

Central London Freight Quality Partnership



Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes

Date/Time: 9th February 2016 9.45 to 12:30

Venue: Meeting Room C 419
University of Westminster,
35 Marylebone Road,
London NW1 5LS

Notes of meeting held on 9th February 2016

Present

Michael Browne (Chair)	CLFQP
Dennis Lynch	CLFQP
Mike Bracey	Brewery Logistics Group (BLG)
Roy Turner	London Borough of Camden
Jess Wiles	London Borough of Camden
Stephen Burke	City of London
Matthew Bennett	West End Partnership
Denise Beedell	FBS
Chris Clements	TfL
Donata MacGrossan	TfL
Ron Searle	Travis Perkins
Andrew Lowery	TNT
Jolyon Drury	CILT
Antoneta Horbury	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
John Crosk	Tradeteam/DHL
Rachael Dillon	Freight Transport Association (FTA)
Vicky Keeble	Cross River Partnership
Freddie Talberg	PIE Mapping
Martin Schulz	Arup
David Scott-Smith	RHA
Jerry Ward	JLP

Item 1

Welcome, introductions and apologies.

Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made and apologies accepted.

Item 2

Notes of the last meeting (Current Freight Issues Group meeting on 3rd November 2015)

The meeting notes were agreed.

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:

Mike Browne noted the following issues from the previous meeting:

Members asked if an update was available on the Baker St. 2 Way Scheme.

Action: Dennis would liaise with Hugh Brennan to arrange a possible update.

It was proposed Dennis would contact Boroughs prior to each future meeting, to allow a list of initiatives/issues to be placed on the Agenda.

Action: Dennis to arrange prior to the next meeting.

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3

Decarbonising Commercial Vehicles (Current and future activities)

Unfortunately Gloria Esposito was unable to attend the meeting.

Action: Dennis would rearrange this presentation for a future date.

However, Rachael Dillon (FTA) gave a short summary on the following;

- Low Carbon Truck trials.
- The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership accreditation Scheme.
- Freight Carbon Review (Dept. for Transport).

Action: Dennis would arrange for a link to be put on the CLFQP website to the LOWCpv.

Item 4

Transport Select Committee update

(Road haulage sector: Skills and workforce planning)

Jolyon Drury attended The Transport Committee recent enquiry into skills and workforce planning in the road haulage sector and the following is a summary of his observations:

The object of the committee is to investigate what action Government has taken to address industry concerns about a lack of skilled drivers in the sector and to assess how effective the Government response has been.

Jolyon summarised the 3 main issues that impact attracting new recruits to the driving profession. These were:

1. The negative work/life balance.
2. Facilities.
3. The lack of career progression.

The Select Committee have yet to report on their findings.

The CLFQP were unanimous this issue is as serious in Central London as it is in other parts of the UK and suggested a CLFQP working party be formed to list the issue's and recommend ways the industry can help. The following members agreed to meet.

Chris Clements
Jess Wiles
John Crook
Mike Bracey
Denise Beedell
Dennis Lynch

Action: Dennis to arrange the first meeting.

Item 5

Borough initiatives and issues on Freight

Antoneta Horbury - Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea are:

To roll out during this summer pay by phone (pay for Parking).

Still evaluating large goods vehicles driving down narrow streets.

Roy Turner - Camden are:

Studying the use of "Rail" linked to HS2.

Looking at re-timing of Deliveries as part of the West End Project.

Considering New Low Carbon vehicles with matched Funding.

Item 6

TfL Projects update

Chris Clements and Donata MacGrossan briefed the group on the following TfL issues/projects:

London Freight Borough Officer's Liaison Group Meeting

- The second meeting of the London Borough Freight Officer's Liaison group took place on the 27 January 2016.
- At the meeting delegates were provided with the opportunity to view a low-entry high-visibility cab vehicle being used on a LoHAC contract. The vehicle showcases our preferred approach to HGV safety, by ensuring the design of the vehicle contains built in safety equipment and eliminates blind-spots.
- Delegates were also able to view retro-fitted cycle and pedestrian safety technology from independent company Cycle Safety Shield.
- Borough delegates were provided with presentation updates on our freight safety programme, our work on consolidation and projects due to commence on providing open source freight data.
- Following the working group sessions held in December, a draft action plan was drawn up. The action plan sets out a series of objectives and actions for the borough officer's liaison group to achieve over the next 12 months. The draft plan was circulated to boroughs officers for final comment and we hope this will be finalised by 15 February 2016. This will form part of an update for the next full TEC meeting in March.

