



# The Gosport Partnership

" Working Together For The Gosport Community "

## Gosport Transport & Sustainability Partnership Minutes Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organisation/representing</b>
David Duckett (DD)	Gosport Borough Council
Paul Fuller (PF)	Operations Manager, Gosport Ferry Company
Cllr Peter Langdon (PL)	Gosport Borough Council (GBC) and on Transport for South Hants Committee
Tim Houghton (TH)	Groundwork Solent, Executive Director. (Chair of GTSP)
Richard Mackay (RM)	Lee on Solent Residents Association
Andy Maclean (AM)	Hampshire County Council (HCC ),Transport Team Leader South
Kathy Azopardi (KA)	Portsmouth Cycling Forum
Jayne Rodgers (JR)	Portsmouth City Council, Transport & Sustainability Officer
David Miles (DM)	Gosport Voluntary Action
Heather Cussack	Fareham Borough Council
Terena Plowright (TP)	Greening Campaign
Marc Samways (MS)	Hampshire County Council
Sgt Darren Ord	Operations Sgt, Cosham Roads Policing Unit, Hampshire Constabulary.
<b>Apologies</b>	
Jo Hamilton (JH)	LSP Coordinator
Fran Buxey (FB)	Hampshire PCT
Nick Farthing (NF)	Sustrans
Cllr Inge Forder (IF)	Gosport Borough Council – Cycle Lane Working Group
Darren Hall (DH)	DSTL Travel Plan Coordinator
Mike Jeffrey (MJ)	GBC Development Services Manager – Transport & Planning
Dervla McHugh (DMch)	First Group
John Holland	Portsmouth Cycling Forum
Jim Weeks (JW)	CTC Fareham area local rep
Cllr Swanbrow	Fareham Borough Council

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

TH welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies as above. Introductions were made.

Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes were accepted as true record

Actions:

Pg 2, Item 2 – DD has fed back on glass clearance on cycleways. Streetscene can only afford to sweep all tracks weekly on a Thursday and there is a routine inspection on a Friday. Council's clean team can respond to specific complaints. They can be

contacted on 0800 198585 Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm. Clean Team will also now drive the cycle track between Holbrook and Lees Lane each Monday and clear any glass found.

Pg 2, Item 2 – AM has arranged for marc Samways to talk to us about accident rates and locations in Gosport. (Agenda Item 4)

Pg 2, Item 2 – TH/AM in contact re influencing feasibility study for Newgate Lane cycleway. No confirmation yet of when/how work will be carried out.

Pg 2, Item 3 – Still awaiting response from HCC (Kevin Travers) re LAA funding and how we can engage. TH/AM to follow up further. AM is in process of requesting further funding for 'Reduce' actions

Pg 2, Item 4 – further support for BRT has been submitted to TfSH

Pg 3, Item 5 – Website is now 'live' with additional info re trains and amendment to cycling section made. Bus timetables not working. TH to look into. Still awaiting confirmation of whether we can have a link to travel pillar at the ferry. AM to follow up. Paul Fuller announced that a joint ticket with Ferry and Stagecoach has now been launched to help people travel to QA hospital via the ferry. PF circulated fliers promoting this.

Pg 4, Item 6 – Terena Plowright from the Greening Campaign will be presenting at this meeting. TH reported that Lee-Cofriendly event in august was a success and Groundwork's stall included information on work of GTSP to promote sustainable transport in Gosport.

## **2 Greening campaign**

Terena Plowright from the greening campaign gave a presentation outlining the benefits and opportunities of setting up a Greening campaign in a one or more of our local neighbourhoods. Specifically she highlighted how this can help Las to improve performance against National Indicators (especially NI 185 {LA CO2 emissions} and NI 188 {climate change adaptation}). The Greening campaign is based on people taking action at a local level and influencing behaviours through giving positive messages and demonstrating what can be achieved. It is very practical. It also shows that going green doesn't have to cost money and is more about ways people can save money alongside environmental impact. TP highlighted the importance of maintaining the motivation and momentum. Residents choose their own focus and challenges. TP recommends 3 projects/activities are sufficient to provide a focus. Greening campaign includes a toolkit which can be used to asses different environmental aspects and impacts and can help communities work alongside Las to address climate change and adaptation. Greening Campaign is already working with HCC (Cllr Thornber). Greening campaign is setting up a project in Portsmouth focussing on Southsea and Paulsgrove. There is a clear link to wider social and economic issues around community cohesion.

