

Meeting of the Town Council 24 February 2025

Agenda Item 18: Heath to Seas

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Heaths to Sea – Discussion group - Jan Billington, David Walsh, Steve Cook.

To ascertain how the Heaths to Sea project can benefit Budleigh Salterton. This project will have significant funding and also the ability to implement change at a County and National level which we might struggle with. In addition we can help the success of the project via joint initiatives and communication.

Bullet points from meeting on Monday 17th February which was to generate ideas for how Budleigh Salterton can benefit from this project by looking at the objectives of the Heaths to Sea project and relating those to the BS Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1) Budleigh Salterton Town Council would like to be included within the boundary of this project. We would like to be in a positive position in terms of promoting the project; benefitting from the potential increase in green tourist footfall; and benefitting in terms of seeing improved leisure provision for the residents of the Budleigh Salterton. Also the town's inclusion within the footprint of the project will certainly help us to attract funding towards this outcome.
- 2) Budleigh Salterton Town Council would like to see the National Cycle Path rerouted to come into the town via Moor Lane rather than down Greenway Lane. The provision of cycle parking by the town hall would also allow people that cycle more generally and into town to be able to park and walk into the High Street.
- 3) Budleigh Salterton Town Council would like to see increased footpath provision from the town out to the countryside and increased links between existing footpaths. We'd also like to have discussions with Clinton Devon Estates and our neighbouring parishes to see what their aspirations are for this project and whether these can be linked. This links closely with the BS Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4) Budleigh Salterton Town Council would like to significantly increase the number of trees within the town boundary. This links closely with the BS Neighbourhood Plan and the ambitions of the Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group. We'd like to work with Clinton Devon Estates to identify opportunities for wildlife corridors into, through, and out of town via this project.
- 5) Budleigh Salterton Town Council would like improved signage from Lime Kiln Carpark and from Otter Estuary Carpark to promote the High Street and the facilities that Budleigh has to offer. The town is not currently benefitting from LORP in a way that it could because LORP is not seen as part of the wider town.

- 6) Budleigh Salterton Town Council would like to see the creation of linked up and coordinated communication regarding this project between Heaths to Sea and Budleigh Salterton (also including Budleigh Information Centre, the Library, Shop Budleigh etc) to promote the opportunities, benefits and faculties offered by having Heaths to Sea and LORP on Budleigh Salterton's doorstep. We appreciate that Heaths to Sea staff members are consulting with many individual organisations within the town, and via these organisations with a wide range of people within Budleigh and this is extremely useful but a piecemeal approach doesn't offer a cohesive opportunity for people to be able to vote on options or for the Town Council to perhaps be able to leverage funding opportunities to support the project. Budleigh Salterton Town Council is happy to help collate information from the various town groups.