

TS Transport Group meeting, 28th January 2010 at Kings Stanley.

Those Attending: Hagar Niblett, Marta Suarez, Erik Wilkinson, Helen Royall, Carol Matthews, John Meadley, Simon Allen, Rene Meek, Nigel Stanton.

Apologies: Georgina Smith, NHS Sustainability Officer.

Minutes of the previous meeting: were circulated before the meeting and there were no matters arising.

Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan LTP3 : NS described the process by which the County Council is required to design and produce a Plan to run concurrently from the end of LTP2 in 2011 to 2026. The initial public consultation period is ending on 12th February and everyone is encouraged to fill in the questionnaire online at <www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=95795>. There are also two workshops in Stroud on 4th and 10th February in Stroud Library. Details and bookings can be obtained on 01452 425690. It is vital that we all have an input into this process.

Tripswitch: JM gave an update of the changes, the most important of which is that SDC have now handed over the running of it to the Transport Group and Helen Royall has been appointed co-ordinator. SDC are funding the Group to manage Tripswitch, giving £800 until March this year and then £2000 for the year to March 2011. Helen will be supported by the Transport Group in her work to manage and develop Tripswitch during the coming year. The Tripswitch Partners are Transition Stroud, Stroud Youth Council, Transport 21, Stroud Valleys Cycle Campaign, Stroud District Pedestrian & Cycling Forum, Changing Gear, Gloucestershire County Council, Stroud District Council, any Town and Parish Councils with an active interest. The first Tripswitch meeting will be 22nd February at 2pm at Ebley Mill in the Committee Room.

The Marling Low Carbon Bursary Scheme. John provided some background information about the scheme, the primary aim of which is for a teacher to be released for half a day per week to raise the profile of the environment within the school. The nominated teacher is Hayley Smith and the priority activities include increasing the environmental focus of those subjects in which it naturally fits, engaging with the pupils to identify the school's carbon footprint and working with the governing body to develop a policy on its response to global changes. The school has recently signed up to the Young Energy People initiative (managed by SWEA) and this will significantly increase the impact of the Transition initiative.

Changing Gear, Access Bike and Back2Bike. John summarised his paper (attached - and which had been circulated earlier) on the proposed future of Changing Gear - a new emphasis being on helping a number of interested people to become qualified trainers to level 3 standard. As a result of some pupils not cashing their vouchers, and of there being only one cycle trainer (Rob Reed) rather than two during BIKE WEEK 2009, there is a balance of approaching £1,000 in the Changing Gear account. John proposed that, subject to further discussion about the future of Changing Gear, £750 of this should be used to subsidise £125 of the cost of level 3 training (£550 less £300 government grant less £125 CG subsidy) leaving a balance of £125 to be paid by each individual. In return for the CG subsidy, the participant would undertake to assist in the planning and delivery of Changing Gear, Access Bike and Back2Bike. There was general support for this approach. John will follow up with the relevant and interested parties before making the final decision.