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Castle Cary Town Council Transport & Travel Strategy

Rationale:

CCTC has an objective for 'Castle Cary to be a safe and pleasant place to walk, shop, work and go about our daily tasks'.

In the last few years with increased population, seemingly more cars and lorries, more complaints about speeding and informed by the Government's Transport Rural Strategy it would be pertinent for the Town Council to form a Transport working group and produce some attainable actions reporting back to Properties & Infrastructure. As a working group it could have members of the public on as advisers.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence?utm_source=fbeea974-8a4b-4dfb-b3a8-48e888e2d68e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Actions to consider: (in no particular order)

- Install electric bike chargers @Millbrook Hub.
- Consult on the installation of electric car charging points in Millbrook Car Park.
- Explore the criteria for electric scooters particularly for journeys to and from the station
- Clearer signage to Castle Cary station from town and other key residential sites and places.
- Use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) mapping areas of concern as a priority (Woodcock Street) (APC has purchased one with speed recorded and they are employing someone to train to erect it).
- Better footpaths and cycle routes clearly labelled and promoted. Work with the Newt over improved footpaths to the Newt and across their land.
- Seek advice from SC environment dept to facilitate a car sharing app/FB/What's app site development to support people travelling to work and also as a friendly lift share service to a bank/town/hospital. (Taking safeguarding and Covid 19 restrictions into account)
- Consider supporting the development of a service back and forth to the railway station. (tuk-tuk or Uber?)

- Promote scheduling of bus and train timetables so that the community can make the most of a day out (e.g, trip to London/ work in Taunton)
- Report damaged pavements regularly and liaise with Somerset Council regarding maintenance.
- Explore additional car parking facilities and taking on the existing car parks with a view to implementing residents parking in the car parks overnight.

Employing some or all of these objectives will have the direct benefits of reduced emissions, positive effects on health & well-being, safer driving leading to residents feeling safer when walking.

4) Travel			
The Council supports initiatives in the town that encourage healthier living including walking, cycling or use public transport or car-share	16.3.20	FC	
Investigate fast e-car charging points for town car parks with SC	23.3.20	CCB/P & I Committee	
Work with SC to reduce speed of vehicles through the town & on A371	Ongoing & review 23.3.20	SCC/P & I Committee	
Develop & promote car/lift sharing schemes (such as Liftshare) to help local people & businesses reduce the carbon pollution, save money and foster new friendships. Lift-sharing may often be a solution for people when public transport, cycling or walking to work isn't. Car-sharing schemes for non-commuting journeys should also be promoted.	Ongoing & review 20.4.20	FC/Greener Travel/ Travel workshops	
Request vehicle drivers to turn off their engines rather than idling in the town	Ongoing & review 23.3.20 20.4.20	P & I Committee FC	
Press local authorities and MPs to demand national changes to bus services regulations, so all areas can regulate buses as London does, and urban profit-making routes can cross fund loss making rural routes	Ongoing & review 2.3.20 16.3.20	Planning Committee FC	
Support CAT Bus	Ongoing & review 20.4.20	FC	Ongoing annually
Install more bike parking racks in the town	20.4.20	P & I Committee	Completed

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To be implemented in conjunction with the environmental actions in our policy: