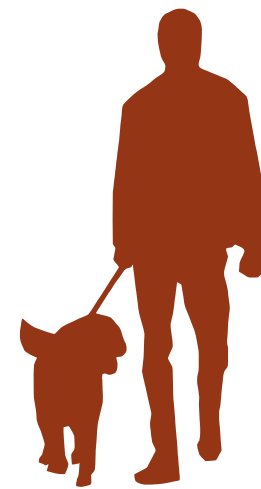




# Update

## *Travel Light Project*



### **Active Travel Drop-in Event – 14 March 2020**

Planning for the event started in February, with over 25 invitations being sent to over 25 individuals, local community groups and organisations, local authority, and agency staff to hold an Active Travel-related stall at the event. Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic, the event has had to be postponed until further notice.

### **Air Quality Monitoring**

Work started with the support of a University of Stirling PhD student to test the research methods on 'Air pollution and public health: exploring sustainable behavioural changes to reduce exposure in Scotland'. A route map of potential pollution hotspots in Riverside was developed, and a PurpleAir monitor, anemometer (for wind-speed measurement), and hand-held GPS was loaned to the group to take readings at different times of the day and week. This data will contribute to the student's research.

In spite of the Covid-19 crisis, volunteers from the Active Travel & Sustainable Transport sub-group were able to take PurpleAir data readings. Results were submitted to the student for analysis, but unfortunately, due to the university facilities being closed, the data analysis has been delayed until September.

The sub-group bought its own PurpleAir, and further monitoring will be done throughout the autumn and winter. The student will again lend the group a GPS to allow PurpleAir data to be taken at the same time as accurate location data. The results of the monitoring will be posted online when available.

### **Resident Survey**

Discussions were held with Forth Environment Link's Stirling Active Travel Hub (SATH), who agreed to carry out the survey work and action plan on the community council's behalf. Exchanges of ideas for the survey content is currently in progress, and a second draft has been produced. The community council Chair has had valuable input to the survey design to ensure that it is accessible for people with learning needs, through the use of pictures and plain English.

### **Lover's Walk Enhancements**

The community council has been working with Stirling Council and Paths for All as part of the YouDecide Participatory Budgeting process to ensure that Lovers' Walk is cleaned up and made safer for cycling and walking. A two-option community consultation has been carried out by the council and Option 1 (Improved lighting under the bridges, clean up of the riverbank, painting railings) has been chosen. Shrubs and trees have been cut back from the path, new cycling signs erected, the pigeon droppings cleared, and the space between the two bridges power-washed. We are grateful to Stirling Council for providing in-kind match funding from the YouDecide budget for the Smarter Choices, Smarter Places grant award.

### **Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy**

As part of the grant acceptance Terms & Conditions, the community council has developed a Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults (PCVA) policy after discussions with Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise, Volunteer Scotland, and Stirling and Clackmannanshire council's child and adult protection staff. The policy was adopted at a full community council meeting in June 2020.

### **Riverside Primary School Engagement**

SATH has recorded a bike webcam 'Safe Route to School' from Riverside Primary School to Wallace High School via Lovers' Walk. This is to help the primary school P7 transition group to visualise their cycle journey and discuss potential issues when they move up to Wallace next year.

An alternative route from Riverside to Wallace through Cambuskenneth will also be recorded, as many pupils living in Riverside and Cambuskenneth have said that they favour this route for their journey.

Members of the sub-group met the Headteacher, Eco-schools' staff, and Junior Road Safety Officers of Wallace HS and primary school throughout last year and before March this year, and had discussed issues and ideas around making these routes safe for school commuting.