

Sign Post Travel Forum
Thursday 20 October 2011
Hosted by the NHS Trust at the Oasis Centre

Name	Organisation
Amanda Morris	PCC
Andy Silvester	Military Equipment Tool Solutions (METS)
Darren Hall	Dstl
John Holland	Portsmouth Cycle Forum
Jane Turner	IBM
Pauline Gibbs	Two Saints
Chris Hill	NHS Portsmouth
Don Cooke (Member and Speaker)	CAL
Andy Bullock	Paul Basham Associates
Bukola Olaniyan (Speaker)	University of Portsmouth
Carol Evans	BAE / BVT (Naval Base)
Jane Barry	Key Recruitment
Craig Barrack (Speaker)	Carbon Heroes
Charles Burns	Portsmouth & SE Hampshire Partnership
Russell Reeves	University of Portsmouth
Jane Sheldrake	University of Portsmouth
Apologies	
Alan Bish	Clouds Environmental Consultancy
Ted Griggs	NHS Portsmouth
Hayley Chivers	PCC
Jayne Rodgers	PCC
Vicki Moore	PALL Europe
Karen Tyrell	1000 Lakeside
Steve Snook	Highbury College
Liz Brayfield	Havant Borough Council

1. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves for the benefit of newcomers and visitors

2. Minutes of last meeting

Jane Barry pointed out that she had attended the previous meeting. AM to amend the minutes. Then read and accepted as a true record of the last meeting on 17 February

Craig Barrack from Carbon Heroes presented on 'Carbon Heroes car share database'

- Corporate car sharing network
- Inflation petrol up by 18%
- Commute good candidate for carsharing
- Private schemes for employers/ area wide databases
- Corporate integrated sites, with own logo etc (eg Co-op)
- Register the vehicle that they are driving, for accurate CO2 measurements
- At launch show map of employee home postcodes to visually identify potential sharers
- Business journeys sharing, plus 5 pence per person carried
- Offer consultancy services (travel planning, comms. strategy, staff surveys)
- CH asked about finding someone who doesn't talk too much – databases include peer rating
- JT how many take up? one organisation with 10K employees launched in Jul and have 500 members registered
- JB would be happy to mention Carbon Heroes in their quarterly newsletter

Contact details Craig Barrack 07957 18 78 98 craig@carbonheroes.com

A copy of Craig's presentation is available (please request a copy if you are interested from Amanda Morris)

3. Eastern Road Improvement

The group felt that this had been pushed through with indecent haste. As Adam Bunce was unable to attend the meeting JH asked if the results of the consultation could be made available to the SignPOST forum members, as it seemed to move on with indecent haste.

ACTION: AM to ask AB for his report for circulation to members.

4. **Don Cooke from CAL presented on the 'Worklife Tracker Calculator'**

- Started in Hampshire and is now a national success story
- Tony Corbin talked to SignPOST about 4 years ago
- Focus on small changes to make a big saving
- Free of charge to use.
- Website has had 7000 visitors, who have entered data and saved £12 million; 13 million kg carbon
- Expand to become more of a community
- Looking for other sponsors
- Membership focus group
- AS said that the format does not work for some parts of the MOD
- JB thought that for small companies it asked for too much detail
- CB asked how many of the 7000 actually used it – 500
- CB mentioned the 'Changing working practices group at the University of Portsmouth'

5. **Bukola Olaniyan from the University of Portsmouth presented on 'BIG Green Commuter Challenge as case study'**

- TRACIT (Transport Carbon Intencities)
- Measure CO2 reduction as a result of a number of different awareness raising projects across Europe
- The BGCC analysis compared results from 2010 and 2011, also asking participants how they usually travelled. It broke down CO2 reductions by mode of transport
- The results showed that the BGCC compared very well with the DfT measurements
- The BGCC was successful, another member country had shown interest in running it
- DH did BO contact the participants with a follow up? AM BO did not have their contact details for the purposes of his analysis
- AM to email a copy of the slides to the group
- AM said that we were looking at amending the online recording method
- AS asked if weather conditions were taken into account – BO said that in Calgary they continue over the winter

6. **LSTF**

- Hayley Chivers was unable to attend the meeting and asked Amanda to give a brief update on her behalf.
- Portsmouth bid – due to be submitted by Feb 2012, Portsmouth's bid is based around connecting the city centre, Gunwharf/Hard area and Southsea, to promote economic growth and reduce carbon emissions. This will be complemented by the TfSH bid. PCC have recently held a workshop of stakeholders.
- Transport for South Hampshire bid – TfSH currently finalising the bid and are very hopeful that it will be successful. Focusing on a number of corridors across the Solent area, with Smart Card technology, other generic measures and more specific measures in different cities / areas eg, Portsmouth area wide travel plans, some Personal Travel Planning.

