

FOSBR Committee Meeting

Monday 8 October 2018, 7.15pm STEAM pub Clifton Down



MINUTES

1. Present: Rob Dixon, Carol Durrant, Andy Burkitt, Terry Miller, Christopher Orlik, Tony Lloyd, Tina Biggs. Apologies: Julie Boston, Barbara Segal, Andy McGillivray and Martin Garrett
2. Ongoing issues:
 - a) Carol/Terry report on Severn Beach Line cancellations: the past three months have seen month-on-month improvement. October to November stats will be meaningless due to Filton Bank engineering works – watching brief once trains start again.
 - b) Portishead Line – TfGB are suggesting we could lobby DfT direct for funding, and that we should be promoting a light rail Mass Transit alternative to Bristol Underground as part of an ambitious package. Discussions ongoing on two aspects – using heavy rail infrastructure with light rail (Grayling’s suggestion which WECA will do a study on) and creating new light rail lines – should these be on-street with pedestrianisation for safety? Proposal to prepare a joint balanced briefing document for presentation to WECA.
 - c) Arena location – Temple Meads location has now been ruled out but no promises that Brabazon location is to be chosen. Need to update technical case for Henbury Loop as part of FOSBR Rail Plan campaign. Rob to contact Darren Jones and Mark Weston.
3. Upcoming campaigns
 - a) Updated draft of FOSBR Rail Plan 2018 campaign postcard for new print run – same subject matter but differently grouped to allow an introductory paragraph – 3000 to be printed for £300 and distributed widely. Rob and Barbara to distribute in Coalpit Heath and elsewhere.
 - b) UWE’s MSc student Christopher Orlik, supervised by Miriam Ricci, for six weeks full-time spread over next months. Christopher Orlik and Tina to meet with James White. Agreed to focus on four proposals – Henbury Loop, Pilning, Thornbury and Corsham in that order of priority.
 - c) Filton Bank celebration anticipated for January, perhaps in conjunction with FOSBR Rail Plan launch event? Rob to contact Claire McGine. Rail lines to reopen 19th November 2018 but with some work to complete in December.
 - d) Bristol Transport Strategy – consultation now open till Friday 2 November – Tina, Rob and Carol to collaborate on draft. Railfuture, TfGB and the Sustainable Transport Network are also submitting responses.
 - e) Future BCC meetings – Next BCC Cabinet Tuesday 6 November at 4pm City Hall – FOSBR to focus attention on Henbury Loop.
 - f) Next WECA meetings – Weds 28 November WECA Scrutiny and Friday 30 November WECA Committee and West of England Joint Committee – Tina to attend, possibly with a statement summarising pros and cons of light rail as being the most recent proposal.
4. Newsletter – Action Tony to print and circulate before end of BTS consultation.
5. Next FOSBR cttee meeting date: Monday 5 November and Monday 3 December.