

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM - 14TH MAY, 2004

Based in Tech Services Department.

Traffic Services Unit - 4 Sections - STPU deal with forward planning
Network Management - incl travel awareness (road safety)
Parking Services
Development Control - us

Development Control deals with Section 38 adoptions
Planning applications
Naming and numbering
Searches
Rights of Way & Cycling.

Rights of Way & Cycling team 3 members.
Me
Brian - Snr Asst Engineer
Dave Wells - starts 24th May

Role of Team: Maintenance of paths, surface, signage, vegetation.

Enforcement, obstructions, overhanging vegetation.

Investigation, new route creation, diversions, extinguishments.

Promotion and publicity, including ProW forum 4 times a year.

BVPI inspections - random sample each year, 25Km split into two May and November.

Cycling: Investigation and development of new routes.

Publicity and promotion - lots of this, including Cycle Forum, 3 times a year.

Installation of cycle parking

Digitising of routes to see overall network and

proposals

Manage cycling budget and order works to install new routes - set programme each year

Opening of road closures investigation.

Signage of routes.

My Role : Manage team, although work closely on most aspects of works.

Liaise with landowners in order to establish new links or routes, e.g., local farmers, Mersey Forest, National Trust.

Regularly meet at Merseyside level with other RoW Officers, also Merseyside Walking and Cycling Groups.

Attend meetings of local and in house groups to advise, or to gain their assistance in developing network, i.e., Sefton Coastal Forum, Altside Business Village, Friends of Crosby Marine Park, Estuary Development meetings that include all landowners along coast and rep from Merseyside Waterfront, Access and Interpretation Group for Sefton Coast, includes landowners.

Work strategically, i.e, with NWRA to progress NW Coastal Trail, TPT Office to manage and monitor Trail, Sustrans to establish new regional routes.

One major problem, lack of legal backup. Highway works considered low priority therefore always at bottom of list. Some things with legal for years before any action taken.