7. **Hindhead tunnel** – No information available.

8. **Information Exchange**

Darren Hall – Dstl - really pushed national Liftshare week, 50 new sharers across 3 sites; With the help of AM, JR at PCC they are looking into a feasibility study for a cycle lane along Portsdown Hill from down End Road past Qinetiq and ideally extended to Bedhampton.

Jane Turner – IBM Active cycling group has developed, they run accompanied rides / help with routes into work to encourage employees to cycle to work

Amanda Morris – PCC HMRC have further amended the rules re Cycle 2 Work scheme and VAT is now payable; PCC promoted Liftshare week, increasing membership from 58 to 63 members. Worked with local firm Ecodrifi to offer a free waterless car wash as a prize. SignPOST members who have promoted car-sharing could still work with Ecodrifi (www.ecodrifi.co.uk) ; BIG Green Commuter Challenge 2012 – working with partners in 3 local authorities and Groundwork Solent for an area wide Challenge. We would like to talk to relevant networks in the Spring (Feb/ Mar); Go Green frequency is now every 2 months with next due in Nov, AM asked if it was still of interest – answer yes; Olympics could potentially affect all of us even if we are not near venues, consider not travelling to London etc during the Olympics as transport networks will be very busy; Transport & Environment restructure currently in consultation until end of Dec, jobs open from 10 Jan. There is expectation that

the business forum will continue, AM hopes to still be in post; PCC travel plan (office based bus pass, 10% off SWT tickets, SDB have agreed to carbon reductions for services which will include transport); FIRST bus 'We believe in freebies' campaign, buy a ticket and enter the 8 character code on website for a chance to win.

Jane Sheldrake – University of Portsmouth In early stages of developing a cycle café / hub with Jayne Rodgers of PCC

Don Cooke – CAL reiterated that he would like involvement from other organisations

Andy Silvester – Portsmouth Naval Base – Trafalgar Gate - traffic lights some signal problems; principle purpose to relieve traffic congestion into the city and people are using it; discussion about some cyclists not using the correct channels; JH added that 1) there were also difficulties with the new ferry port –with 4 or 5 lanes in and a circuitous route for cyclists 2) that the cycle forum had lobbied extensively for cycle improvements at Trafalgar Gate, currently a cyclist can wait 8 minutes at the lights before they change; SignPOST the future – some work has been undertaken and AM and AS to continue with this

Andy Bullock – Paul Basham Associates - Andy is the graduate Travel Planner at a smaller, progressive consultancy, working with residential sites in Fareham and Southampton but not currently active in Portsmouth. Would like to attend SignPOST to share ideas and examples. If we have any dates that could be added to their calendar please let them know.

Jane Barry – Key Recruitment – nothing to add

Carol Evans – BAE HMNB Liftshare week went well; she had been asked to look for the PCC travel plan on the website but couldn't find it, AM said that there is no formal travel plan, that a working group had been looking at it but needed a mandate from Senior Management. The group to write to David Williams and Gerald Vernon-Jackson asking why PCC did not have a formal Travel Plan; discussed cyclists – AM informed the group that JR has been developing a Considerate Cycling campaign, launching in the Spring – she would like to talk about it.

John Holland – Portsmouth Cycle Forum JH told the group about the Brompton folding bikes at Guildford station £50 pa membership, 1 car parking space houses 40 folding bikes; Public Transport map the photo of the catamaran is very old. AM to notify John Houghton. The BGCC was well received at the last Gosport Transport and Sustainability Partnership

Charles Burns – Portsmouth Partnership not many left at the Partnership they are supporting Shaping Portsmouth (local business involvement), CB also represents the Solent LEP – no transport links there; St Mary's Hospital only 4 new cycle hoops near the entrance, had wanted to ask CH if there were going to be any more, AM to bring up at a future meeting with CH; also discussed the fact that JB was on the Education workstream of Shaping Portsmouth and that we need to get transport on the agenda

9. **Date of next meetings**

Wednesday 29 February 2012 - suggested topics were Easit (to see if we could do something similar in the Portsmouth area); Considerate Cycling (Jayne Rodgers)

Wednesday 27 June 2012

Wednesday 24 October 2012

All to start at 2 pm with venues tbc