



North Bristol SusCom - January 2016 Update

Get Gorge-ous Cycle Challenge 2016

Want to encourage colleagues to get cycling? Adult cyclists of all abilities are being invited to 'get on their bikes' for a 50 mile cycle ride from Bristol to the Cheddar Gorge, and back!

Interested parties [sign up](#) to a series of training rides over 5 months, starting in February 2016, to build up strength, skill and stamina for the main challenge ride on 2 July 2016. The CTC (national cycling charity) will give help & encouragement, advice about bikes & equipment and answer any questions.

Contact bob@cyclebristolctc.org.uk for more details and to register now!

A poster is available [here](#) to download and promote to staff.

Help Plan the future of the West of England

At our SusCom meeting in November, I briefed you on two major consultations getting underway about the future of the area. The West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Transport Study will set out a prospectus for sustainable growth that will help the area meet its housing and transport needs for the next 20 years.

Working with Business West, the Bristol Green Capital Partnership and the four local authorities, North Bristol SusCom is helping to organise a number of consultation events to help businesses input into where these future homes and transport investment should be located.

You, and/or a colleague, are invited to join us at the following consultation event: **South Gloucestershire Business Event, 20 January 2016, 8am-11am, Hewlett Packard Enterprise**

The event will include a range of presentations, facilitated workshops and an opportunity for you to have your say on these important issues. To attend this event you will need to register [online here.](#)

SusCom meeting dates 2016

Reminder of our meeting dates for 2016. All meetings start at 10:00am and finish at 12:30 with a networking/refreshment break in the middle.

- Thursday 28th Jan 2016 The Mall Cribbs Causeway
- Tuesday 22nd March 2016 Airbus
- Thursday 19th May 2016 UWE (Uni of the West of England)
- Thursday 21st July 2016 Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- Thursday 15th September 2016 Bristol & Bath Science Park
- Thursday 17th November 2016 Southmead Hospital

The Agenda and directions for our 28th January meeting will be sent out shortly.

Travel to Work Survey

Reminder that the Travel to Work Survey will take place in March again this year. More info will be sent out over the coming weeks. As per previous years, we will provide you with email templates and materials to promote the survey to staff. For those of you participating in the SES Case Study as well, UWE is currently arranging interviews with all participants and SusCom will be helping organise the cordon counts.

Travel Award winners

Congratulations to all the winners at the [Travel West Business Awards](#) in November. Award winners included:

Best Newcomer - Minuteman Press

Most Improved Workplace - WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff

Best Motivational Campaign - Wessex Garages

Individual Most Committed to Sustainable Travel - Ben Luger (ecosurety)

Most Innovative Sustainable Travel Measure - Uni of Bristol Students Union

Organisation of the Year - UWE

Also special congratulations to [Hewlett Packard Enterprise](#) and [Aviva](#) for their Big Commuting Challenge Awards for winning their company size category.

Go Green Awards

If the Travel Awards got you fired up then why not enter the Go Green Awards. Choose from Most Improved or Best Newcomer category across the 5 Go Green theme areas: Energy & Efficiency, Travel & Transport, Planning & Resilience, Sustainable Sourcing and Happy & Healthy.

The closing dates for applications is 25th January and the awards ceremony is being held on 18th February at The Bristol Hotel. You must be a Go Green **Prove It** or **Do It** member to participate. For more info go to the [Go Green Website](#).

I look forward to working with you all in 2016 and hope to see you at some of our upcoming meetings.

All the best

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