Sustainable Modes of Travel (SMOT)

Our Priorities

Priority A – Walking and Cycling

- Local initiatives and supporting schools to promote sustainable options to parents.
- Actions:
  1. Through case studies, we will publish and promote initiatives, for example, Bike Life and Beat the Streets.
  2. Promote the health and wellbeing benefits of walking and cycling.
  3. Encourage local campaigns through individual schools and multi-academy trusts.
  4. Make use of a bike or a walking assistant a reality for those who are eligible.
  5. Continue to support Bikeability and Road Safety initiatives in Suffolk.

Priority B – Sustainable Travel

- Audit of local travel patterns, making routes available for walking and cycling, developing Connecting Communities.
- Actions:
  1. Through detailed analysis, set priorities in relation to sustainable travel at a local level within Suffolk.
  2. Make more routes safe and accessible for walkers and cyclists.
  3. Grow Connecting Communities so there are more local and sustainable travel alternatives.
  4. Promote the Modeshift STARS with all schools, colleges and educational providers in Suffolk.
  5. Explore and promote travel blending and informal lift sharing.

Priority C – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

- Supporting Suffolk partners’ SEND strategy by increasing independence through travel training, and empowering children and young people to use mainstream transport.
- Actions:
  1. Work with Suffolk Parent Carer Network and young people champions to co-produce updates to the school travel local offer so that they are clear, comprehensive, easy to access and use.
  2. Grow awareness of the benefits of least restrictive travel arrangements.
  3. Increase independent travel training and take up of personal travel budgets.
  4. Link with SCC Adult and Community Services to support individual access.

Priority D – Post-16

- Promote up to date travel plans, making best use of post-16 bursary funds.
- Actions:
  1. Raising awareness of the Post-16 travel policy for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) through publication of the SCC Transitions Guide and working with Post-16 providers to update their pages on the Local Offer website.
  2. Raise awareness of the Post-16 learners travel policy on Suffolk’s Local Offer.
  3. Broker collaboration between Post-16 providers and operators so they work collaboratively to develop sustainable travel solutions.
  4. Support and promote travel training for all young people.

Our Goals

- Improve Health and Well-being
  - Encourage walking to help improve all areas of physical and mental health.

- Reduce Pollution
  - Reduce congestion around the school gates and improve air quality around schools.

- National Travel Awards
  - An accreditation system with local and national awards for individual schools - sustainable success.

What success will look like

- Suffolk residents have increased travel options and the ability to arrange their own transport to meet their needs, without public subsidy.

Useful links

- www.modeshiftstars.org
- www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel
- www.suffolkroadsafe.com
- www.suffolk.gov.uk/locallinks