



# The Gosport Partnership

" Working Together For The Gosport Community "

## Gosport Transport & Sustainability Partnership Minutes Meeting held on 11 December 2008

Attendees	Organisation/representing
Paul Fuller (PF)	Operations Manager, Gosport Ferry Company
Cllr Inge Forder (IF)	Gosport Borough Council – Cycle Lane Working Group
Darren Hall (DH)	DSTL Travel Plan Coordinator
Jo Hamilton (JH)	LSP Coordinator
Tim Houghton (TH)	Groundwork Solent, Executive Director. (Chair of GTSP)
Cllr Peter Langdon (PL)	Gosport Borough Council (GBC) Vice Chair of Gosport Transportation and Planning Sub-Board and on Transport for South Hants Committee
Mark Turner (MT)	First Group
Jim Weeks (JW)	CTC Fareham area local rep
Dervla (D)	First Group
Apologies	
Kathy Azopardi (KA)	Portsmouth Cycling Forum
Charlotte Barrett (CB)	Highways Agency
Fran Buxey (FB)	Hampshire PCT
Nick Farthing (NF)	Sustrans
Mike Jeffrey (MJ)	GBC Development Services Manager – Transport & Planning
Andy Maclean (AM)	Hampshire County Council (HCC ), Transport Team Leader South
David Miles (DM)	Gosport Voluntary Action
Jayne Rodgers (JR)	Portsmouth City Council, Transport & Sustainability Officer

### 1 Introductions, apologies and minutes of last meeting

TH welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies as above. Introductions were made for Cllr Inge Forder and Dervla.

Minutes of last meeting of 3 October were approved and there were no matters arising not being dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

### 2 GBC Cycle Lane Working Group

IF gave a brief update on the Cycle Lane Working Group (CLWG) which is a subgroup of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It was set up to try and attract more funding from Hampshire County Council. It has looked at three areas:

- Identify key areas to improve cycling network
- Ensure HCC is aware of Gosport priorities and attract funding
- Promotion of cycling

The CLWG has identified five priority areas for improving the cycle network:

- Holbrook to Titchbourne
- Newgate Lane
- Bay House School to Bayside Café

- Bayhouse school along Browndown Road
- Lee on the Solent, East to West marine Parade

The CLWG has identified two issues of immediate concern:

- Safety of Haslar Bridge
- How to impress upon HCC the importance of the extension of the cycle track from Titchbourne Way through to Redlands Lane and ensuring a cycle track is factored in with the new BRT scheme.

The CLWG priorities need to be approved internally and then will be pushed through the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Gosport and Fareham.

### **3 Update on changing travel behaviour projects and action plan/priorities**

#### **Gosport travel website**

TH shared some printouts of the front page of the new website (<http://travelgosport.intelligent-marketing.org/>). The route planner is not up and running yet. Won't be building a separate Gosport car share section as the cost is too much but can use Liftshare. It will cost £300 to £400 to maintain annually. MT agreed to check the bus links and PF to check ferry links. If anyone has any suggestions please send to TH. It was suggested that the website could sell advertising space to Halfords, independent cycle shops etc to raise revenue.

#### **A32 signs and other promotional opportunities**

The News are interested but haven't committed yet. Waiting for HCC to confirm what we can/can't do. Want to wait as well until website goes live so we have a resource to refer the public to.

#### **Encouraging cycling**

Covered under IF's presentation. One aspect not discussed was high visibility wear. Young people feel teased/bullied if they wear cycle helmets or high visibility wear. GBC has put pressure on newsagents to ensure usage as a condition of paper rounds. The reflective bags aren't enough. The GTSP could also target newsagents with branded gear through health and safety duty of care channel. TH to follow up with Dave Jago at GBC.

#### **Access to QA**

TH to follow up with FB. Cllr Peter Edgar is leading a meeting at HCC to discuss this and it is also on the agenda of the HAT. PCT and First Group are working together re bus access. It was suggested that there should be an additional menu item on the website – Getting to hospitals.

#### **Engaging young people**

TH in touch with the Youth Council to promote bus use and cycling. The Youth Council have written to First Group regarding perceptions of using buses and treatment by bus drivers. Need to break down barriers and misconceptions. TH to resend letter to MT who will follow it up.

#### **Action:**

- **MT/PF to check website bus/ferry information and links.**
- **TH to speak to Dave Jago.**
- **TH to add section to website on getting to hospital.**
- **TH/MT to follow up on Youth Council letter to First Group.**

### **4 Update on BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) proposal**

Decision on £20 million funding is expected after Christmas for the section covering Redlands Lane and Titchbourne Way. Public consultation to happen Jan/Feb with planning application in spring and construction to start in the autumn. First Group will

invest vehicles. Money to be spent by summer 2011. HCC are working quickly to make it happen. The Minister for Transport has indicated the response will be favourable. The GTSP sent a letter of support and that will be included as part of the bid.

**5 Joint working with the Fareham Environment and Transport Partnership**

TH informed the GTSP that he had attended the last FETP meeting and members were keen for joint working across both boroughs, especially with regard to A32 signs etc. It was agreed that members of the FETP should be invited to the next meeting and that MT/D added to the distribution list for the FETP.

**Action: JH to amend distribution lists as above.**

**6 AOB**

Daedalus – [latest update](#). TH to draft letter to SEEDA on behalf of GTSP to express need for good transport provision.

**Action: TH to draft letter as above.**

**7 Dates of next meetings**

JH to circulate 2009 dates, avoiding Fridays and Mondays.