

Item 9 – Cycle Path Project

I met up with Dave George from CRT and we walked from Golden Nook Bridge to Beeston Lock at the A49. Dave looks after towpath projects for the North of England and has a colleague who covers the south. Dave had already met with John from Christleton to look at the towpath from Christleton to Golden Nook Bridge.

Dave was shocked at the state of the towpath in terms of the vegetation that made walking along it difficult in places with low branches and hedges that need to be cut back as well as the ground vegetation making the path narrow. Dave said he would speak to the manager responsible as he would need this cutting back to properly survey the available towpath width to draw up his plans.

I explained to Dave that the plan was about connecting Tattenhall to both Chester and the planned reopened railway station at Beeston. In addition I explained how we'd converted 70 stiles to Kissing Gates, creating a number of walks that incorporated the towpath which were now accessible to the less agile.

Dave will return to do a full survey over a few days when hopefully the vegetation has been dealt with.

Paul