



The vision is for as many Marlow residents as possible to be able to access the town centre and other important destinations within Marlow easily and safely by bicycle, and to have confidence that they will be able to leave cycles securely locked at destinations.

The plan is to create a network of safe cycling routes connecting Marlow's main residential areas with the town centre plus other important destinations, and to expand bicycle storage at key destinations.

These routes are designed as local connections between where people live and the places they are most likely to want to go on a routine or frequent basis, including the town centre, schools, parks, sports centres, the business park, the library and post office, and the country park.

Essentially, it is a hub and spokes model, with routes radiating out from the town centre, but designed to pass schools in particular, wherever possible.

This vision is without prejudice to the need for more and better longer-distance safe cycling routes for commuters and leisure cyclists to neighbouring settlements.

Four types of cycle path are envisaged:

- Where road width permits, dedicated cycle tracks running between roads and pavements - for example, this might be possible along Henley Road and Wycombe Road.
- Where road width does not permit dedicated cycle tracks, more shared use paths using pavements alongside major roads.
- Where it is not possible to accommodate cycles on pavements, install signage and road markings to signal to all users that this is a designated cycle route - for example along Institute Rd, Newfield Rd and Westhorpe Rd.
- Re-designate certain off-road footpaths as shared use for pedestrians and cycles. Typically these will be footpaths that are wide, or that can be widened. Key, in all cases, will be to

instil codes of behaviour so that cyclists and walkers can co-exist safely.

**Resolved:**

Transition Town Marlow have put some proposals together showing their aspirations for cycle paths in and around Marlow, PET are happy to support TTM in this initiative.

**P.106 RELEAF MARLOW - INFORMATION SHARING WITH FULL SUPPORT OF THE RELEAF TEAM IN THEIR ASPIRATIONS TO RELEAF MARLOW INFORMATION**

The project's goal is to maximise the number of trees around Marlow: along streets, on open spaces, and in countryside hedgerows.

The rationale is that more trees (of the right species in the right places) will: Beautify Marlow and its surrounding countryside; Benefit biodiversity; Absorb air pollution; Sequester carbon; and Create climate resilience.

The project is part of Marlow Town Council's #sustainablemarlow initiative. It is being run by volunteers through local pro-sustainability group Transition Town Marlow. The project's objectives and work streams are:

- 1) **Research:** Identify where there are opportunities for more trees. Survey Marlow and its surroundings to create a vision of all opportunity areas.
- 2) **Funding & sponsorship:** Apply for funding (e.g. the DEFRA Urban Tree Challenge Fund). Seek sponsorship from local firms. Consider launching a tree sponsorship scheme aimed at residents.
- 3) **Permissions:** Where there are planting opportunities, liaise with landowners to seek permission for tree planting.
- 4) **Community liaison:** For proposed planting in open spaces and streets, liaise with residents to ensure local support for siting and species selection.
- 5) **Planting:** Where appropriate, provide volunteers to help with planting

- 6) **Aftercare:** Where appropriate, create mechanisms such as appointing local tree champions or via individual tree sponsorship to ensure new trees are well maintained.

A cross-cutting objective of the project is to work constructively and collaboratively with key decision makers including councils, private landowners and residents. Our aim is to encourage and facilitate more tree planting where it will be welcomed.

**Recommended:**

ReLeaf Marlow is one of the Environment Working Groups initiatives, they have submitted their project plan to PET who are happy to encourage this initiative, initially looking at Wycombe and Little Marlow Road.

**P.107 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**INFORMATION**

**Plans Only – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00 pm**

**Full PET meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00 pm**

Signed: .....

(Chairman)

Date: .....