



The Gosport Partnership

" Working Together For The Gosport Community "

Gosport Transport & Sustainability Partnership Minutes Meeting held on 21 May 2009

Attendees	Organisation/representing
David Duckett (DD)	Gosport Borough Council
Paul Fuller (PF)	Operations Manager, Gosport Ferry Company
Jo Hamilton (JH)	LSP Coordinator
John Holland (JohnH)	Portsmouth Cycling Forum
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
Apologies	
Kathy Azopardi (KA)	Portsmouth Cycling Forum
Charlotte Barrett (CB)	Highways Agency
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
Cllr Peter Langdon (PL)	Gosport Borough Council (GBC) and on Transport for South Hants Committee
Dervla McHugh (DMcH)	First Group
David Miles (DM)	Gosport Voluntary Action
Jayne Rodgers (JR)	Portsmouth City Council, Transport & Sustainability Officer
Jim Weeks (JW)	CTC Fareham area local rep

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:

Pg 1, Item 2 – TH informed the group that Kevin Travers had not been in touch and that letters have not been sent out to district LSPs as promised. The county approach has changed but Gosport is still one of the high priorities re congestion.

Pg 4, Item 7 – TH to get advance notice from Helen on walking to schools initiatives so that they can go on the website.

Pg 4, Item 9 – TH to chase Nick for cycling info.

2 Update and feedback from Gosport and Fareham HAT Highways and Transport Group

TH circulated a paper to the group which has also since been circulated by email.

JohnH raised the issue of broken glass on cycleways in particular around St Ann's Hill underneath the railway arch. DD agreed to look into this with Street Scene.

AM explained that each district receives a minor works budget per year of around £15-25K. Cllr Kendall, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, makes the final decision on budgets. Only one recommendation from the HAT gets approved each year.

JohnH raised the issue of 20mph for cycling. DD informed the group that Gosport Borough Council did consider introducing this a year ago but decided against it. Could be something the GTSP keeps an eye on as there is very high accident rate for pedestrian and cyclists. It was agreed that AM would get information on where the main accidents areas are in Gosport and bring back to the group. Also get the accident team from the county to come to a future meeting.

AM informed the group that the £4 million which was allocated to Gosport in the Local Transport Plan has been put into the BRT budget and it is unlikely any will be left over.

AM informed the group of the feasibility studies being carried out by the county such as the realignment of Newgate Lane to include cycle path/footway. PUSH has spent £50,000 on re-examining the Stubbington Bypass. It was raised by RM that this could be a waste of money if bigger funding has not been identified. It was agreed that TH would speak to HCC re the feasibility studies and consider a role for the GTSP in influencing decisions on spending to make sure money is spent appropriately.

Actions:

- **DD to look into glass clearance on cycleways.**
- **AM to gather information on accident black spots in Gosport and bring back to the next meeting. Also invite the accidents team to come and talk to the GTSP.**
- **TH to speak to HCC re feasibility funding and how the GTSP can influence decision-making.**

3 Hampshire Local Area Agreement

TH informed the group that there is no clarity on timing or the approach HCC is taking. One of the priority areas being considered is still Gosport and there is still the opportunity for the GTSP to influence. Funding has been accessed through Sustrans for a cycleway from Stokes Bay to Lee.

It was agreed that TH would contact Kevin Travers again to ask how the GTSP can access smaller funding amounts. In previous conversations, John Buckett at HCC had implied that £20,000 would be allocated to Gosport through the LAA for the 'reduce' agenda. Need to explain to Kevin that the work the GTSP is doing completely meets LAA priorities. TH to draft a letter to go to Kevin and circulate for comments. AM in particular to advise on content.

Actions:

- **TH to write to HCC re LAA funding.**

4 BRT update

Work is now at planning stage and the route will be open to cyclists and emergency vehicles. Where there is an existing cycle path it will remain and on the bits of the route where there is no cycle path, cyclists will use the road. Decision on planning will be taken in July with work to start in September and completion by March 2011. It was agreed that TH should write again to TfSH in support of the planning application and ask to be consulted on the detailed design of cycling provision. Also include note that funding for the Newgate Lane priorities identified by the HAT has not been made available. Letter should also say that we look forward to the BRT being extended to Fareham Railway Station and down Military Road.

Actions:

- **TH to write to TfSH as above.**

5 Update on GTSP actions

The website – www.travelgosport.co.uk – is now live and TH gave the GTSP a demonstration. This will tie into a wider publicity campaign which JH will help with. TH asked all GTSP members to look in detail at the website and email him or JH with suggestions/improvements.

It was noted that the site did not include a trains section and that this should be added. Could include links to national rail website/journey planner and local rail providers.

Cycle maps still need to be added as they are still not ready. Gosport maps should be ready July. It was agreed that the website address should be added to the maps.

It was agreed that the existing cycle maps should be added to the cycling section with a note to say please check back here late summer for the new versions.

It was agreed that the publicity campaign should start when the trains section has been added. Could get the Mayor to launch it at the Ferry. Also use the Lee Advertiser and Big Voice for publicity.

TH informed the group that he had contacted the News re the campaign but has not received a very positive response. He will follow this up. It was suggested that he also contact Alex Forsythe who did some reporting in Portsmouth on cycling.

TH informed the group that permission has now been granted to put signs on certain sections of the A32. These will be provocative and hope to use schools and the community to help design them.

PF informed the group that there is now a travel pillar at the Ferry which shows bus times etc. It might be a good opportunity to get the website linked to it. AM to look into whether this would be feasible.

It was also noted that there are some bus stops in Gosport where there is no timetable information at all. It was agreed that TH would follow this up with Dervla.

PF also mentioned that he had met once with First Bus re a joint ticket scheme to QA but has heard nothing since. TH to follow this up with Cllr Edgar who now chairs a specific group looking at access to QA.

Actions:

- **All to review the website and email TH/JH with suggestions.**
- **TH to add section on trains and amendment to cycling section.**
- **TH to follow up campaign with the News.**
- **AM to look into whether a link to website on the travel pillar at the ferry would be possible.**
- **TH to follow up timetable s at bus stops with Dervla.**
- **TH to follow up joint ticket with Cllr Edgar.**

6 Gosport Climate Change Strategy and future work of GTSP

As the meeting had run out of time it was agreed to focus on this item at the next meeting. TH circulated some information on the [Greening Campaign](#). There is a group in Stubbington who could be invited to speak at the next meeting. Alverstoke residents have expressed an interest in this and RM said Lee residents would also be keen. PF also reminded the group that the ferry was short listed for a green award last year.

RM informed the group that there is a Lee Eco Friendly event being held on the Saturday of the August Bank holiday weekend. Would be a good opportunity to promote the GTSP campaign and RM could arrange a stall for the group. It was agreed that TH/JH would email out to the group asking for volunteers.

Actions:

- **TH/JH to invite Stubbington greening campaign to next meeting.**
- **TH/JH to email the group asking for volunteers to man a stall at the Lee event in August.**

9 AOB

There was no AOB.

Dates of next meetings

It was agreed that an additional meeting should be arranged for July – JH to arrange.

Thursday 17 September 10am – 12pm

Thursday 15 October 10am – 12pm

Thursday 26 November 10am – 12pm

All meetings to take place at GVA.