



The Gosport Partnership

" Working Together For The Gosport Community "

Gosport Transport & Sustainability Partnership Minutes Meeting held on 10 April 2008

Attendees	Organisation/representing
Kathy Azopardi	Portsmouth Cycling Forum
Nick Farthing	Sustrans – Hampshire & IOW/Chamber of Commerce
Paul Fuller	Operations Manager, Gosport Ferry Company
Jo Hamilton (notes)	LSP Coordinator
Tim Houghton	Groundwork Solent
Mike Jeffrey	GBC Development Services Manager – Transport & Planning
Cllr Peter Langdon	Gosport Borough Council (GBC) Vice Chair of Gosport Transportation and Planning Sub-Board and on Transport for South Hants Committee
Andy MacLean	Hampshire County Council (HCC), Transport Team Leader South
David Miles	Gosport Voluntary Action
Jim Weeks	CTC Fareham area local rep
Apologies	
Darren Hall	DSTL Travel Plan Coordinator
Charlotte Barrett	Highways Agency
Jayne Rodgers	Portsmouth City Council, Transport & Sustainability Officer
Andy Wren	Hampshire County Council

1 Apologies & minutes from the last meeting

The members listed above gave their apologies for the meeting.

Minutes:

Pg 1 – there was some discussion again re membership of the group and concern that key people are still missing. It was suggested that Lynda Dine might be able to help and Richard Hanslip might be able to suggest a rep from the MoD. It was agreed that a list of members for the group would be circulated for everyone to add to. It was also agreed that Lynda should be invited to attend a future meeting to present the findings from the Employment & Commuting Study.

Pg 2 – Tim to take back to the LSP Board the suggestion of softening the wording of the SCS priority to 'will work towards reducing traffic congestion'.

Pg 2 – Andy informed the group that there has been a 4% drop in cycling from 14.7% to 10.7% (Transport for Hampshire). Andy will email the statistics to Tim for circulation to the group – they are available in annual/weekly/daily flows. Cyclists using Brune Way have increased to 65,000 in 2007, Haslar Road in 2007 was down to 64,000, Rowner Road was also down to 130,000 in 2007 and Walpole Rd was down to 171,000 in 2007. In 2005 there were 267,000 cyclists who used the ferry compared to 243,000 in 2007.

Pg 2 – Mike asked for the section on election of chair to be amended to read neither councillors nor council officers should act as the Chair of the group – remove reference to the Board.

Pg 3 – Change ‘Gosport population of 36,000’ to ‘working population of 40,000’.

The group was informed that plans for the Bus Rapid Transport are progressing – it was agreed to invite someone from GBC to talk about the BRT in about six months time when more progress will have been made.

Page 3 – remove percentages relating to overcapacity.

Actions:

- **Jo to amend minutes as above.**
- **Jo/Tim to circulate list of members to the group for them to add suggestions to.**
- **Tim to invite Lynda Dine to a future meeting to present the findings of the Employment & Commuting Study.**
- **Tim to take the changed priority wording back to the LSP Board for approval.**
- **Andy to email cycling stats to Tim/Jo for circulation to the group.**
- **Tim/Jo to add BRT to agenda in six months time.**

2 Appointment of GTSP Chair

The group nominated Tim to remain as Chair for this year. Nick agreed to help support Tim in this role as required.

3 Information exchange on research and evidence base to inform the work of TSP including mapping current groups

Mike helped the group with an overview of current groups and tiers:

Strategic/regional:

- 1 SEERA (South East England Regional Assembly)/SEEDA (South East England Development Agency). These will become one body in the future.
- 2 RTB (Regional Transport Board).

Sub regional

- 1 PUSH (Partnership for Urban South Hampshire).
- 2 TFSH (Transport for South Hampshire- council officers – delivery mechanism for PUSH).
- 3 HCC (Hampshire County Council).
- 4 Portsmouth and SE Hants Partnership (was the conduit for SEEDA and now looking for funding to continue).
- 5 HATs (Hampshire Action Teams – cllrs from district/county interact with community re services).

Local

- Signpost Forum.
- Gosport/Fareham HAT Peninsular Access Transport Group (meets every six months, used to be v successful).
- Portsmouth Cycling Forum.
- Harbourside consortium (community transport).

The Climate Change Bill means that all local authorities will need to reduce carbon emissions. Publicity will be key in getting strategic partners to take notice. The group discussed how the biggest difference could be made by providing information on transport. And also influencing, for example the early buses don't link up with the early ferry – it is simple for the bus company to change their timetable. Providing joint tickets for the rail/ferry and bus. Paul mentioned that there is already a joint ferry ticket with First Bus – need to raise the profile of initiatives which exist. Southwest Trains are bringing in an oyster card system in the next couple of years which will link to the buses.