The Group were broadly supportive of Greening campaign's aspirations and approach and think there is benefit in exploring for Gosport. Some issues were highlighted as follows;

PL argued that the campaign should focus on saving resources and less on environmental message re climate change and global warming as there is still much debate about how much a local initiative can really impact. Others in the felt that the local initiatives were important. All agreed doing nothing was not an option.

RM highlighted the need to maintain momentum with these sort of initiatives and to be clear on the message – what are we trying to achieve. Too often things are started with best intentions but support is not maintained and efforts are delivered through only a few key individuals. The group acknowledged the need to properly resource this and

not be too ambitious to start with. We also need to identify community champions to lead on this

KA highlighted opportunities to link this to wider quality of life issues and health agenda.

AM – asked about how we would define a community/neighbourhood. Some parts of Gosport Borough are definable others less so. What is optimum size? TP replied it can vary but up to @ 8,000 households is maximum – can be a lot smaller and just a couple of streets etc.

TH asked about funding and how outputs/outcomes are measured? In other areas Las contribute towards cost which is @ £1,000 per campaign but can vary from area to area. Need to talk to our Las (GBC and HCC) to see what support we can get. Also agreed we could bid for funding through LSP or through HCC councillor budgets. Greening campaign will give support in terms of measuring outputs to demonstrate environmental impact e.g. CO2 emissions reduced etc

TH suggested looking at 2 areas to compare – more prosperous part of Gosport (e.g. Lee or Alverstoke) along with less affluent area (Rowner, Forton, Leesland, Town or possibly Bridgemary). Groups expressed view it shouldn't be Rowner due to redevelopment and existing level of support this community was receiving.

GTSP expressed a strong view that whilst the campaign might help focus attention in specific areas there are some important messages we need to get out to whole of the borough. There is a concern that in some ways initiatives focussing on very specific areas can be divisive and suggests others elsewhere don't matter or don't need to take action. Need to think about how we can disseminate key messages and learning wider.

Group thanked TP fro her contribution.

#### **Action**

- **Need to define locations. TH/RM to consider whether Lee is interested (or particular part of Lee e.g. Cherque farm estate).**
- **TH to discuss with GBC to identify other area. – possibly Forton.**
- **Need to consider what other activities or initiatives are already underway to avoid competing/conflicting messages and to build on existing work.**
- **TH to consider funding opportunities and talk to HCC/GBC and if areas are agreed bid to LSP for support.**

### **3 Community Cohesion**

TH circulated some information which has been circulated to chairs of the LSP sub groups about Gosport's Community Cohesion strategy. We have been asked to the remit of our GTSP group and how we contribute to certain Community Cohesion objectives. This will enable us to map community cohesion activity against issues and respond to findings of 2-008 Place survey which reflects a small sample of peoples' perceptions about their community and how cohesive they feel it is.

There are 4 proposed community cohesion objectives for Gosport supported by statements taken from our agreed 2026 vision. These are;

#### **1 Everyone is treated fairly and has similar life chances.**

The group did not feel that our current remit we are making any specific contribution to the criteria and measures under this objective.

#### **2 Everyone benefits from a safer, healthier environment and stronger local economy.**

The group felt we made a direct contribution to the following specific criteria;

- Traffic congestion will be reduced
- Gosport's environment will be clean, well maintained and attractive
- Local people, services and business will be reducing their carbon footprint
- Business start ups will have increased and released MOD land will provide opportunity for business development and growth (this is fundamental to reducing the need to travel by providing more high quality jobs locally)
- There will be plenty of high quality and affordable leisure and recreation opportunities in the borough. This relates to us providing improved cycle access, improving open space, promoting walking and influencing planning decisions.
- The attractive character of the coast and open spaces will be protected.

### **3 Everyone is respected and good relationships between people are encouraged**

- The needs of the ageing population will be taken into account. This relates to our activity to promote access via public transport to health care provision at QA and elsewhere.

