Central London Freight Quality Partnership

Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes

Date/Time: 26th February 2019  9.50 to 12.45

Venue: Meeting Room L195
University of Westminster,  
35 Marylebone Road  
London NW1 5LS

Notes of meeting held on 26th February 2019

Present
Mike Browne (Chair)  University of Gothenburg
Dennis Lynch  CLFQP
Sarah King  Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
Denise Beedell  FTA
Julian Allen  University of Westminster (UoW)
Mo Negm  London Borough of Camden
Max Lyne  London Borough of Camden
Antoneta Horbury  Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
Paul White  Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
Sefinat Otaru  Cross River Partnership (CRP)
Jerry Ward  John Lewis Partnership (JLP)
Matthew Bennett  West End Partnership Board
Tom Parker  City of London
Nicky Ward  TfL
John Crosk  BLG
Steve Steel  Emsol
David Kaner  West End Partnership
Jolyon Drury  CILT
Joe Farish  RHA
Linda White  RHA
Rianne Taylor  Westminster City Council
Sarah Bell  UPS
Hinesh Mehta  London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
Maja Piecyk  University of Westminster (UoW)
Nigel Simmonds  WSP
Sarah Clements  Element Energy
Celine Cluzel  Element Energy
Item 1
Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made and those present were reminded of the “competition” statement on the Agenda.

Item 2
Notes of the last meeting (Current Freight Issues Group meeting on 9th October 2018)
Dennis Lynch went briefly through the meeting notes, the notes were then agreed.

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:

Detailed information on planned Embankment Diversions
This had been provided and circulated by TfL.

TfL were asked if they had or could provide further information across other Boroughs relating to rest areas and public toilets
This is still on going and TfL will provide an update when available
Action: TfL will provide an update

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3
The Freight and Servicing Action Plan
Nicky Ward from TfL gave a Pre-launch briefing/presentation on this plan, which is due to be launched in early March. The Freight and Servicing Action Plan is the fourth document linked to the MTS.

The paper covered;
1. The purpose and scope of the action plan
2. Engagement with TfL partners
3. Overview of the Freight Action Plan
4. Publication
5. Next steps

The full presentation will be on the CLFQP website after the 8th March and attached to these Notes
Action: Dennis to arrange placing on the CLFQP website

Item 4
Cycle Freight
Celine Cluzel and Sarah Clements from Element Energy gave an interesting presentation on a Cycling Logistics Study they had carried out for CrossRiver Partnership

The presentation covered
Types of cargo bikes
Payloads
Benefits and Potential take up in London
Running costs
Recommendations for Boroughs

Celine would welcome any feedback on this study
(celine.cluzel@element-energy.co.uk)

The full presentation is attached

Item 5
West End Partnership Deliveries and Servicing Strategy
David Kaner updated progress on their Deliveries and Servicing plans, reminding the group of the 6 priority actions.

Retiming
Network Information
Logistics Land
Using leases
Remodelling
Delivery and Servicing Management Areas

Then David covered their 4 active projects
1. Using Property Leases to influence tenant behaviour
2. Support micro-distribution
3. Food & Beverage Supply Chain
4. Designing for Logistics

The full presentation is attached

Item 6
Borough initiatives and issues on Freight (plus Cross River Partnership projects)

LB.Camden:
Nothing further to report on Consolidation.

Camden currently offers cargo bike rider training to businesses in the borough that are interested in using cargo bikes for their operations. They are also currently looking into on street locations for dedicated cargo bike parking at key locations in the borough to encourage their use by private owners.

City of London:
The Long-term (25 years) strategy document is now complete, and the report from the planning and transportation committee be available in early March. Tom will send the link when available.

Action: Tom Parker to arrange
LB. Hammersmith and Fulham:
Proceeding with planning for a Consolidation Centre.

Westminster City Council:
Rianne Taylor will represent Westminster City Council at CLFQP meetings.

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea:
Now using Cargo bikes around some housing estates.

CRP:
Now have a “directory” of Low emission vehicles
Continuing with DSP work

Item 7
Discussion on CLFQP Direction and Focus for 2019-2020
Mike Browne gave short introduction to the history, current structure, operation and work of the CLFQP. Confirming the makeup and responsibilities on the Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) and the Steering Administration Group (SAG)

Discussion then took place covering;

1. Attendance and make up/members of groups
2. Size, structure and number of meetings
3. Subjects and focus of meetings
4. Presentations
5. Financial arrangements and options
6. Priorities for 2019-2020
7. Chair and Management

Action: Mike Browne agreed to write a summary of this discussion along with a recommendation for circulation to the SAG.

Item 8
Members update / any other business

Maja Piecyk
“Freight Traffic Control 2050 Project Final Symposium”
Date: Tuesday 25 June 2019, 09:30-16:30

The Final Project Symposium for the Freight Traffic Control 2050 project (www.ftc2050.com) will take place in London on Tuesday 25 June 2019. It is
being jointly organised with ITS UK. The day will consist of presentations, panel and poster discussions about operational, land-use, technological and policy implications of urban last-mile deliveries. The keynote speaker will be Professor Phil Blythe, Chief Scientific Advisor for the UK Department for Transport. Other speakers include practitioners, policymakers and academics. Attendance is free and will include a buffet lunch. A programme for the day will be circulated soon.

To book a place please visit: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/joint-symposium-meeting-its-uk-and-freight-control-traffic-tickets-56635390979 and if you have any questions please contact Julian Allen, University of Westminster (allenj@westminster.ac.uk)

Denise Beedell
TfL have arranged a roundtable discussion for the freight industry to look at plans for new cycle routes across London. It will be an opportunity to hear from project sponsors and local community teams about the planned routes and to ask any questions you may have.

The workshop is taking place at 55 Broadway (above St James’s Park on the Circle and District Lines) on Thursday 7 March, in the morning. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact Nick Waterman, Engagement Officer – National and Regional Partnership on NickWaterman@tfl.gov.uk.

The Housing, Communities and Local Government report to the House of Commons on High streets and town centres 2030
This includes a proposal for a ‘green tax’ on deliveries (see paragraph 76) and a submission from City of Westminster Evidence (point 32) with an idea of retail deliveries paying a charge based on the mileage that they travel from depot to door to discourage the practice of vans travelling long distances.

Jerry Ward
Raised the issue of extra fleet costs for operators by upgrading to Euro 6 (for ULEZ compliance).

John Crosk
The group may find the attached Events calendar useful
The Calendar is attached

Jolyon Drury
Truck Parking: Several Boroughs are finding sites for B8 developments to include consolidation centres. Depending on the location, a planning condition should promote providing truck parking on or near the distribution “hot spot” for 25% of the daily vehicles flow.

Sarah King
A “Pot Hole” Survey is available
Details of the £7,000 scrappage scheme is available on the FSB website

Sarah Bell
UPS are planning to operate an all-electric fleet within 3 years

Item 9
Date of next meetings: Please note date changes
21st May 19
23rd July 19
29th Oct 19
14th Jan 20