



Report to Town Council

Subject:	E-bike
From:	LW
Date:	22.02.2023
For information only	
Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):	
Financial implications	
Communications:	

Bookings

The bike was fully booked until November last year. So far 17 people have borrowed the e-bike. Since then, bookings have been more sporadic but are still coming in.

Posters have been circulated, advertising the e-bike (including a QR code). I believe bookings will increase when the weather improves.

Maintenance

Mark Jarman has been servicing the bike between loans. He has been very flexible about drop off and collection and has stored it at his house the occasional time when these were on separate days.

Costs

The e-bike has cost £180 in maintenance and insurance this financial year.

Mechanic/Storage

Unfortunately, Mark can no longer continue as the mechanic from March. I have contacted Chris Potts about the possibility of asking a member of staff at the community centre to train as a mechanic. He has suggested that someone involved with the new community workshop may be interested and has sent out information on the role. The workshop is due to open in May.

Therefore, we have no mechanic or storage between mid-March and May. I have asked if there is somewhere at the community centre that would be available for storage but have not yet received a reply.

Summary of evaluations received:

Journeys made: 5-10

Journey distance: 0.5 to 8 miles

Purpose of journeys: fitness, work, social, shopping

Journeys thought not suitable for e-bike:

- none,
- wary of technology failure if too far

How practical was the e-bike:

- Not easy to find somewhere at Coop to safely secure bike to while shopping.
- very easy - worked very well for me.
- Bike fitted into lifestyle pretty easy. If it had been less hot I would have happily done a Waitrose shop on it once a week. The size of our shed made it a bit heavy and access difficult at times.

Would you be interested in purchasing an e-bike in the future:

- Yes,
- yes,
- too expensive to justify for amount of use