

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION – WITNEY COMMUNITY ACTIVATION

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Hi Adam

I just had a really useful chat with Josh Lenthall. He has also been chatting to Windrush Bike Project who are wanting to set up a bike library.

### **Bike Repair Stands**

He says that the bike repair stands are an ideal use of the funding and should be eligible if we apply for funding. I said we would discuss it at the full council meeting on the 12 April and we could then get back to him. The application process itself is not onerous, with a quite simple application form, and at the moment there is no time limit on applications.

I explained that our officers would need to research the best place(s) for it/them to be sited (and related permissions) and to consider the installation costs and the ongoing maintenance which he says would probably not be part of the grant money. I would have thought that ongoing maintenance comes into a similar field as maintenance of play equipment. There is scope to apply for more than one (eg, maybe apply for 3 – one in town and two in residential areas?) The £2500 amount per idea is merely a guideline in order to prevent excessive large applications.

He says that these stands have proved popular and successful in Oxford and it is known that bike maintenance is one of the top 3 barriers to ongoing use of cycling. I'm very happy to bring this idea to full council in April and hopefully gain agreement to making an application.

### **Way signs for travel timings in Witney**

This is the second idea I mentioned to him – producing signs indicating travel times by foot and by cycle between different areas of town. He says this is also another very good idea and very effective in encouraging people to change from car use to other forms of transport. A colleague of his is at the moment in discussions with OCC Highways to agree a template for producing temporary signs which could be part of projects undertaken by local community groups, eg. Schools. They would be A3 size and 5/6mm thick and not designed to be permanent but to be part of campaigns (I thought car-free day perhaps?) He says once the template can be agreed they are planning to come out to community groups to suggest getting involved.

We left it that I will report back to him after 12 April regarding the bike repair stations, and we will take things from there.

Very exciting!

Liz