

SOUTH GLOS COUNCIL UPDATE for 22nd May SusCom meeting

ACCESS WEST

Business Engagement Activities

As we are now into the new financial year we have a new pot of money available for match funded employer grants, there is currently just over £42,000 available for any project which promotes sustainable and active travel and/or reduces reliance on single occupancy vehicle trips. Please contact me directly for any enquiries relating to employer grants.

The big activity coming up is the Travelwest challenge, the new name for our annual commuting challenge. It will be run on a different platform this than it has in previous years, Better Points are attending the meeting to explain more...

Looking further ahead, we are hosting the travel awards in South Glos this year. The event will be on the 29th November at the UWE conference centre so please put the date in your diaries now. We will be looking for nominations for the awards over the summer months, there will be more in this in the next update.

Active Travel Champions

If you have not received the most recent newsletter, please let transport.policy@southglos.gov.uk know, and we will email this out to you.

We are looking to fill the last remaining slots for Dr Bike and Bike Maintenance in June and July, please get in touch ASAP if you are interested, there are 3 slots left for each.

We will be having a led walk with local nature expert Steve England on Filton Airfield on the 5th of June from 12.30pm – 1.15pm, along with a further led walk at Aztec West on the 3rd of July from 12.30pm – 1.15pm, to register interest please email transport.policy@southglos.gov.uk

Bristol and South Glos will be hosting a led ride for Active Travel Champions in July, this will be from Bristol – Bath, via the Cycle Path. To register interest please email transport.policy@southglos.gov.uk.

Do you have any innovative ideas to promote sustainable travel at your place of work? If so, let us know!

GULW

Here is a brief update on progress of the Go Ultra Low West project:

Charge points: Business Rapid and Fast

- There has been a significant interest into the employer grants available for this year. There are already a number of commitments which are due to be realised within the next period.
- Ongoing engagement with Businesses planned to drive grant uptake throughout the remainder of the year.

Charge points: Public

- Awaiting the final market research report which will provide the identified location hotspots, investigate utility network capacity and test financial modelling.
- Once received, this report will be used to define the work packages for the public charge points in SGC.

Implementation and Communications

- Business grants guide including FAQ's has been compiled and is due to be finalized ahead of distribution.
- A guide to capture the suite of offers available to Businesses has been compiled by the Bristol Design team and is being reviewed ahead of distribution.

JOINT SPATIAL PLAN UPDATE

The report and outcome of the consultation will go to exec members at the end of October for discussion and formal approval, following on from this the contents of the report will be progressed in the usual way as policy developments and, later on, as formal projects.

BROMLEY HEATH VIADUCT UPDATE

The works are progressing well and are on schedule with the removal of the contraflow in spring 2018. Many of the remaining works are weather dependent so we cannot be more specific at this time. The project team will provide an update with an expected completion date as soon as possible.

We will be gathering the traffic count data at the end of the project so we can see what effect there has been on travel options. We won't have pedestrian counts but will have cycling and traffic numbers. Anecdotally there appears to have been an increase in pedestrians.

CRIBBS PATCHWAY METROBUS EXTENSION

The agreed CPME route will operate between Bristol Parkway Station and The Mall bus station, via Hatchet Road, Gipsy Patch Lane, through the former Rolls Royce East Works site, along North Way, and through the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood. Officers are continuing to progress survey and design work.

Planning applications for the scheme were submitted to the Local Planning Authority on 28 February and public consultation on those applications is underway. The planning application material can be viewed on the Council's website at <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/search-planning-applications/>

The application reference numbers to search for are:

- San Andreas roundabout PT18/0992/R3F
- North Way bus link PT18/0988/R3F
- Gipsy Patch Lane Railway bridge PT18/0986/F
- Gipsy Patch Lane highway works to east and west of the bridge PT18/0987/R3F
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Subject to the granting of planning permission, construction of the scheme would start in 2019 with completion in 2021.

M49 JUNCTION

Highways England have run consultation events on 18th and 19th May to give some further information about the planned work, sadly too late for this update. I have a copy of the newsletter that HE have produced which will be circulated with this document.

CYCLING AND TRANSPORT POLICY UPDATE

LCWIP

Work on the development of a West of England Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is progressing well, Stakeholder workshops are planned for July as part of the process, more details of which will be circulated via Suscom and the Cycle forum once available.

Cycle Forum

The next cycle forum meeting will be during week commencing 25th June 2018, Please encourage your Cycle champions to attend. The venue is likely to be in the North Fringe area, but if anyone can host the meeting for us please contact us by email cycleforum@southglos.gov.uk.

Joint Local Transport Plan

A first draft has been circulated to Officers internally and Members are being briefed. There have also been two stakeholder workshops to gauge the views of specialists in the field. A second draft will be produced in June incorporating comments. Consultation has been pushed back to October to allow more time for comments which means that adoption will take place after the elections in May next year.