



COALITION FOR HEALTHY STREETS AND ACTIVE TRAVEL

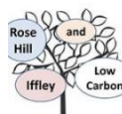
CoHSAT's Strategic Aims and Approach

This document outlines agreements about CoHSAT's strategic aims/objectives, approach, decision-making and governance, as discussed and agreed at a CoHSAT meeting on 30th October 2019

About CoHSAT

The Coalition for Healthy Streets and Active Travel (CoHSAT) is a group of voluntary and campaigning organisations working across Oxfordshire to create attractive, accessible and people-friendly streets. We will do this by encouraging efficient, active, low carbon and sustainable travel, which will reduce traffic, air pollution and noise, and enable healthy and thriving communities. More details can be seen at <http://www.cohsat.org.uk>.

The 10 CoHSAT members are:



CoHSAT's Strategy

On 30th October 2019, representatives* of CoHSAT member organisations met to discuss the CoHSAT strategy. The strategy was approved on 5th December 2019 following minor amendments.

At the meeting, members agreed the following:

The CoHSAT **aims** are as follows: CoHSAT is a group of voluntary and campaigning organisations working across Oxfordshire to create attractive, accessible and people-friendly streets. We will do this by encouraging efficient, active, low carbon and sustainable travel, which will reduce traffic, air pollution and noise, and enable healthy and thriving communities.

Looking at the aims in depth was a helpful reminder, and the meeting was an opportunity to reaffirm commitment to them.

CoHSAT's role and approach

- A positive stance wherever possible; not just being critical.
- Amplifying member and partner voices
- Demonstrating leadership
- Facilitating discussion and increasing engagement on healthy streets and active travel issues

CoHSAT's ways of working

CoHSAT is led by two Co-Chairs, who each serve a 1-year term. Co-Chair changeover will happen every 6 months, for continuity.

At the meeting, members agreed that they are happy with the way CoHSAT is being run and how decisions are being made.

CoHSAT members meet once a month, and take a flexible and open approach to agenda setting. A draft agenda is shared in advance of the meeting, and members can request items are added to the agenda then – or bring AOB to the meeting.

CoHSAT members recognise that they represent diverse groups, and will not always agree. CoHSAT seeks to identify a common perspective, despite different views, and acknowledges this is part of what it exists to do. CoHSAT members have signed up to the collective view, but retain their separate perspectives. Where required, CoHSAT will acknowledge differing views by using a statement such as 'CoHSAT's statements do not necessarily reflect the official policy of its member organisations'.

Decision-making is done by consensus, with all members able to share their views before any important decisions or actions are taken. Decisions will largely be made at monthly meetings. If decisions or actions are required between meetings, a deadline will be given for responses. Each member organisation is responsible for being organised so that they can respond in time, in a way that reflects their group's views.

Where matters are sensitive or contentious, the co-Chairs will take extra care to consult. Where there is uncertainty, the co-Chairs will contact a member organisation's representative to clarify. CoHSAT has a strong foundation of a collaborative process with a great deal of goodwill, and this should continue.

***Strategy Meeting Participants**

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