

York Bus Forum: Presentation held 20 March 2018 – CYC West Offices

Present: Around 20 members & visitors, apologies from Colin Fletcher
Graham Collett, in the Chair, welcomed Andrew Bradley CYC Sustainable Transport Team Leader, Mike Southcombe, CYC Environment Officer and Rachel Benn, FirstYork

MS introduced the topic of Clean Air Zones in the interests of health objectives, noting that locally there had been breaches, not just in city centre. It was planned to introduce CAZs subject to public consultation, since it was obvious that particulates/Nox levels had to be tackled. The Council would continue its policy with AQ Action Plans aiming to meet government directives on CO2 reduction, acknowledging that transport was the principal contributor to poor air quality. Reminder was given about the council website (YOUR AIR)

AB outlined a number of initiatives that would be promoted to deal with that, and emphasised that York had been awarded funding through the Sustainable Transport Award scheme, and hoped that taxi incentives could be promoted for their use of low emission/hybrid vehicles, though buses were, in comparison to use, contributing to 30% pollution. A network of electric vehicles charging points was also a priority, and pressure would be put on developers to play their part. Consideration had also to be given for a freight transshipment facility on A1237, but he felt that Park and Ride was a key on congestion grounds, if electric D/D vehicles could be introduced on many routes. There might be implications for some of the small operators with whom discussions are ongoing.

A number of questions and observations were made from the floor, relating to current council on pollution monitoring, impact of vans and HCVs, evidence-based decisions, signage, coach use, and relation with other authorities in the business field. It was noted that the average age of vehicles in FY fleet was 9 years.

The speakers were thanked for their contributions and the proceedings ended at 18.30.

Minutes of YBF Committee Meeting – 20 March 2018 at CYC West Offices

Present: G.Collett (CHAIR) J Bibby, R Healey, S Irvine, D.Merrett, B.Nye (Apologies Andy D'Agorne)

1. Minutes of 19 December meeting agreed and signed.
2. Matters Arising - Letter to IG – noted; Festival of Ideas, would be health related; working with OPY; Speaker J.Sturdy(Outer York MP) planned for 19 Sept; Need for emergency group – agreed
3. AGM arrangements – DM outlined plans for 17th April AGM
4. Access group – draft received from RB; Transport Group – proceeding.
5. Membership – noted Naburn PC, YOPA, Bishopthorpe PC and Stamford Bridge PC
6. Website – new version now available, but feedback form required, thanks to GC
7. Bus Strategy Group – 4 headings to be dealt with, inc.bus gates, bus priority, smart ticketing; noted that YEF Transport Group working with Civic Trust.
8. York Central Partnership – next meeting April 10 – planning consent would be sought in the autumn
9. Publicity Leaflet – reported that cost could be £5 per 500 copies
10. Bus Station group had recently met, final report to AGM with master plan for rail station, Network Rail contact identified.

Meeting closed 19.00

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