**Getting Around Group – report to LPC - 2 September 2019**

**Traffic Count Survey**

Firstly, the Group would like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to take part in the **Traffic Count Survey**.

The Traffic Count Survey of traffic both by vehicle, cycle, train or on foot entering and leaving the village on Tuesday 23rd July – Weekday Survey 07:30 to 19:30 and Saturday 27th July – Weekend Survey 07:30 to 19:30. We also did pedestrian and cyclist spot counts on the Exe Trail at the Rail Station and a survey of the use of the Car Park. ALRUG also counted passengers to and from Exmouth and Exeter using the Railway

The 4 locations where we counted inbound and outbound traffic by vehicle category for 12 hours were:

* Nutwell Road between A379 and 30 limit,
* Meeting Lane -Between A379 and Strawberry Hill,
* Longmeadow Road near traffic light / bottom of Maltfield
* Sowden End “The Beach” as this is a road section of the Cycle Path.

**Summary of highlights from the data.**

Road Use:

* It was noted that a high number of vehicles exiting the Village via the Sadlers Arms junction against the number entering via Meeting Lane. This is probably due to the poor visibility when exiting Meeting Lane onto the A379.
* A notable number of Artisan Vans entered early on Tuesday morning;
* Volume of traffic [Tuesday 1756 in / 1819 out – Saturday 1472 in / 1553 out] are in line with a Village of our size.
* The number of HGVs [Tuesday 7 – Saturday 14] is high for routes that are not through roads. One HGV following Sat Nav could not progress beyond Sowden End and had to reverse. Another knocked the wall down on the corner of Bergmans Hill
* The current roads are increasingly becoming unsuitable due to the increasing size of all vehicles. The LPC & Highways Dept will need to formulate a long term plan to cope with this and it should also be taken into consideration when reviewing planning applications.

Cycle path:

* The biggest surprise was the use of the Exe Estuary Trail.
  + Cyclists Inbound and Outbound Total - Tuesday 1074 / Saturday 1354
  + Pedestrians Inbound and Outbound Total - Tuesday 255 / Saturday 577
  + 8 persons on mobility scooters were using the trail, some to visit the shops in Exmouth.
* I was believed that 20 to 30 people use the Trail to cycle through the village to work between 7am and 9am
* The ratio of Exe Trail users was roughly equally male or female.

Station & Car Park:

* ALRUG data showed Rail use figures were similar to data collected in 2017.
* The Car Park had spaces throughout the survey period of 7am to 7pm so this is not an issue for daytime visitors.
* There was no evidence of cars with cycle racks except for one that belongs to a resident.

This count data will be used to inform any proposal put forward to the Parish Council by the Getting Around Group.

**Ongoing activities by the Getting Around Group:**

* Emergency Services Access;
* Large Vehicle Access;
* Parking Space / Garage Survey;
* Car Parks and On Street Parking;
* Cycle Path and Exe Trail;
* Pavements and Footpaths;
* Signage;
* Behavioural Changes & Impact Review;
* Communications & Presence on Website and in Herald;

If you would like further detailed information on the traffic survey please contact Keith Hill via the Village website.