

Cossall Neighbourhood Plan

Interviews with Pupils at Awsworth Primary and Nursery School who live in Cossall.

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There are currently 39 pupils who live in Cossall and attend Awsworth Primary and Nursery School.

Awsworth Lane	7
Church Lane	6
Newtons Lane	14
The Glebe	12

There were children from Cossall in each of the 11 classes from Foundation 2 to Year 6 representing ages 4 – 11. The children were interviewed by the Chair of Governors in their class groups. The questions were open ended to allow the children to talk about what was important to them and they engaged thoroughly in the interviews and enjoyed the opportunity to share their views.

The children were asked:

‘What do you like about living in Cossall?’

It was interesting that many of the responses were similar to those of their parents in the household survey. Without any prompting they spoke about how they enjoyed the countryside where they went for walks with their parents and dogs and also for bike rides. They liked the fields, canals, and open spaces. They enjoyed the quietness and liked that it wasn't over crowded with houses. They also thought the people were nice and friendly. All the children said they felt safe. One child said when he went in a car through the winding road (Cossall Road) he thought how beautiful it looked. Another girl said the fields were so beautiful. They liked to see the ducks, swans and herons on the canals.

‘Is there anything you don't like about living in Cossall?’

Children who lived on Newtons Lane and The Glebe said they didn't like the dirt bikes at the end of Newtons Lane which were noisy and did wheelies. One child said he thought they were showing off and that it would be good if the first fell off and the others then went into him because that might make them stay away. They said there used to be older children known as the ‘Cotmanhay kids’ who looked for trouble and said nasty things. They wanted people to fear them but they hadn't been seen recently. The children on Newtons Lane said it was often difficult for their parents to get their cars out of their drives because of parked cars on the road. One child was quite animated in showing how the cars had to go from one side of the road to the other to get by. They said they had to be very careful when crossing the road. They thought that putting down yellow lines might help stop cars parking on the street. Some children living on The Glebe said they didn't like dog poo on the pavements but this was in a place in Awsworth that is called dog poo alley. The children said their parents shopped at Sainsburys or Tesco. A child living on Church Lane said all his neighbours had been burgled. One child said it could sometimes be noisy at The Gardeners.

‘Is there anything that you would like to have in Cossall that you think would make it better?’

Whilst some children thought it would be nice to have a play park of their own in Cossall they didn't see not having one as a problem and also wondered where one could be put anyway and whether it would be used. They described the kinds of things they would like to have on a play park if they had one, in particular trim trails and climbing frames were popular. They sometimes used the ‘rec’ at the

back of Awsworth Village Hall, but didn't really use the Pocket Park in Awsworth. They thought it would be nice to have a sweet shop, or a big field to play football in. With regards to somewhere for activities the school provides a wide range of after school clubs which they felt met their needs. Beavers, cubs and scouts also meet in the school hall and sporting activities take place on the school field, which the children can take part in. A youth club is held in Awsworth Village Hall once a week from 7 – 9pm on a Thursday to which a £1 charge is made. They can also buy things from the tuck shop. The Youth Club is for Year 6 to Year 10 children (or Yr 11 – both years given) so only children in their final year at Awsworth Primary are old enough to attend. At the youth club they can play ping pong, table football, pool, play on the playstation and watch tv. They can also play football outside. Two girls attended a dance class at the Village Hall once a week. The children tend to play largely in their gardens and do not go out to the play park unaccompanied although a child who lived on The Glebe is allowed to go to the Londis shop on the estate on his own. A child who lived in Cossall spoke about enjoying a cake sale and owls in the Old School Room. Children on Newtons Lane thought it would be nice to have a village hall in Cossall half way between Cossall and Awsworth.

'How do you get to school - walk, cycle, car, scooter, bus?'

There was a wide range of responses. Some walked, some who were close by and could walk were dropped off by car as their parents then went on to work. Some travelled on cycles and scooters to school and a child who lived on Church Lane and was the furthest away from school walked to school and back each day.

The children were asked if there was anything else then would like to say but conversations tended to turn to their pets or friends which wasn't relevant to the NP.