

Air Quality Management Group (AQMG) - Minutes

14 February 2023, 16:00, via Microsoft Teams

Present: Cllr Sven Hocking (Chair) Elaine Reid (STC)
Karlene Jammeh (ABDO) Cllr John Wells (SCC)
Bill Symonds

1	Welcome & Introductions
2	Latest Air Quality Data – Gary Tomsett via email update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The draft Air Quality Action Plan has been discussed by the new Climate Change and Environment Forum, which will shape the full public consultation which we want to proceed with imminently.• A clear message was the document (which uses DEFRA's template for AQAPs) is far too technical and uses too much jargon, a summary document will be produced.• The draft Supplementary Planning Guidance document will be published shortly and forms a significant limb of the AQAP with regard to future planning.• The project to replace the air quality monitoring equipment was put on hold before Christmas and the 2022 data is awaiting AQ/QC ratification before it is published.• We have not been successful in our bid to obtain DEFRA air quality funding for a cycle hire scheme, Electric Co Car hubs & Cycle Hangars in Salisbury and a county wide Bus information/ marketing project. Organising a debrief and scoping session for future bids in March, to ensure we are as prepared as we may be for any future grant window that may open in the Autumn.• Data was shared with the group, highlighting this is raw unratified data at present - To revoke a AQMA, DEFRA demand 3 years data indicating levels to be 10% below the objective (that would be 36ug/m³ in this instance) or 5 years data below the objective. London Road is close to that threshold. Further diffusion tube monitoring points have been introduced following advice from DEFRA.
3	Action Plan updates <p>Low emissions: Achieve noticeable improvements to air quality in identified pollution hotspots in Salisbury -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feasibility of reopening Salisbury station's northern entrance ACTION – KJ to ask Carli for an update on this <p>No idling in Salisbury city centre and near schools –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No-one present from Salisbury Reds for any further update ACTION – KJ to ask David Newton for a statement on '<i>Newer vehicles, such as the Euro 6 fleet from Salisbury Reds, need to keep engine running which is a necessity for efficiency of engine</i>' noted from the Sept minutes. ACTION – SH to discuss with Paul S regarding what signage can be used and suitable locations. ACTION - SH/KJ to confirm with Paul/SCC/NH a statement for enforcement of no idling in locations with signage. <p>Review School Travel Plans through engagement with WC and local school governors -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruth Durrant updated via email:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Information on the HomeRun app Sustainable School Travel HomeRun App (homerun-app.com) was sent to all schools when first launched and there is a link to the website on the Right Choice portal. Ruth discusses use of the app when schools approach her to gauge what they would benefit from the features.ii. The four schools in Laverstock (technically not in Salisbury) have signed up to the app, along with Greentrees Primary and Chafyn Grove who have achieved a good sign-up rate

	<p>iii. Beyond those schools above, Ruth has not had any recent contact with Salisbury schools but happy for contact details to be passed on to any school interested in progressing their travel plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr John Wells has discussed with Headteacher and Ofsted did not ask about School Travel plans. Their interest was around health and safety and the movement of vehicles on school site. • A measurable way to have an impact on AQ is to focus on pick up times at schools when parents are waiting for their children – links to no idling theme in the action plan <p>ACTION – JW to gain invite to the West schools cluster meeting to discuss further and encourage engagement of no idling.</p> <p>ACTION – KJ to invite Ruth to the cluster meeting once date is confirmed.</p> <p>EV hire/car club –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid was not successful to obtain DEFRA air quality funding for a cycle hire scheme, Electric Co Car hubs & Cycle Hangars in Salisbury <p>ACTION – SH to find lead person for task</p> <p>Increased bike storage in Salisbury -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike storage funded through LHFIFG focusing on Pepys Walk/Old George Mall • Paul Shaddock is drawing up the plans for 6-8 stands • A number of residents have expressed their request for bike shelters in the city <p>ACTION – SH to find lead person for task</p> <p>Improved footways/byways in Salisbury to encourage walking –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small section of the pathway that connects the Country Park near Old Sarum needs widening <p>ACTION – JW to complete a LHFIFG form to raise</p> <p>ACTION – KJ to confirm Heather Blake’s replacement to the group. Ask Paul Shaddock to attend in meantime.</p> <p>Tree/planting strategy -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc confirmed via email that the key date for the Tree Strategy is 13th March, when the final document will be presented to SCC’s Environmental & Climate Committee. <p>Explore rewilding near congested routes to encourage biodiversity and promote better air quality –</p> <p>ACTION – KJ to ask Carli for an update on this element of the action plan</p> <p>Adopt PM2.5 measurement in Salisbury as an additional dataset to assess air quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Salisbury Area Board grant was successful to install 8 sensors in total, 4 will be located in schools in the West of Salisbury and 4 in the community • The 4 schools have been identified (Manorfields, Sarum Academy, St Peters and Woodlands), sensors to be installed shortly • 4 community citizens have been identified – 2 sensors have already been delivered, 2 to be installed shortly <p>ACTION – KJ to ask Gary T for a definitive date for when the project to replace the air quality monitoring equipment will start.</p> <p>ACTION – ER to send SH graph and data to look into the reasons for spikes in Exeter St – could be linked to roadworks and accidents in that area</p>
6	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2023, 4pm via Teams – TBC