

Notes from discussions

Group 1:

The appetite is there, which we might not have realised before. Public transport is a concern at the moment. Other options – walking, what about e-bikes? Offer that Bradford College could look at this with engineering students. Also want to look at how Bradford College can become 'bike friendly'. It's a big task.

Group 2:

There is some good work going on in Bradford and we've been getting international attention. It's still fragmented in what services we offer, for instance where do we go with the ask of someone wanting a child to learn to ride a bike? This needs bringing together – could it be something for the new Bradford Council or British Cycling officer?

The infrastructure is not always promoted to those who might use it. Needs more shouting about. Use our networks, i.e. JU:MP. We want people to know they are able to use the roads etc from September with the changes having been made. There is also a want to complete infrastructure changes to the highest standard.

Comment: Walking element of active travel is sometimes overlooked, but it's probably the easiest to promote. We (Council) want to bring partners together to look at this.

Group 3:

What is the political will in Bradford? Need to know what this is so that we know what we're developing isn't tokenistic. We've got the cycling strategy for Bradford – does that need refreshing? Who can implement that strategy and bring it to life? We are reacting quickly, we need to get it right. It is a great opportunity but it could be disastrous if it goes wrong. Need to think long term – creative thinking could get it right, maybe negates the need for lots of warning signs and bollards.

Comment: We are working on very short timescales so there is the unfortunate possibility that we could miss the boat on a lot of elements. Can we get a forum together? Gill to set one up.

Group 4:

Maintenance and access to bikes was discussed as a barrier to more cycling. Also need to consider how and where people can store bikes.