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Alternative funding for access projects

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Notes

- Speaker recognised RoW as a sporting facility – spoke at IproW conference.
- What value ROW? – what if we didn't have them? How much to put them in – substantial – that's the value.
- Trying to think differently – see a track. Seen by most as exclusive, athletes only, club members, serious training, rules and regulations etc. try to look at good for cardio rehab: flat, safe, soft, lit, close to facilities, measurable etc. Different way of looking at things.
- Scheme called Ontrack with England Athletics – depends on partnerships.
- New sport strategy published December 2015 – active living survey. How to get children and up active.
- Active living said to be worth £39 Billion.
- Lots of funding to no longer come from sport governing bodies – going to go through charities, park runs, living streets, street games. Difference in delivery. LAs facilitators rather than deliverers.
- Integrated transport infrastructure – looking at walk, cycle ways, bridleways. Sport England have been looking at active design, active planning.
- Utilises RoW for charity – gets people out to areas of greenspace they wouldn't normally visit.
- Put ordnance survey maps in doctors waiting rooms.
- Joining up health and air quality – new to some people.
- Making case to Defra of the importance of RoW.
- Vital that Ofsted recognises value.

- Slide 24 – should be BCR, benefit cost ratio.
- How best to promote and make business case – not sure message currently getting through.

Q&A

Q: Do you find time to sleep? A: No.

Q: Strava – debate, cyclists not understanding difference between cycleway and bridleways – any sense of that? A: Education on shared usage needed. Not a fan of shared pavements for cycling – unpredictable and dangerous. Need for better code on all sides.

Q: Code is respect for other users? A: Yes

Q: Any contact with MoD? A: Not in present job.

Q: Work with government depts. – do you discuss access for horse riders? A: very rare.

Q: Cycling safety. Dangerous drivers need education A: Have a truck and cycle safety day – have a debate.

Q: Cars stopped in cycling path. Area for education and enforcement? A: Yes.