

Calne Air Quality Working Group Wednesday 17th April 10.30 - 12 noon
Harris Room, Calne Hub and Library

Item 1. Apologies: Sue Wallace, Mark Edwards. In attendance: Alan Hill Wiltshire Council (Chairman), Gary Tomsett Wiltshire Council (GT), Steve Manning Wiltshire Council (SM), Tony Trotman Wiltshire Council (TT), John Boaler Calne Town Council (JB), Stan Woods Calne Our Place (SW), Avril Mayes (AM), Anne Henshaw. (AH)

Item 2. To review the Calne Air Quality Working Group Action Plan covering the period to the end of 2019.

Priority 1: Seek to reduce the number of motor vehicles that pass through the Calne AQMA.			
Projects/actions	Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead	
Assess/Review classification of the A4 through Calne.	Calne Our Place, Calne Town Council and Calne Without Parish Council is working with Wiltshire Highways dept. and Atkins to develop a Community Transport Strategy for Calne, this is being discussed as part of that work. This work is continuing, a report should be available in July	John Boaler & Anne Henshaw	
Clarify the criteria required for the A4 as an alternative route to the M4.		John Boaler & Anne Henshaw	
Appoint traffic survey to assess future impact of Hills cross site link road.	Proposed link road within the Hills site may take significant numbers of lorries away from the AQMA. Due to become operational end of July. Application heard at planning committee April 2018. Baseline data required to measure the future impact of this work. (pollution levels and traffic volume). SM to check whether there is adequate data and what to do about it if there isn't. Section 106 money is available to address Air Quality (£10k 'for the provision of air quality management in Calne' linked to development at Marden Farm – N/12/04038). SM to check where this money is and how long it is available to be allocated. 3 rd October 2018 - It was confirmed this was to be used for air quality and not other pollution and can be accessed to appoint a traffic survey in the New Road area adjacent to the A4 and the A3102.	Alan Hill, Public Health and Highways officers.	

Priority 2. To consider traffic flow regarding road safety and air pollution through the Calne Air Quality Management Area			
Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead
To request other Area Board working groups; s106 WG, CATG, Safety Forum, Town Development and Planning and Calne Community Transport Strategy group should be asked to ensure that planning of future schemes should always consider air quality /traffic flow issues.		Make a request to S106 working group and CATG.	Alan Hill to ask Christine Crisp to inform AB Chairman's meeting.
		Make request at Calne TD&P and Calne Community Safety Forum.	Mark Edwards tbd
		Make request at Calne Community Transport Strategy group.	Anne Henshaw/ John Boaler tbd
Priority 3. Promote awareness of the issue in Calne community area.			
Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead
'Love Calne, love clean air'	Promote tree planting schemes with branded boards.	Phase 1 and 2 of tree planting scheme completed. Members recommend this item to be removed.	AQWG Chair and CEM
		Funding to be sought for phase 3, High Street planters.	All
		Funding to be sought for promotional boards alongside trees.	All
	Hold an Air Quality Themed Area Board meeting in 2018/19.	Delayed for 6 months.	Alan Hill, Ian Thorn and CEM

	Use brand identity in future campaigns.	Acquire branded banners for use during community engagement activities. Members recommend this item to be removed.	AQWG Chair and CEM
	Work with Calne Our Place to discuss future action.	Invite representatives of Calne Our Place to attend a future meeting.	Anne Henshaw tbd
4. Promote Clean Vehicle Use in the Community Area			
Projects/actions	Progress, Milestones, Comments		Action Lead
Provision of Electric Vehicle Recharging Points in the Town.	<p>Proposal to provide an initial EV point in the Heritage Car Park.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council had put a hold on future implementation, but if an organisation wanted to implement projects locally, Wiltshire Council may support in principal, on condition management /maintenance arrangements were in place.</p> <p>3rd October 2018: Area Board had provided support towards the implementation of units and Town Council is in discussions about funding connection of the units.</p> <p>Town Council in discussions to arrange for a licence and identify a supplier.</p>		<p>John Boaler/ Mark Edwards/ Calne Town Council.</p> <p>SM to identify an appropriate officer to attend a future meeting and inform Chairman.</p>
Encourage sustainable transport from all new estates.	<p>Extensions to bus routes linked to the Tesco's development have been introduced.</p> <p>3/10/18 – concerns expressed about links to the Marden Farm Development.</p> <p>Hopes to work with Calne Community Transport to run an additional project alongside the Tesco's bus to cover the Abberd Way Area and the Curzon Park Area.</p>		<p>GT to investigate this possibility.</p> <p>AH/JB to identify someone from the bus companies to attend a future meeting.</p>

