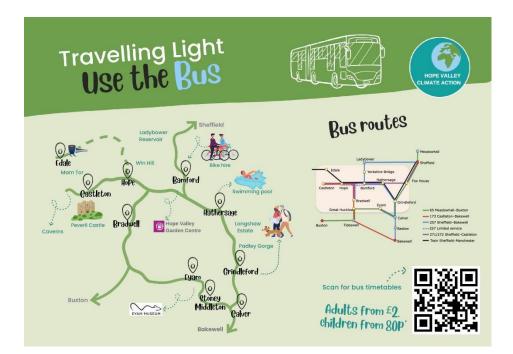
How to get involved with #UseTheBus:

Please take five minutes to respond to our 'Use the Bus' survey here.

We will be evaluating the campaign and analysing the responses to the survey in March with a view to arranging a meeting with DCC about the future of public bus services in the Hope Valley. In addition to our 'Use the Bus' campaign we have been contributing to a range of other policy developments.

Roger attended the Peak District National Park's Sustainable Travel Symposium. Click here to read his report.

Huge thanks to Joanna and Anne who helped draft a response to the House of Commons Transport Select Committee: Our Future Transport. You can read our proposal <u>here</u> about why they need to look at integrated transport planning in rural areas.



Sharing Learning

We have also had productive meetings with Transport for the North and identified future areas of collaboration including in relation to data sharing.

Marianne was invited by the Lake District National Park to present to volunteer community groups like HVCA who are interested in our work and our approach to community engagement.

Inclusive Active Travel

Please come along and join us at our first Travelling Light Walking Workshop Friday 10 March 9.30-12.30.

"How to Make Walking for Everyday Purposes More Inclusive"

Meet at Bamford Train Station 9.30/9.40 where we will take a walk or wheel from the station via the Garden Centre arriving approximately 10.30 at the amazing community hub The Anglers where we can have refreshments and explore:

- How will we create a working definition of 'walking' that aligns with the objectives of Travelling Light?
- How do we inspire people to make everyday walking journeys?
- How do we coordinate a Travelling Light Walking Campaign Group?
- How do we make our work more inclusive? What and who do we need to consider?
- What should our next steps be?

Click here to register.

What Next for Cycling in the Hope Valley - Draft Strategy

Following a successful workshop at the end of January we have compiled the feedback and set out here our draft Travelling Light cycling strategy. <u>Take a look and get involved.</u>

Have your say on the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan

The four authorities of Derby City, Derbyshire, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire have worked together to prepare a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the D2N2 area.

The LCWIP is a long-term strategic plan setting out the vision to develop comprehensive local cycling and walking networks across the D2N2 area to help encourage people to travel more actively. The LCWIP is currently open for consultation which closes 8 March.

Read about the LCWIP here.

Read our short summary as to how you can respond here: D2N2 Suggested Response - HVCA

Respond to the consultation here: D2N2 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Derbyshire County Council



Have your say in why 20mph speed limits are just as important in rural areas.

We want to help make the Hope Valley a safer and more enjoyable place for all of us by prioritising 'people and place'.

We believe that rural communities shouldn't be left behind in making these changes and a valley-wide approach to reducing speed limits provides an opportunity for residents to reimagine and campaign for a more sustainable future for our villages.

We helped coordinate two events in February in conjunction with the 20's Plenty Derbyshire wide campaign. This included an event for Derbyshire Parish Councillors with a presentation from Rod King MBE on the importance and benefits of lower speed limits.

How to get involved:

- Submit a response to the DCC Consultation Greener Towns 20mph zones open until April 13 2023
- Check out our suggested response to the consultation here
- Sign up and order campaign materials for your village: 20's Plenty for Hope Valley Villages Action Network

Community Conversations

Travelling Light is supporting Hope Valley communities to design and create a sustainable travel and transport system that works for us all.

We are using a community-led approach - meaning that rather than designing solutions and then asking what residents think afterwards, we start the other way around. We capture and share the views and the needs of the community, which are then used to shape the ideas and solutions created.

To give us the best chance of creating a travel and transport system that works for us all, we need to effectively capture the needs, ideas and views of as many people we can who live in or spend time in Hope Valley. We will be using <u>Commonplace</u>, an online platform designed to help communities like ours to create the change we want to see.

The two will work hand-in-hand - each phase of the process will be mirrored online (via Commonplace) and in person (via Community Travel Conversations in each village).

Read more about the <u>aims and objectives</u> of the process.

We are keen for as many people as possible to get involved in the Community Conversations. It's an exciting project and a real chance to create travel and transport solutions but also shape more sustainable communities into the future. To support the roll out of Community Conversations and Commonplace in your village, please <u>register to</u> <u>volunteer</u> with the Travelling Light project and let us know how you can help.



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