

Central London Freight Quality Partnership



Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes

Date/Time: 21st May 2019 9.50 to 12.40

Venue: Meeting Room M 324
University of Westminster,
35 Marylebone Road
London NW1 5LS

Notes of meeting held on 21st May 2019

Present

Denise Beedell	FTA (Chair)
Dennis Lynch	CLFQP
Sarah King	Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
Julian Allen	University of Westminster (UoW)
Phyllis McArthur	London Borough of Camden
Tom Linton-Smith	Cross River Partnership (CRP)
Jerry Ward	John Lewis Partnership
Matthew Bennett	West End Partnership Board
John Crosk	BLG
Steve Steel	Emsol
David Kaner	West End Partnership
Jolyon Drury	CILT
Linda White	RHA
Rianne Taylor	Westminster City Council
Sarah Bell	UPS
Andy Wilson	TNT
Chris Beattie	WEGO Couriers
Mick Dearle	MB UK
Robert Gwynn	Hermes Parcelnet LTD
Justin Laney	John Lewis Partnership

Item 1

Denise Beedell 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 26th February 2019)

Dennis Lynch briefly went through the meeting notes, the notes were then agreed

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:

Information from TfL is still outstanding relating to rest areas and public toilets across all Boroughs

Action: TfL will provide an update

City of London

The Long-term (25 years) strategy information/link still awaited

Action: Tom Parker

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3

'Our Approach to Cleaning Up Urban Freight' (John Lewis and Partners)

Justin Laney from John Lewis gave a very detailed and informative insight into the way John Lewis were planning to power all Trucks with Bio Methane by 2028. They expect Bio Methane to play a key role in their fleet until 2045 and possibly beyond.

Justin answered a number of questions covering: Bio Methane supply, Home Delivery, Gas Chillers, and Fleet size

The full presentation will be on the CLFQP website and also attached to these Notes

Action: Dennis to arrange placing on the CLFQP website

Item 4

TfL Projects update (including the planned Freight Forum)

Due to a date misunderstanding TfL did not attend the meeting; however this was a genuine mistake.

Below is the Apology.

“Please accept my full apologies for the TfL no-show at yesterday’s Session.

It was a genuine diary mistake on my part and in that, a one off. So please don’t take it as an indication of diminishing support. I, and we, remain fully committed to the Freight agenda in London.

Apologies once more and please do pass these on to the wider group”

Action: TfL will issue an update ASAP for circulation to the CLFQP

Denise Beedell confirmed that Alex Berwin would be the CLFQP contact at TfL in the future.

Item 5

Borough initiatives and issues on Freight (plus CrossRiver Partnership projects)

Camden

Phyllis McArthur gave an update on the Consolidation project, highlighting they had reduced emissions, and increased volumes, although the warehouse was still only running at 50% capacity. They are hoping to increase throughput from Islington, Enfield and Waltham Forest boroughs.

Detailed Carbon data will be forward to Dennis for Distribution.

Action: Dennis to circulate.

Westminster

Rianne Taylor confirmed the Cabinet had approved the Freight Delivery Strategy, which fully recognises Freight and Servicing. It may be possible to update the group at the July meeting.

Baker Street 2 way changes have gone well with few problems. Live updates are on the website.

CRP

CRP have received funding from DeFRA for Clean Air Villages 2, and will be working with a number of London Boroughs on "Local Freight".

They also thanked the group for feedback on the "Cycle Freight" presentation (last meeting). The study has been useful to boroughs and will feature as part of the cycling and walking conference and will be published in the near future.

West End Partnership (WEP)

David Kaner confirmed the workshop on 7 June for landlords and agents. With the focus on how a land owner can influence tenants to reduce deliveries. David would be happy to talk to the Brewery Logistics Group and anyone else who wants to get involved.

Item 6

Members update / any other business

As a general observation the group were concerned with changes around Oxford St – Holborn Gyratory – West End and other Central London key Freight locations. Asking if any work is being done on how traffic flows interact

with each project and as a total. TfL should consider how they interact across the total road network.

Julian Allen.

University of Westminster is now involved in Centre for Sustainable Road Freight. Any member who wishes to be involved please contact Julian.

Sarah King

The FSB – ULEZ event was well received with 3 people from TfL and approx. 40 attendees.

Action: Sarah to send the information link to Dennis for circulation

The FSB would also like any case studies of businesses impacted by Crossrail.

Jolyon Drury

Sue Terpilowski is now Chair of the Public Policy committee.

John Crosk

The BLG raised concerns about some recent consultations. In some cases kerbside planning is not fully taking into consideration access for freight when changes are being planned to Loading bays and the kerbside. A number of examples were highlighted and in some instances discussions have taken place with Boroughs at the Planning stage. Even after this there are instances where changes to loading bays have been implemented, that then produced “Failed” deliveries.

We need to avoid this happening again.

(Following the meeting this subject was discussed with the BLG. Mike Bracey of the BLG agreed to look at the possibility of developing an Aid Memoir that would be available to all London Boroughs. This document would help planners in developing new/changes for loading, unloading at the Kerbside with specific reference to Brewery Deliveries.)

Jerry Ward

Islington Council in their Highway West area, have imposed a 3.5Ton (max) experimental traffic order, covering 18 months. With width restriction and smart enforcement technology.

Action: Jerry will pass details to Dennis for circulation.

Denise Beedell

A short discussion took place on the LLCS.

Members are still concerned with the slow progress on this review, although it is understood a consultant has been appointed to assist London Councils on the work.

A number of the group have offered to help with vehicle trials.

Dennis agreed to raise the whole subject of the LLCS with TfL

Action: Dennis to Speak to TfL

Item 7

Date of next meetings:

23rd July 19

29th Oct 19

14th Jan 20