

Central London Freight Quality Partnership



Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes (Online meeting)

Date/Time: 22nd February 2022 14.00 to 15.30

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present on online meeting

Mike Browne	CLFQP/ University of Gothenburg (Chair)
John Crosk	CLFQP (Manager)
Natalie Chapman	Logistics UK
Rianne Taylor	Westminster City Council
Jerry Ward	John Lewis Partnership
Linda White	RHA
Helen Fallon	TfL
Mick Dearle	Martin Brower
David Kaner	West End Partnership
Jolyon Drury	CILT
Amanda Zambon	DHL
Mike Bracey	Brewery Logistics Group
Julian Allen	University of Westminster (UoW)
Maja Piecyk	University of Westminster (UoW)
Antoneta Horbury	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
James Adcroft	Tesco
Keith Abbott	Saints
Jacqueline Saunders	Camden Council
Ngaire Thomson	Barnet Council
Eleonora Tu	Institute for Transport and Logistics (Italy)
Konstantina Katsela	University of Gothenburg
Matthew Bennett	West End Partnership Board
Jon Miller	Islington
Eleanora Marshall	Cross River Partnership
Joe Dack	HDR
Tom Cornwell	RHA
Huw Brennan	Westminster City Council
Ben Noble	Enfield Council
Jo Beare	Covent Garden Markets Association
Liz English	Department for Transport
Caroline Overton	Emsol
Freddie Talberg	Emsol

Item 1: Welcome, introduction and apologies

Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made, and the group was reminded of competition law agreement.

Item 2: Meeting notes from the last meeting

John Crosk referred to the meeting notes for the meeting held on the 2nd November 2021 and reported that there was one outstanding action, the follow up discussion meeting was still to be arranged, JC will send invites in the next couple of weeks.

Item 3: Providing answers for supply chain sustainability Presentation

Jerry Ward John Lewis Partnership & Caroline Overton Emsol

Jerry and Caroline made a presentation reviewing how EMSOL partnered with the John Lewis Partnership to reduce pollution impact on the environment and their neighbours.

The full presentation has been forwarded separately via email.

Item 4: Freight and Planning in the US Presentation

Joe Dack Transport and Logistics Project Manager HDR

Joe made a presentation reviewing how logistics planning is undertaken in the US.

Item 5: Loading Space for Freight Presentation

David Kaner West End Partnership

David made a presentation reviewing the challenges logistics operators face gaining access to the kerbside, and how little planning goes into designing street space and understanding the needs of the businesses on street.

Item 6: TfL Update

Helen Fallon Transport for London

Helen gave a summary of projects completed in 2021, and the projects planned for 2022, these included

- DVS phase 1, enforcement began in 2021
- TfL & Network Rail worked together to produce the first freight strategy since 2007
- FORS review completed
- Engagement with cycle freight industry with the aim of developing a cycle freight strategy
- Venerable road user training completed
- TfL are looking to update their delivery and servicing guidelines and embed them into a freight plan for any future changes on street
- TfL are looking for all deliveries to their buildings to be zero emissions by 2025
- DVS 2, research has begun more details will follow throughout the year
- TfL will look at the possibility of a mode shift from road to rail and river to see how much can be moved via these modes of transport
- A kerbside strategy will be on the agenda for 2022 with the aim of understanding the requirements and use of the kerbside, a project team will be set up in the near future with more details to follow

Item 7: Borough initiatives

Rianne Taylor WCC Update:

Rianne informed the group that she is moving to other projects with WCC and will not be attending future meetings, Huw Brennon will represent WCC at future meetings and will be the contact for freight operators going forward.

No other updates from Boroughs

Item 8: Members update and AOB

Natalie Chapman : Logistics UK

Natalie informed the group that their skills report is now available via the link <https://logistics.org.uk/campaigns/logistics-uk-skills-and-employment-advice-hub/logistics-uk-s-skills-and-employment-report>

Natalie noted that the industry was still facing driver shortages, but somehow delivered its xmas volume despite the challenges her members were facing.

Julian Allen: Explained that Westminster University has produced three reports

The Centre for Sustainable Road Freight project website:

<https://www.csrf.ac.uk/>

Under 'Outputs' there is a section called 'Policy Briefings' from which the reports are available. Here's the weblink for that page:

<https://www.csrf.ac.uk/outputs-home/policy-briefings-2/>

This 'Policy Briefing' webpage contains University of Westminster SRF reports on:

Online shopping and last-mile delivery (various reports and stakeholder actions available)

Construction logistics

HGV Driver Shortage in the UK

Road mapping report (which provides a review of published roadmaps and progress towards net zero freight transport and logistics)

Higher Capacity Vehicles

Decarbonising the UK's Long-Haul Road Freight at Minimum Economic Cost (a white paper by our project colleagues at Cambridge University)

Plus, Westminster University is currently working on SRF reports on (not available yet):

Logistics land use and freight transport

Freight transport and the kerbside

Road freight transport SMEs: Trading, operational and decarbonisation perspectives

Jolyon Drury CILT: Informed the meeting that CILT and the DfT are working on the issue around driver facilities and the lack of welfare where there are issues around a reluctance at premises to allow urban distribution operatives the opportunity to use toilets and hand washing facilities.

Jolyon will update the group at the next meeting.

Item 8: Date of next meeting

Next meeting: May 2022 date to be agreed.