

Workplace Travel Network

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 3rd March

Time: 9.40 am

Location: Online – Zoom

Chair: Anna Herron – My Journey Team

Minutes: Andy Whincup – My Journey Team

To amend any information within these minutes, send feedback on format and content, or make suggestions for what you would like to see / hear about next time please email:
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Delegates arrive & welcome

My Journey Updates

Anna Herron – My Journey Workplaces team

- Anna reminded everyone of the funding from Highways England and Department for Transport and that My Journey is a collaboration of Southampton City Council, Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council.
 - Anna introduced the team and the areas they are covering.
 - Anna reintroduced the current offer to workplaces
 - Workplace surveys help workplaces to fully understand their staff travel habits and inform actions
 - The workplace bulletin gives out all the up to date information on what is happening. [Sign up for it here](#) if you haven't already
 - On site delivery will resume once it's safe to do so and regulations allow
 - We are trialling new activities including Storymap travel advice and active travel webinars. Get in touch if you are interested in taking part.
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Love to Ride

Lee Reynolds – Local Project Manager (Love to Ride)

- Lee introduced [Ride It Out](#) – Love to Ride's march campaign of four weeks of themed activities
 - Week 1: Healthy
 - Week 2: Relaxed
 - Week 3: Green
 - Week 4: Free
 - Lee reminded everyone of the prizes that are on offer for taking part.
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Future Transport Zone

Simon Lowe – FTZ Personal Mobility Project Manager (SCC)

- Simon outlined the areas covered by the Solent Future Transport Zone.
 - The Future Transport Zone is a 4-year programme delivering personal mobility and sustainable logistics.
 - Simon talked about Solent Transport and the work that it is doing to deliver the FTZ
 - [e-scooter hire trials](#):
 - The trials in Southampton and Portsmouth are at the detailed plan stage
 - This is a trial to see how they work; the trial will continue until November
 - The trial is purely for hire e-scooters. Personal e-scooters remain illegal on public land
 - Mobility as service:
 - Mobile platform that brings together route-planning, booking and payment
 - Designed to minimise inconvenience of using public transport and other services.
 - Cycle Hire scheme is in the early planning stage
 - Liftshare, Demand Responsive Transport and Mobility Credit schemes are currently on hold and will be reviewed later in the year.
 - Consolidation, both micro and macro are continuing apace.
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The Point of EV Charging

Hugh Pickerill – Account Manager (JoJu Charging)

- Hugh outlined the work that Joju Charging does: Electric vehicle charging; Solar charging; Energy storage
- Hugh outlined the benefits of moving fleet to electric vehicles (EV)
 - Environmental impact: EVs have zero exhaust emissions
 - EVs are simpler so maintenance is often cheaper and easier
 - There are tax advantages
- Hugh discussed the funding options that are available to both commercial and domestic which has been extended to 2022
 - Business: £350 contributions per charging point up to 20 across organisation
 - Domestic: £350 for charge point
- Hugh discussed range anxiety, how range now is getting better.

Electric business fleet – a case study

Sue Simmonite – Development & Environment Manager (ABP)

- Sue talked about why ABP decided to convert their fleet to electric:
 - Primarily about air quality and the impact of the port on the city.
 - A desire to be a positive example to other businesses
- Sue outlined the process:
 - Looked at distances travelled by maintenance fleet: usually short journeys which are bad for diesel engines
 - Analysed number of vehicles needed to do the work and found that the size of the fleet could be reduced, freeing funds for the purchase of EVs
 - Extended trials of vehicles to find which suited the needs of the job. Found that Nissan Leaf was most appropriate.
- Infrastructure:
 - Installation of 70 charge points across the port estate
 - Laying of extensive power grid to service points
- Wider applications
 - Measures to encourage staff to adopt electric vehicles
 - Charging for cruise passengers' vehicles
 - Charging for Euro V and older HGVs to container terminal
- Advantages: no more
 - Fuel on site, so reduced risk
 - Fuel cards and the admin that goes with it
 - Diesel repair costs, especially particle filters
- Lessons learned
 - Charging requires a cultural shift: remembering to plug in at the end of the day or when battery at less than 40 miles
 - Getting the right vehicles can take time and research
 - Still transitioning, and looking beyond electric at the possibilities of Hydrogen cells.

Learning together – Breakout rooms

Discussing best ways to encourage sustainable travel at work and biggest challenges/solutions...

Below are just some of the comments we heard across seven breakout rooms:

- Staff are often competitive so like to engage across departments with things like Love to Ride
- Create a dedicated area in car park for employees that lift share
- Offer free food - hold cycle to work days and offer free breakfast for all those that take part, or events promoting sustainable travel alongside a BBQ
- The cost of electric vehicles can be prohibitive – offer a salary sacrifice scheme to allowing staff to be able to afford an electric car.
- Getting sustainable travel enthusiasts who are in a high up position within the company to lead on the PR and campaign so that it influences the staff choices.
- Push as well as pull: Remove parking at offices and locate offices close to railway stations.
- Highlight the modernisation of buses such as wifi / USB charging points.

GO! Southampton – Shaping the next 5 years of the BID

Rebecca Handley – Deputy Executive Director (Go! Southampton)

- GO! Southampton is the 6th largest Business Improvement District (BID) in the UK
 - Southampton BID is a not for profit organisation
 - What do GO! Southampton Do?
 - Support for Southampton businesses
 - Services over and above those offered by the council
 - GO! Southampton will continuously improve the city centre by delivering relevant services, providing a voice for our businesses, influencing strategy and being a catalyst for positive change
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GO! Southampton – Breakout rooms

Discussing attendees needs and wishes for Southampton across a range of topics...

Below are just some of the comments we heard across five breakout rooms:

- Smaller businesses could club together (via the BID) to obtain economies of scale like other big organisations can do, and in the process reduce vehicle movements.
 - Timing deliveries to avoid rush hour would be good.
 - BID should be able to provide generic base services, waste collection, paper etc. that reduce vehicles movements
 - Of those asked, most organisations were open to sharing facilities/equipment with other nearby organisations, but only if watertight agreements between organisations were in place.
 - Future transport trials need to be longer to give them a chance to succeed and for habits to change
 - Make more places for people such as an outdoor swimming pool and outdoor meeting places
 - Some of space needs to be given to safe, secure cycle storage that caters for larger cycles and e-bikes (including charging points).
 - Need to find a solution that allows people to buy large items (such as from Ikea) without bringing their vehicle into the middle of the city.
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