

**SALISBURY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT GROUP - SUMMARY**  
**10<sup>th</sup> March, 4.30pm - South Wiltshire Grammar School**

1. Impact on health from poor air quality – recent government report

The group agreed to carry out discussions with a local academic and epidemiologist on this topic to explore whether or not a project to test the link between poor health in Salisbury and poor air quality could be viable. Officers are currently checking on the opportunities to fund this piece of work.

2. Air Quality APP

The UTC has been asked to assist with the development of this. A progress report will be chased for the next AQMG meeting.

3. Salisbury's AQMG Action Plan Update

- (i) Work continues on the mapping of non-vehicular routes in Salisbury to assess how these might be better connected with a view to improving air quality – this is being carried out in conjunction with the council's town centre cycle map, the way-finding strategy, and with a view to improving the council's currently very generic green infrastructure strategy. Report due back at next group meeting
- (ii) The group would be involved in Wiltshire Council's review of Salisbury's Sustainable Transport Strategy
- (iii) Tree planting works continue, and the group is working to ensure that there is a robust watering strategy in place.
- (iv) COGs continue to carry out cycle counts and could scope a proposal for more cycle spaces in the city
- (v) A revised bus walks map has been completed, assisted by funding from the New Forest local sustainable transport fund.
- (vi) Discussion continues on the rights of improvement plan for Salisbury
- (vii) work will be done to improve the promotion of the co-cars scheme
- (viii) the group continue to follow strategic plans for the transwiltts rail line
- (ix) promotion work is ongoing re. green tourism, i.e. walking maps into B& Bs, pubs, restaurants etc
- (x) need to improve the content of the web page to reflect the progress against the action plan

#### 4. Wiltshire's Air Quality Action Plan Update

- (i) Officers are scoping the costs of new air pollution monitors for the city, these monitors will assist the group's work to develop a mobile phone app (as in (2) above)
- (ii) The group had positively influenced the CIL element of the Salisbury ASDA development, securing £7,500 for green infrastructure
- (iii) The group were keen to secure some funding for more way finding totems. Karen to investigate funding opportunities, including the Tesco plastic bag fund.

#### 5. Update on Connectivity work

This work continues and will be assisted by the imminent Salisbury Sustainable Transport Strategy review, recent changes to the strategic housing sites and to Highway's England's new transport funding model, and to Wiltshire Council's flood strategy.

This will feed into the group's aspiration for a supplementary planning guidance paper on green infrastructure and connectivity.

#### 6. Bourne Hill Travel Plan

Gary updated that as this travel plan had been superseded by Wiltshire Council's countywide travel statement, it could no longer be enforced. Some members of the group were concerned about this, and they were advised to pursue this with their respective Wiltshire Councillor.

#### 7. Tree Planting Project – progress report

The new trees planted by Waitrose and the UTC were establishing well, thanks to the recent rainy weather. The group reaffirmed its preference for any watering required to be carried out by volunteers, rather than by a paid contractor. Karen is working to ensure this is done. There is a list of potential new sites for planting, including at the top end of Wyndham Road at its interface with the A36, Fountain's Way on side of A36, and the Friary Estate, as it skirts the edge of the A36.

**Salisbury City Council wish to plant a substantial number of trees on a patch of land at Skewbridge. The city council is seeking a contribution of £1,100 from the Area Board's Air Quality Management budget to pay for approximately 20 of these trees and their supports.**