

## **Ludlow21 VISION21 Transport Group Annual Report 2015/16**

Since its launch in September 2015, the Transport Group has met on 8 occasions and has made good progress on the 5 transport areas we are concerned with (trains, buses, cars, bikes and walking).

We developed a vision to guide all our work which is to help Ludlow become a successful, zero carbon, zero air pollution, people friendly town with a transport system which meets all our needs whilst reducing our dependence on private cars.

We have focussed on four main projects:

- Introducing a 20mph speed limit throughout the town
- Installing bus shelters at exposed and busy bus stops
- Improving the safety and appearance of the train station
- Installing at least one electric car charging station in the town.

But we are also doing survey work on footpaths, looking at how to improve facilities for cyclists and planning to adopt our train station.

Most of our work is long term but we have had some early wins in helping to get Shropshire Council to agree to create a pedestrian walkway past the train station and to mark out the pedestrian crossing there more clearly. We have also gained Town Council agreement to the erection of a bus shelter in Corve Street and we are now obtaining costings for a preferred design.

We are very pleased that the Council have nominated Cllr Jim Smithers to act as the main liaison between the Council and our group and delighted to have both Les Lumsdon and John Whitelegg as our advisers and whose combined experience and knowledge is proving invaluable in our work.