5. Promote walking for local journeys to School/work			
Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead
Encourage School Transport Plans		Investigate, which schools need to update their plans – it was understood this would include JBS and Holy Trinity Academy	Anne Henshaw/JB to continue
		Explore a roll out in Calne of the 'Home Run' app, which had been piloted in some Air Quality Management Areas in the County. This app encourages schools to develop transport plans and parents to consider alternatives to school journeys by car. 3/10/18 Changes had been made to the Home Run app system. The group wanted to arrange an update from Ruth Durrant, an update from Cllr Trotman relating to the s106 working group and a discussion with John Bentley School to try and encourage attempts to increase walking to school.	
6. Encouraging/enabling cycling in the Calne community area.			
Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead
	Bike and Hike Family and young people cycle events.	Calne Area Transport had suggested this action was deferred until 2019, awaiting development of the Area Board Section 106 group work on safer cycling/walking networks. Calne Area Transport has been replaced by the Transport Strategy working group and the Calne Our Place Project. It was planned that an invite to C.O.P would result in a representative attending a future meeting to discuss this action.	Anne Henshaw/JB to continue
		S106 working group is working to develop cycle routes/dual use paths across the town to encourage cycling. A Rec cycle path is due to be developed in the near future.	S106 working group TT to provide a report/update for inclusion with the

next agenda.

7. Encouraging/enabling walking in the Calne community area

Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead
	Encourage local guided walks for leisure.	Calne Environmental Network guided walks during the Summer Festival. Potential to identify further dates for new walks linked to other events.	Sue Wallace
		Get Wiltshire Walking group ongoing popular weekly activity.	Volunteers and Wilts Council
	Enhance the local area to make walking more attractive	Support the 'Calne Clean-up Crew' to map the local area for 'grot spots' – This group is currently actively engaging community volunteers in litter picks around the Town.	AQWG/Calne Town Council/Calne Area Board
	Wordfest Trail	Support and input into a new walking/literacy project planned along similar lines to the former, successful 'Beat the Street' project. Members recommend this item to be removed in total.	AQWG Chair/Calne Area Board

8. Tree Planting Schemes in the Calne Air Quality Management Area

Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead
	Plant Silver Birch trees in the AQMA	1st Phase completed April 2016 – Calne Town Gardens – reported in Gazette and Herald, Twitter, Facebook and OCM. Funded by Area Board Feb 2015	
		2 nd phase of planting had been completed in vicinity of New Road/Silver Street.	
	3 rd Phase for the High Street	'City Tree' scheme was investigated but dismissed on grounds of cost. A further scheme was required. Members recommend this item to be removed in total.	

Item 3. Arising from points made in a recent Public Health England report, John Boaler would like to discuss:

- How we can speed up our installation of EV charging points. **Covered in item 4.**

- Our investment (through S106) in foot and cycle paths; enabling children to walk or cycle to school. Covered in items 5 and 6.
- How to encourage motorists of diesel cars to switch off their engines when stuck in traffic. Modern vehicles have this facility as part of the standard equipment, an advertising campaign would be needed for drivers of older vehicles.
- Members recommend that Tony Trotman should be seconded to the AQ wg as leader of the S106 wg.

Item 4. Date of next meeting tbd.