

Active Travel Congleton – Report for CSG 1.3.21

There is not a lot happening at present because of Lockdown and recent bad weather.

The consultation into traffic measures proposed for West St, Antrobus St and Mill St, has finished and we await the report soon.

ATC are still keen on getting a Trishaw to offer trips out for people who are in care homes or who are isolated to give them 'the wind in their hair' experience! See <https://cyclingwithoutage.org/about/> to get a feel for what we are trying to do.

ACT have been looking at the housing developments around Congleton to see how well the developers are living up to their S106 promises.

One thing in particular that is concerning us is the East-West Greenway. This was detailed in the North Congleton Masterplan and is being emasculated. It seems to have been reduced from a segregated, traffic free route that would make walking and cycling within the north Congleton developments a safe thing to do for all residents, to a route using estate roads. We are trying to see how this can be rectified.

We understand that Black Firs Lane was promised a shared space path from the new developments on the Somerford Triangle to Holmes Chapel Road and the High School. This has not been built with the result that people are having to walk in the road or on the mucky grass verge all the way down Black Firs Lane.

Sustrans have published a report that suggests that exchanging one car journey a week for an active travel option, like cycling, can reduce an individual's CO₂ emissions significantly. Follow this link [Sustrans' insight & news \(sustrans-info.org.uk\)](https://www.sustrans.org.uk) to see this report.

The UK government has issued a document detailing the effects of switching from motor vehicle transport to active travel options. See this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/switching-to-sustainable-transport-a-rapid-evidence-assessment>

Defra £ 28K. Still issues around its usage, CEBC not yet confirmed its plans.

Congleton Rickshaw. Cost around £12K. Cllr Holland showing interest in the project. Feasibility study first before going for funds.