HGV Safety

- The Safer Lorry Scheme was launched in Sep 2015. So far, compliance with the scheme has been extremely high.
- Continuing to reduce road danger is a key priority for TfL.
- The Mayor and Cycling Commissioner have decided to focus the consultation on the side panel windows aspect
- The key thing to remember is this is a consultation on the principle. It's vital that the industry respond to the consultation to provide their views.
- The consultation closes on Friday 4 March

Road Modernisation Plan

- London's population is booming, expected to reach 10 million in the 2030s – this is the equivalent of two full buses of people every day
- £4bn RMP - largest of its kind in a generation - is addressing this growing population and greater demand on the roads

- The RMP is delivering greener, safer and more attractive roads, and the modernisation of essential routes, bridges and tunnels to improve reliability
- We are working 24-hours a day to relieve congestion through the Traffic Control Centre and cracking down on illegal or inconsiderate drivers through a team of traffic enforcement officers.
- We are also expanding the use of intelligent traffic signals to more efficiently manage traffic, encouraging deliveries outside the busiest times and progressing new ways to tackle the rapid growth in minicabs.
- By the summer, we will have completed the East-West and North-South Cycle Superhighways, Cycle Superhighway 1 and the upgrade to Cycle Superhighway 2. Work will also be complete on the Oval and Stockwell junctions, along Cycle Superhighway 7.
- Further improvements are ongoing to improve Cycle Superhighway 3 and Cycle Superhighway 8.

LoCITY update:

- LoCITY is a five year industry led programme working with freight and fleet operators, vehicle manufactures, infrastructure providers and other stakeholders to increase availability and update of low emission commercial vehicles
- Launch event took place at the end of January and was attended by over 100 organisations
- At the event the website and video were launched – I encourage the group to go and watch the video as it explains aims of LoCITY www.locity.org.uk There is also a short video summarising the launch event for those who were unable to attend
- There is a contact form on the website where we have been capturing people's interest and this data will then be used to contact interested organisations to publicise the progress of the working groups and upcoming events – next event is the LoCITY conference on 25 May at London Guildhall
- Just to stress, LoCITY is not just about charging and electric vehicles, but covers all alternative fuels - if you go to the website there is an article on CNG and hydrogen. Please get in touch if you would like a story to be added to the site
- Resources area on the website is available and contains a summary of the launch event and delegate list, details about the programme's working groups, link to a report by King's College about understanding the health impacts of air quality in London and an interactive infrastructure map

Questions raised at the meeting:

- How much of the £30m awarded to London for Go Ultra Low Cites has been allocated to freight? – a team here is working on finding out and will update when we know
- Will weight/payload be considered? – yes – we are keen to have a conversation with the DfT about the UK's weight limit compared to other European countries
- What about hybrid vehicles? – yes these are also covered
- Will public waste fleets also be involved? – yes – we have a working group specifically focusing on waste and construction vehicles

Item 7

Members Updates/any other business

The following items/issues were raised:

The Skill summit in Coventry on the 17th March

The new CEO and Chairman for the CILT (Kevin Richardson)

Travis Perkins have no Driver shortage.

John Lewis are undertaking an “out of hours/retiming” trial in Fulham.

Tradeteam/DHL are trialing wrapping kegs in rubber to reduce noise.

TNT are looking at retiming deliveries in Oxford Street

Arup were working on vehicle reduction by consolidation of Purchasing

CRP are working with Westminster City Council on a project looking at DSP's for Oxford Street West.

RHA Is working on tackling the driver shortage, improving the image of the industry and improving conditions for drivers.

The date of the RHA National Lorry Week event is planned for 19 - 24 September 2016.

She's RHA is a new initiative by the Road Haulage Association to encourage women into haulage.

Members asked for a update from TfL on Use of Kerbside Space and the Frevue Project

Action: Dennis to arrange for a future meeting

Item 8

Date of next meetings:

Please note the change of date for the May meeting.

May 3rd

July 12th

Oct 19th

Details of time/venue to be confirmed nearer the time, but currently planned as morning meetings to be held at the University of Westminster.