### **4 Everyone has the opportunity to get involved locally and make a positive contribution to the Borough**

- Community safety will be improved by positively involving local people, good partnership working and targeting of resources. The community will be taking positive action to reduce its use of natural resources and minimise climate change

#### **Action**

- **TH to feedback views to LSP board and GBC**
- **TH to provide further information (circulate maps) showing correlation between areas of deprivation and lower levels of community cohesion.**
- **Consider links between Greening campaign and way in which this can be used to enhance cohesion. Explore possibility of any funding from GBC to support this activity.**

## **4 Personal Injury accident locations**

TH introduced Marc Samways, Assistant Service Manager from Safety Engineering Team at HCC. MS gave a presentation on accident rates and locations in the borough and highlighted some of the engineering solutions which are being put in place to reduce these and make roads safer. A copy of MS's presentation was circulated. The groups considered some of the trends in Gosport. Nos. of fatal accidents are low. 3 since 2004. There appears to be considerable reduction in serious accidents (from 39 to 19) between 2007/8 and need to understand what affected this and why. There is a downward trend in slight injury accidents (from 194 to 159 between 2004 and 2008). Group are interested to look at why and if this rate can be further improved. Appears to be some reduction but levelling off. Can we do more to assist?

The highest incident rate for accidents is on A32 – mainly slight injury accidents as result of low speed shunts due to congestion and driver error. Stretch through Bridgemarky has highest rate – again due in part to variable speed of traffic

KA raised the issue of driver behaviour as well as focussing on influencing behaviours of cyclist and pedestrians. High incidents of drivers drifting into cycle lanes and not perhaps being aware of cyclists and pedestrians as much as they might.

Agreed with approach which involves a programme of education and awareness, which is where GTSP can have most influence, engineering solutions (HCC/GBC) and enforcement (police). There was support fro GTSP to look at working with relevant cycle groups and with HCC, police and other agencies to encourage people to be safe and seen when cycling and walking.

#### **Action**

- **TH to talk to Ernie Sage @ HCC to identify activities already underway and how best GTSP can support this.**
- **We also need to make links with SRTS (Safe Routes to Schools) initiatives**

#### **5 Update on GTSP actions**

The website – [www.travelgosport.co.uk](http://www.travelgosport.co.uk) – is now live although there appears to be a problem with bus timetable link. Group agreed its important to get this working and get it right before formally launching and publicising this.

There has been good progress between HCC, FBC and GTSP in liking up to produce some banners to promote alternatives to single occupancy car use on A32, encourage cycling and walking and public transport and to address air pollution problems in Fareham.

TH reported that Groundwork are still working on the cycle maps for Gosport and Fareham but progress is being made on both fronts. Portsmouth's and Havant's are now produced.

There is no further progress re working with the News on a promotional campaign but TH will endeavour to get further support fro this.

#### **Action**

- **Progress banners – HCC, FBC, Groundwork**
- **Launch website and start promotional campaign – ideas welcome from All**

#### **6 BRT update**

AM reported that preparatory work on BRT has been suspended due to a high Court injunction brought by a residents concerned about impact on wildlife. TfSH and HCC expect this to be resolved shortly to enable preparatory work in clearing the line to continue. It may however result in further legal proceeding and negotiations which may impact on delivery timescale but overall BRT is still expected to go ahead. AM confirmed that issue of cycling has been resolved and cyclists will be allowed to use BRT where an alternative off route cycle way isn't provided. Am also reported that looking increasingly likely that first phase of BRT will be from Redlands Lane in Fareham to Tichbourne Way and extension to Military Rd will not be affordable within initial budget of £20m

#### **7 AOB**

We may need to consider extending membership of GTSP to bring in other environmental interests as we move towards tackling wider aspects of sustainability. Need to consider whether we may need 'specific issue' meetings in addition to main GTSP. Suggestions for extending membership welcome

#### **Dates of next meetings**

**Group expressed a preference to retain dates for next meetings in October and November to maintain some momentum. Happy to have fewer shorter meetings focussing on particular activities.**

Thursday 15 October 10am – 12pm

Thursday 26 November 10am – 12pm

All meetings to take place at GVA.