

Saints Trails x 2 - working Group update.

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Trail 1. St Agnes to Langarth.

Most of the trail is open at the St Agnes end including the pedestrian new bridge at Chiverton. Reports have been positive, but the main route is on previous PROW and not the train track, but the surface is good for cyclist/wheels albeit not for horses, some of the route is on the county lanes at Silverwell marked as Quiet Lanes, but route is still shared with traffic and these roads can be busy and prone to speeding vehicles.

The Langarth end is still in development as work continues the North Access Route (NAR)

There has been cross-consultation, so this is hopefully linking up with the Coosebeen trail and a good amount is off the road network although some into Truro city from Malabar is not.

Trail 2. Perranporth to Newquay

Perranporth to Goonhavern is open, busy and popular – although there is no parking at the Goonhavern end which is the way most people wish to cycle to get to the beach.

The Section Goonhavern to Newquay continues to have a huge amount of popular support with local people and cyclists and some landowners. A recent CC Kernow Cycling Forum was dominated by this discussion and a wish to use PROW as achieved in Trail 1 if the train track could not be used at this time. This gives the option of having some multi trail use quickly and then if the train tract route becomes possible a chance to segregate horse riders from cyclist and walkers later. A meeting is being set up in January with interested parties and also the Saints Community Area Partnership to try to bring these options forward to the right portfolio holder in Cornwall Council as routes in/ out of Newquay and routes to the new school at Perranporth are both wanting to increase nonvehicle transport.

Sustrans (route 32) is also keen to link to the Goonhavern Perranporth trail at Boxheater Junction (needs short section of DMMO completed) (west of new A30 so on the now B3288), which is also the start of the Cornwall Council cycleway going south east to Truro on the St Erme cycle route. Potentially giving a new coast to coast trail.

Notes at all meetings... There is considerable options and enthusiasm to improve and link cycle trails in Cornwall and increase off road use.

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