

Salisbury Environmental Working Group – Action Plan

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Attendees: Cllr Sven Hocking (Chair) , Karen Linaker (WC), Asa Thorpe (SCC) , John Wells (SCC), Margaret Willmot (COGS), Elaine Reid (STC), Fiona Stevens (WC), Gemma Heath (SDH), Naomi Styles (WC)

Theme	Goals	Issue	Update	Action	Lead
Air Quality Improvement	To improve air quality in identified pollution hotspots, through careful monitoring and analysis of spikes and trends	Improved monitoring and analysis	This group's efforts to be refocused to maximise its impact in responding to the findings of air quality monitoring	<p>KL – to invite Cabinet Member to the 18th September meeting to begin to encourage more local policy influence around AQM.</p> <p>KL to inform Brett Warren (new Wiltshire Council service lead) in preparation for Brett's update to the 18th Sept meeting, and resend latest Salisbury AQM full report to JW, MW and SH :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Why has this link not been showing data monitoring for Exeter St, particularly as STS monitors have been measuring high levels recently? b) There is a need to better understand the discrepancies in readings between STS sensors and Wiltshire Council sensors – what is the PM2.5 reading for Exeter street from wilts council sensors? c) What is Wiltshire Council's detailed strategy to tackle Air Quality issues – including the investment in new monitors and the impact of these for Salisbury. Could Salisbury have some of the PM2.5 calibrated monitors from DEFRA? d) Please provide info on Wiltshire's latest AQ submission to DEFRA e) How is the monthly info collected here used? What conclusions are drawn and what action is taken? f) Could the diffusion tube readings be made available to the general public? g) Do we know where all the AQ pollutants are coming from in Salisbury? h) Could more be done to make the monitoring data more clear and transparent? i) Please could the STS sensors be calibrated to Wiltshire council sensors? j) We need an accurate system to monitor and clearly report on AQ across the city, month by month, season to season, year to year. k) Where will the new Wiltshire Council sensors be placed? What will they be measuring and will this be real time? 	SH

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> l) How can we better ensure that Wiltshire Council’s parking strategy and transport management strategy is correctly linked with the AQM strategy in the hope that each will inform the other? m) SDH has diffusion tubes but they would like to get the same monitors as Wiltshire Council uses/intends to buy so that SDH monitoring can be in sync with Wiltshire Council’s monitoring. Please tell us what model the monitors are. n) Can we tell how AQM data is influencing health outcomes, e.g. are we seeing a reduction in the need for asthma medication? As AQ data has been measured for the last 17 yrs in Salisbury – could graphical analysis over that period be given to the group 	
	To support existing or initiate new schemes to mitigate air pollution	Deliverable outcomes	The group to prioritise which existing initiatives it can better support and which new initiatives it needs to prioritise, resource and implement	Further discussions required at future working group meetings, but in the meantime, the group is asked to identify sites in the city that might benefit from a new orchard which NS can look to fund. Also, the group is asked to identify private sites where more trees can be planted, which NS can help to find funding for. NS is also working with highways colleagues to find where trees can be planted along Wiltshire Council Highway owned routes	ALL/NS
	To analyse the impact of mitigation schemes, e.g. from health data	Communicate successes and challenges, and use analysis for ongoing development of this groups work	The group to get better at knowing where it is having best impact and how to build on its successes	As per (n) above)	

<p>Modal Shift through LCWIP</p>	<p>Change habits through encouragement to use more sustainable modes of transport (e.g. school travel plans, active travel plans, e-car/bike schemes, footway/byway access)</p>	<p>Based on improved air quality monitoring and analysis of this data, re-focus the group's action to support existing and stimulate new LCWIP related initiatives</p>	<p>The group to prioritise which existing initiatives it can better support and which new initiatives it needs to prioritise, resource and implement – also taking stock of the information in the links below:</p> <p>How it works Co Wheels (co-wheels.org.uk)</p> <p>Salisbury COGS - Salisbury Active Travel Conference (google.com)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS to bring full updated LCWIP report to Sept meeting, offering reassurance that the LCWIP fully corresponds with the council's transportation strategy, parking strategy and AQM strategy • KL to find out from David Newton and Phil Grocock the implications of a possible new policy offering primary school pupils (and parents) free bus travel to encourage this type of modal shift • The group to attempt some comms raising the profile of cycle routes in and around the city as a local community initiative to encourage more people to take advantage of the (often hidden from view) alternative access to amenities, shops etc, to help reduce reliance upon cars 	<p>FS</p> <p>KL</p> <p>TBC</p>
<p>Flooding</p>	<p>Review and improve Salisbury's Flood Plan</p>	<p>SCC, EA and the Environmental Action Group to re-group around a better focused and more effective Flood Plan</p>	<p>The group is asked to add this workstream to its action planning to ensure Salisbury is more ready for the next major flood event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming 26th June meeting with Renate Malton, flood resilience and drainage officers, Chris Manuel and Severe Weather Officers, and Marc Read to confirm who will do what in response to future flood events in Salisbury, and to better understand how the flood plans of outlying villages, especially the Bourne Valley (see e.g. village website) but also leading up to Salisbury Plain impacts upon Salisbury's flood planning /with a view to flood groups being much better connected and networked to improve comms and responses • Upcoming July meeting with EA and resident groups in The Close to consider flooding issues which relate to this part of Salisbury and into the Friary/St Martin's division • SH to circulate his Salisbury report on flooding from the Winter 2023 flood event on Ashley Rd 	<p>SH/KL</p> <p>SH</p>