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ENQUIRY IN RESPECT OF SLOW WAYS PROJECT

The following enquiry has been received from Mr Mike Townsend and was considered at a meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee held on 13 May 2021 at which it was agreed that this item should be referred to the Environment & Leisure Committee for referral to the Climate Change Meeting and also to be considered by the Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of the current review.

It was agreed that Nina Shields, Chair of the Climate Change Working Party and Sustainable Ledbury should be invited to the Environment & Leisure meeting to discuss this further with Members.

"Dear Ledbury Council

"I understand from reading the Slow Ways website that Ledbury was the first Council to formally give its support to the idea of linking local towns and villages by foot at a meeting in July last year.

I am the Chair of the Windcross Paths Group who are the people who created the Daffodil Way, Poets' Path 1. Poets' Path 2 etc. in the so-called "golden triangle" area based around Dymock and Kempley.

Our website can be viewed at www.windcrosspaths.org.uk

We would certainly be interested in helping to link Ledbury with Dymock (4-5 miles) and beyond e.g. to Newent and would happily collaborate with any group at Ledbury Council thinking along these lines. I am very aware that at the present time it is almost impossible to walk on footpaths and public rights of way between Ledbury and Dymock without massive diversions as there is no clear direct route. There are however ancient , currently unrecognised paths which, if re-instated, would certainly make it much more feasible. Such paths could form part of the "Don't lose your way" project being promoted by the Ramblers Association.

So I would be very grateful if you could reply to me to let me know how far any planning has gone on this and if you could put me in contact with any individuals leading this effort."