

FOSBR Committee Meeting

Monday 5 November 2018, 7.15pm STEAM pub Clifton Down



MINUTES

1. Present: Rennie Dickens, Carol Durrant, Terry Miller, Andy McGillivray, Rob Dixon, Tina Biggs. Apologies: Barbara Segal, Julie Boston, Martin Garrett, Gavin Smith and Tony Lloyd.
2. AGM – date fixed as Friday 18 January, 7pm for 7.15pm (we have the hall from 6.45pm-9.45pm); Graham Ellis to be keynote speaker. Other ideas – Brian Lomas (Light Rail Association) with thoughts on the Portishead tram-train proposal; Ann O’Driscoll on N Bristol SusCom aspirations.
3. Filton Bank celebration – suggest Filton Abbey Wood on a Friday in January.
4. Ongoing issues:
 - a) Severn Beach Line: “Train doors” error persisting – to follow up with GWR. Tina proposed that the GWR standby bus should every Avonmouth train rather than just the Severn Beach-bound trains in the timetable (every third train, once every two hours). Discussion concluded this would be a dangerous step towards phasing out the train service to Severn Beach. SevernNet are proposing to fund a bus from Avonmouth to Cribbs Causeway via Severn Beach station – Tina to seek update from Kate Royston.
 - b) Portishead Line light rail proposal – TfGB would like a separate meeting to prepare a joint balanced briefing document with FOSBR for joint presentation to WECA – Carol to attend TfGB meeting on Tuesday 13 November.
 - c) Henbury Loop – Need to update technical case for Henbury Loop as part of FOSBR Rail Plan campaign. Tina to give print-out of CH2MHill Sept 2015 report to Chris. Suggestion to cite Felixstowe port as precedent; also note that Massive Attack, a Bristol based band are proposing to hold concerts at Brabazon. Tina to ask Councillor Jo Sergeant to check with Prof Eddie Wilson on observation of level crossing barriers linked to each other (Andy McG contends they are already decoupled); also to check with Port if Holesmouth Bridge has access to the rest of the Port on the west of the train line. N Bristol SusCom and SevernNet are also supportive of the Loop. Rob to write to Darren Jones and Mark Weston.
 - d) Pilning – Graham Ellis, Lee Fletcher and Reuben Paget have been helping Olga with the case for Pilning – considering other locations for better footfall – have drafted a timetable to also serve Aztec West. Graham to present this “SEWWEB” proposal to FOSBR AGM and have member vote on whether to include Aztec West on FOSBR Rail Plan 2018 map. Local councillor Robert Griffin, Victoria Bywater of Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council and Kate Royston of SevernNet are all willing to support the case for Pilning – for submission to the WECA JLTP4.
5. Upcoming campaigns
 - a) Updated draft of FOSBR Rail Plan 2018 campaign postcard for new print run – 3000 have been printed – Rob, Carol, Julie and Barbara to distribute.
 - b) UWE’s MSc student Christopher Orlik and Tina met with James White – Tina has permission to access BCC M32 camera data to make the case for North Bristol stations and put in priority order – will need to pay DVLA to provide postcodes. Christopher also has access to 2011 census travel to work data and a recent UWE travel to work survey for N Bristol – indicates that S Glos is the main commuter belt into Bristol – Christopher to break down into individual communities. Note that Aztec West in S Glos would need a separate application to S Glos; also M32 is where the air quality is the worst.
 - c) Bristol Transport Strategy – consultation now closed – Tina, Rob and Carol collaborated on draft. Railfuture, TfGB and the Sustainable Transport Network also submitted responses.
 - d) Future BCC meetings – Next BCC Cabinet Tuesday 6 November at 4pm City Hall, Full Council Tuesday 13 November – cttee decided not to submit statement
 - e) Next WECA meetings – Weds 28 November WECA Scrutiny and Friday 30 November WECA Committee and West of England Joint Committee – Tina to attend and report back.
6. Next FOSBR cttee meeting date: Monday 3 December.