

FOSBR Committee Meeting



Wednesday 5 September 2018, 7.15pm STEAM pub Clifton Down

MINUTES

1. Present: Tina Biggs, Carol Durrant, Andy McGillivray, Barbara Segal, Terry Miller, Tony Lloyd, Rob Dixon.
2. Ongoing issues:
 - a) Severn Beach Line Class 166 troubles (now exactly one year on!) - GWR bus at Avonmouth has seen enough use to justify continued funding. Cancellations in August are reduced compared to July. 10mph limit still in place at Temple Meads but not a large contributor to SBL delays. Signallers are now intervening manually. Cancellations reduced. **Action - watching brief on delays and cancellations (Carol, Terry, Andy)**
 - b) Portishead Line – N Somerset and WECA are seeking top-up funding and are considering governance arrangements. TravelWest suggest getting quote from alternative rail engineering firm as this might be cheaper than Network Rail, but WECA have already spent £7m on re-scope study. TfGB welcome Grayling's suggestion of light rail. WECA to carry out study into cost and feasibility. **Action - political impasse – watching brief.**
 - c) Henbury Loop – BCC have now ruled out Temple Meads location for Arena. Tina to include Henbury Loop in FOSBR statement to WECA. The newly released Bristol Transport Strategy consultation draft does not mention Henbury Loop though it includes Constable Rd, St Anne's, Ashton Gate, North Filton, Henbury and Ashley Hill. Marvin Rees is not overly committed to the idea of an Arena as a legacy project from George Ferguson, but will accept proposals for a suitable site. **Action Carol** to draft newsletter article to renew case for Henbury Loop?
3. Report of Action for Rail day – took place on Monday 3 September – Tina, Julie and Barbara handed out FOSBR delays leaflet and FOSBR Rail Plan 2018 postcards. Labour Party handed out their own campaign leaflets based around renationalisation campaign. **Action – next time to be clearer about FOSBR being cross-party and not aligned to any one political campaign.**
4. Upcoming campaign – FOSBR Rail Plan 2018 – “FOSBR Railcard campaign”?
 - a) We have run out of the 750 FOSBR Rail Plan 2018 cards – **Andy/Rob** have drafted a simplified one to connect better with the public.
 - b) UWE have recruited one MSc student to be our transport consultant – Christopher Orlik – he will advise us on the campaign and help draft the formal FOSBR consultation submission for WECA. Tina suggests that Christopher collate the existing FOSBR evidence for Rail Plan station reopening proposals into a brochure – in priority order: Pilning, Henbury Loop (including Chittening), Thornbury Line, and then the remaining extra stations (Coalpit Heath, Corsham, Long Ashton, Locking). Miriam Ricci is supervising and suggests using evidence from a recent travel to work survey and identifying gaps in the evidence.
 - c) FOSBR have requested a meeting with David Carter (Head of Infrastructure at WECA) and Jason Humm, new WECA Head of Transport, but Jason has replied to say they are a small team with limited capacity and can't meet one campaign group as this would not be even-handed. **Action - Christopher Orlik** to set a date for a meeting with James White.
 - d) Barbara Segal has suggested a September meeting for Easton residents. Tina would like a campaign meeting for FOSBR members to plan FOSBR Railcard campaign. **Outcome –** it was decided to focus on a Filton Bank celebration in January 2019.
5. Newsletter – **Action Tony** to collect articles.
6. Next FOSBR cttee meeting date – **Monday 8 October.**