

Notes and Action Points from Air Quality Management Group (AQMG)

20 June 2019, 14:00, Old Fire Station, Salisbury

Present: Cllr Jeremy Nettle (SCC), Marc Read (CEM, Salisbury)
Richard Bolton (COGS) Pam Rouquette (Walking for Health)
Margaret Willmot (COGS) Michael Pope (Green Party)
Alison Craig (SCE) Nicola Lipscombe (SAGP)
Gary Tomsett (WC) Neil Winter (Highways England)
Scott Anderson (WC)

Apologies: Cllr Derek Brown, Heather Blake (WC)

1	<p>Review Minutes & Actions</p> <p>Actions completed, or covered by separate agenda items, other than the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gary reported that the 'Know and Respond' website continues, the contract with Ricardo who provide this has been renewed.• Information on engine idling was provided by Heather Blake after the last meeting: Re idling vehicles generally, the contact is Adrian.Hampton@wiltshire.gov.uk. It is not thought that currently WC have taken up powers of enforcement re this. <p>Re buses, Passenger Transport Team recommendations are as follows: <i>Unnecessary idling is discouraged on bus services that are run under contract for Wiltshire Council. If anyone observes a bus that is idling (i.e. the engine remains running while parked) for more than two minutes, they should report this to buses@wiltshire.gov.uk. It is important that the exact time and location of the incident is reported, together with the destination or registration number of the bus, so that the bus company can identify the driver concerned.</i></p> <p>Gary will send round a copy of the current guidance on idling. Action: Gary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Margaret had contacted a Co Cars director giving the fleet contact at WC and would chase whether contact had been made. Action: Margaret
2	<p>Review Terms of Reference</p> <p>Agreed some changes might be needed – e.g. to remove reference to the Community Area Partnership. Suggestions for changes to be sent to Marc who would draft an update for the group to agree. Action: All/Marc</p>
3	<p>Highways England Application</p> <p>There was some discussion of schemes now proposed. Neil Winter made the point that there are a number of designated funds, not just Air Quality (see https://www.gov.uk/guidance/highways-england-designated-funds)</p> <p>There are 5 designated funds, values in delivery period 2015-2020 being: environment – £300 million, cycling, safety and integration (CSI) - £250 million air quality – £100 million, innovation – £150 million, growth and housing – £100 million Some projects (e.g. green infrastructure) might be considered a better fit for the environment fund. More details about the funds is available on the highways England website https://highwaysengland.co.uk/designated-funds/ - the 'air quality fund plan' pdf is available from that page.</p> <p>Highways England are involved in a severance study re the A36 - issues through Salisbury</p>

	<p>and access to Alderbury/Wilton are acknowledged & Sustrans are also involved. It was agreed that the way forward re designated finds would be to have a meeting to further sift ideas which had been put forward in the light of guidance. Marc would check availability of Heather, and those interested in attending (Scott, AQ community reps etc).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action Marc</p>
4	<p>Urban Tree Challenge Fund</p> <p>Scott informed the meeting of a new funding source – Urban Tree Challenge Fund – which will make available £10 million to enable approx. 130,000 trees to be planted across England’s towns and cities, grants will fund planting & initial care. There two options: applications from unitary and other local authorities, min £500K, applications closed 28/7/2019. Or Expressions of Interest for individual applications in year 2 of the fund – further details on https://www.gov.uk/guidance/urban-tree-challenge-fund</p> <p>The group was supportive of applying to the fund. Salisbury City Council would be key partners, and Marc will give Scott contact details for the Greenspace Partnership so Scott can also liaise with them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Marc/Scott</p>
5	<p>Clean Air Day/Beat the Street/Home Run</p> <p>Clean Air Day is the date of the meeting – 20/6/2019 – Gary reported the display from Bourne Hill has been moved to the Library for the day. Richard would like to see more action taken for Clean Air Day next year, which might involve additional resources. The City Council, having recently declared a climate emergency and with a commitment to improve AQ, might wish to be involved. A working group would be convened to look at possible options. Action: Marc</p> <p>Beat the Street had proved really successful in Salisbury/Amesbury – running until 1/7. Home Run is a follow on which will hopefully encourage school children to keep up the active travel.</p>
6	<p>Action Plan Update</p> <p>Some changes had been done, but it was felt the plan could be further clarified. Nicola will update and send around, a further meeting might be necessary but initially this would be progressed by email.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Nicola</p>
7	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments had been sent in on the Maltings Masterplan, thanks to Alison for co-ordinating this response. • There was a query whether P&R had shown any significant increase now it was free with city centre parking charges reinstated. Scott will send details to Marc. Action: Scott • Pam queried whether it might be possible to direct people to P&R rather than City Centre parking – Marc would investigate who would be responsible for signage in the first instance on the A36 and other routes. Action : Marc • Nicola is on the Neighbourhood Plan steering group and urged people to get involved in this process. • Gary confirmed that there is no intention for Salisbury to become a CAZ – this is not currently being mandated by Government and Southampton had lost approx £250K on a feasibility study for a CAZ which was not being taken forward there.
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 25/9/2019, 14:00 – 16:00, Old Fire Station, Salt Lane</p>