

Appendix 5 – Activities to encourage active travel and improve access to greenspace

Activity in Manchester

In February 2023 Manchester City Council published the Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan which aims to:

Improve access to the city centre, district centres, parks, and other key destinations

Enable safe access to schools and colleges,

Improve citywide health and wellbeing

Reflect the diversity of Manchester and address transport inequalities

Between July and September, a prioritisation tool was developed which takes into account deprivation and inequality within the design of Active Travel schemes. Following the raising of local concerns and local input into the design, a trial of the Parsonage Road Safer Streets scheme in East Withington commenced promoting walking, wheeling and cycling. The scheme aims to improve conditions for walking and cycling in east Withington via a series of modal filters which prevent access by through traffic, but keep streets open for walking, wheeling and cycling.

Delivery of the 'In Our Nature' programme by the Manchester Climate Change Agency helps achieve our aim to listen to local people to support the decarbonisation of transport through a variety of programmes, described below:

In July £3,650 of indirect financial support was awarded to 'Flavours from Manchester' to deliver 'Let's Go Green', a 3-month project engaging communities including Afghan refugees, African Caribbean, Kurdish, Arab and Pakistani-heritage women and young people from across South Manchester who usually rely on cars during the summer holidays and cite language as a barrier to using public transport. Trips were organised to key Manchester locations via public transport to build confidence and encourage sustainable, active travel amongst children and their parents.

In Our Nature also supported projects at the St Margaret's Centre in Chorlton to install a cycling hub and deliver cycle training and confidence boosting sessions.

As part of In Our Nature's Deep Dives, Groundwork are working with Number 93 and Cycling Club in Harpurhey to expand capacity of their wellbeing centre for bike workshops and bike library and growing sessions.

In September, the University of Manchester engaged in work looking at the cultural, social and accessibility barriers to accessing green spaces. An initial conversation about

this issue has taken place at the Green and Blue Infrastructure Board, with plans to explore this further.