

Air Quality Working Group (AQWG)

Notes of the working group meeting: 23rd July 2014

Attendees: Cllr Glenis Ansell (Wiltshire Council), Anne Henshaw (CCAP - Calne Area Transport), Sue Wallace (CCAP - Calne Environmental Network), Gary Mcomish, Rachel Kent (Wiltshire Council – Public Health Specialist), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

1. Apologies: Peter Nobes (Wiltshire Council – Environmental Health Officer)

2. Presentation of draft Wiltshire Air Quality Action Plan

Rachel Kent presented an overview of how the Air Quality Action Plan for Wiltshire is being formed. She explained the role of Communities in the plan and showed how individual localities will be represented within the plan. Rachel also described how, upon publication of the action plan local Air Quality Working Groups will have 6 months to come up with priorities for action.

The group considered how groups in Bradford on Avon and Devizes have created input for the plan and discussed how best this could be done for the Calne Community Area.

Rachel Kent advised that preliminary work is being undertaken with WFCAP to develop an annual seminar of all Wiltshire's Air Quality Working Groups to enable the sharing of good practice and networking opportunities.

3. Review of Terms of Reference and membership of the group:

The group considered its existing terms of reference and membership and felt that it did need to be reviewed. In view of the overbearing heat in the meeting room Councillor Ansell suggested that she and the Community Area Manager met outside of the meeting to develop a new draft that could be agreed with members via email. All members of the group should also let the Community Area Manager know of any potential additional and dynamic members for the group to help to drive forward actions and develop projects.

4. Calne Action Plan – establishing focus points:

The group discussed ideas that have been considered at previous meetings and looked at the examples of Bradford on Avon and Devizes. It was felt that the Calne Area had its own unique issues and that its action plan should reflect that.

After discussion it was decided that the group should identify a few

ACTIONS

GA/JV develop new terms of reference.

All provide feedback and identify potential additional members.

broad themes as a framework to the initial Calne action plan and then begin to populate this with individual actions and projects. This would be added to in time and as the group/subject becomes more prominent within the community. It was decided that the main themes should be:

- **Promotional Campaign** (Branding and promotion of the issue and the group to the wider community area).

This would involve work already done with the Schools Poster design competition and work started with the 'love calne, love clean air' campaign.

- **Travel to School**
- **Encouraging/enabling cycling**
- **Encouraging/enabling walking**
- **Tree Planting schemes** (In light of recent evidence from Lancaster University regarding impact of roadside tree lines, particularly birch, upon concentrations of traffic-derived particulate matter.

5. **Calne Action Plan – establishing Actions/Projects:**

The group discussed some of the work that is being undertaken at the moment by different groups and some of the projects that could start to be worked upon. Specifically around travel to school.

It was decided that the Community Area Manager should create a table of the themes which would be emailed around the group to populate with existing and potential actions that were taking place already and that could be initiated.

6. **Update on Particulate Monitor:**

Rachel Kent advised that The Bradford On Avon particulate monitor is remaining in the town as a new location was found at the bottom of Masons Lane, therefore an Osiris particulate monitor will be installed in Calne. Although not a recognised method by defra, it is a very good indicative monitor and has the advantage of being much smaller which can be mounted on lamp posts, thereby providing more options of potential monitoring locations.

Peter Nobes will come out and identify a number of lamp posts and then liaise with Balfour Beattie as to the suitability. The monitor should be installed over the summer. Data can then be provided to the group upon request.

- 7. **Next meeting** - Jane was asked to arrange the next meeting for 6pm on Weds 10th September at the Community Hub.

GA report to Area Board

JV produce a table of action points

All help to populate the table

JV – arrange meeting

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AREA BOARD:

- To note the actions and discussions of the meeting of the Calne Air Quality Working Group.
- To approve the 5 themes to frame the Calne Action Plan:
 - i. **Promotional Campaign** (Branding and promotion of the issue and the group to the wider community area). This would involve work already done with the Schools Poster design competition and work started with the 'love calne, love clean air' campaign
 - ii. **Travel to School**
 - iii. **Encouraging/enabling cycling**
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 - v. **Tree Planting schemes** (In light of recent evidence from Lancaster University regarding impact of roadside tree lines, particularly birch, upon concentrations of traffic-derived particulate matter).

GA make recommendation to the Area Board.

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.