Tim mentioned the possibility of a website to raise awareness of what is already available – perhaps along the lines of Darlington's local motion [website](#). It was also mentioned how people always talk about Gosport's lack of rail station but the proximity to Portsmouth train station should be promoted.

Tim agreed to contact First Bus and SWT to get them to join the group.

Tim mentioned that there is evidence in the Daedalus consultation report which is being worked on by consultants at the moment – it will be ready in two months and Tim will bring it back to the group.

Actions:

- **Tim/Jo to investigate funding for a GTSP website**
- **Tim to contact First Bus/SWT**
- **Tim to bring back Daedalus report to a future meeting**

4 Identifying and mapping current projects

Andy informed the group that HCC have commissioned consultants to look at the Fort Brockenhurst roundabout in terms of providing a toucan crossing and links to cycle lanes. Also looking at providing a cycling lane down to the new Rowner medical centre. Waiting for cost estimate. Andy also informed the group that there is £4 million in the Local Transport Plan for improving access to Gosport. There is a good chance it will disappear unless it gets used – it was up to HCC to come up with schemes but this hasn't happened. It was agreed that the LSP Board should write to the leader of HCC and ask what is planned with the money (pointing out that the BRT is a different issue).

Mike informed the group that if the Tesco goes ahead in Fareham HCC only have to maintain the status quo at the Quay St roundabout despite it being an improvement area in the Local Transport Plan. GBC has asked HCC to put pressure on Fareham Council to safeguard the retail development to improve the roundabout. GBC also sent a list of potential schemes to HCC for the £4 million. Mike will send the committee report to Tim for circulation to the group. Concerns were also raised that the construction work which would need to happen to build the new Tesco would also create significant congestion on the A32. The SDA planned for Fareham will only exacerbate the problem. It was mentioned that the new junction will be signalised – the LSP should campaign for A32 to be the priority.

Cllr Langdon asked for the need for a cycle lane up Newgate Lane to be raised too. The group also has the opportunity to influence the bus station development to ensure there will be good cycling facilities.

Transport links to QA were also discussed and it was pointed out that the group could try and influence the PCT to change appointment times e.g. not have 8.30am appointments for everyone and then a ticket system but stagger appointments throughout the day. There is a PCT travel plan officer – perhaps ask to join the group.

Tim agreed to present the work on the Home to Hub scheme to the group at a future meeting. Included a grants scheme for businesses to improve cycling facilities, cycle maps, gaps in cycle routes and preferred cycling routes. The group discussed how

simple signs on routes saying things like Gosport Ferry 2 miles could really encourage cycling. Have commuting signs, not just ones for leisure.

Actions:

- **Tim to ask the LSP Board to write to HCC Leader re the £4 million.**
- **Mike to send GBC committee report re Gosport scheme bids to Tim for circulation to the group.**
- **Tim to ask PCT Travel Plan Officer to join the group.**
- **Tim to present on Home to Hub at a future meeting.**

5 Opportunities for funding, events and ‘quick wins’

Cycling Towns Bid – Tim informed the group that a joint bid was submitted with Portsmouth. Jayne Rodgers was really helpful and included information to support the Gosport element. Tim will circulate a copy of the bid to the group but warned that it was likely to be very competitive for the funding.

Nick informed the group that Sustrans has £16 million per year for three years for safe routes to schools. Nick to feed through details of the funding to the group when it is announced. Cycling England also has £100,000 in Hampshire for bikeability (cycling proficiency). Nick to find out who the contact for Gosport would be. Nick also mentioned that a Travel Smart Officer or Bikeit Officer post would be a good thing for the LSP to bid to Sustrans for – he will follow up and circulate any information to the group.

Mike agreed to circulate GBC’s committee report regarding the proposed Tesco and Quay Street roundabout.

Nick also mentioned a cycling booklet issued by HCC - he will email the link to Tim for circulation. Sustrans and Play England are also doing some work on exploring the experiences of young people travelling. He will send details of the person leading on this – Bobby Locke.

The group discussed using the media to promote initiatives – The Echo has a green page, articles could go in Coastline, GVA has list of all media outlets and David will send to Tim/Jo.

Mike mentioned that there might be a possibility of a new Marketing Manager post at GBC who could help the group – Tim agreed to speak to Ian Lycett about this.

Actions:

- **Tim/Jo to circulate copy of Cycling Towns bid.**
- **Nick to feed details to Tim/Jo on Sustrans funding, Cycling England bikeability funding contact, link to HCC cycling booklet, Bobby Locke.**
- **Mike to send Tim/Jo a copy of GBC’s committee report regarding the proposed Tesco and Quay Street roundabout.**
- **David to send Tim/Jo a list of all media outlets.**
- **Tim to speak to Ian re marketing manager post.**

6 AOB

There was no AOB.

7 Dates of next meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting should be arranged for the next six weeks. The next meeting was subsequently set for **Weds 28 May at 2pm.**