

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON Jan.12th.2016**

**Present:**

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Cllr.Denise Craghill	CYC Green Group
Cllr.Tony Richardson	CYC Cons.Group
Hugh Cripps	Yorks.Energy Partnership
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Chloe Suter	Edible York
Barry Otley	Wheatlands Community Woodland
Andy d'Agorne	Green Party
Dave Merrett	Independent
Graham Collett	Railfuture Yorkshire
Ron Healey	CPRE York/Selby
Richard Lane	York Community Energy
Ivana Jakubkova	St.Nicks
Adrian Lovett	Schumacher North
Alastair Cooper	York Quakers(Friargate)
Alison Sinclair	Cons. Area Advisory Panel
<b>Mike Southcombe</b>	<b>CYC Public Protection</b>

**Chair** Phil Bixby

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies: Mick Phythian, Dot Lawton, Carole Green, Sara Robin, Kate Lock.  
Welcome to Chloe Suter

**2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING,MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes agreed.

AC suggested a publicity stall at the Railway Museum. PB could possibly assist with artwork content.

**3 THE LOCAL LIST OF HERITAGE ASSETS -Alison Sinclair**

AS stated that the YOPF (York Open Planning Forum) had prepared a list of local heritage assets, and that the NPPF indicated that this should not be confined to buildings. The list included almost 200 items within a wide range (excluding listed items) derived from popular nominations. Any further work to include this in the local plan process had now been suspended due to lack of CYC resources, bearing in mind that this was not a statutory requirement. Cllr.Aspsden had indicated that he would support a local consultation.

AS suggested that the YEF could adopt this as one of its projects. It would need to be republicised, with speakers at Parish Councils, using the "Press" to generate public interest and support. Ideally it would need a co-ordinator and the list on a dedicated website. An SPD (supplementary planning document) should be prepared, with a management and review panel set up. Note that any inclusions would be classed as "material considerations" in any planning applications. Local

history groups should be approached. This matter was **NOT** dependent on formal conservation evaluation.

A d'A emphasised that this process should link in with the time scale for the Local Plan consultation.

AS agreed to lead on this if YEF wished to take it forward.

#### **4 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT UPDATE - Mike Southcombe**

**MS** noted that modal shift, recognising special needs, was only part of the strategy. The 3rd. AQAP (air quality action plan) recognised these needs, providing a holistic strategy for delivery of the objectives. CYC had submitted 3 bids for low emission elements of the aim to make York an ultra low-emissions city. This includes a roll-out of a major electric charging network, including rapid charging, with pay-as-you-go facilities. In parallel CYC was to encourage low-emission car sales. Bids had been made to support conversion of all park-and-ride buses to electric mode; to the clean bus technology fund for retrofitting buses, particularly school buses; and for taxi conversions. This was a comprehensive policy, with a deadline of 2021 for full compliance. There were doubts about the current regime for emissions testing, and how this might impact on targets. Establishing the precise causes of pollution was difficult, although there was no doubt that diesel engines have a disproportionate influence.

The "Clean Air Zone" concept was explained. The socio-economic value in relation to pollution risks of bus services had not been fully evaluated. Meanwhile it was hoped to achieve electric conversion in the urban bus fleet by 2018. It would be difficult to enforce prescriptive anti-idling measures. Persuasive behaviour change was likely to be the preferred option.

The potential for a freight transshipment depot was being explored, although this could well involve increased delivery costs passed on to consumers. It was confirmed that York Central was to be a low-emission development. Pollution monitoring at the railway station had been offered to the operator.

The Annual Report to Council would include green infrastructure measures.

Members thanked Mike for his informative review.

#### **5 YORK CENTRAL-THE YEF RESPONSE**

PB tabled a suggestion paper outlining possible avenues for promoting meaningful public debate and the important topics which should be on the agenda. The York Central issue should not be considered in isolation.

**1**-York Central- a truly sustainable development at the heart of the city.

**2**-how to develop at the edge of York to give good city and good country?

**3**-how to set standards for what is sustainable, and ensure developments achieve them?

The YEF could take a lead in promoting ideas workshops and public interactive meetings, allied to social media. The YEF had some funds available to initiate this, and could approach funders, as happened in the past with its Guildhall exhibition.

Speakers and facilitators would need to be identified.

Meanwhile the first round of consultation closes on Feb.15th.

Members comments by e-mail please before the next YEF meeting in order to codify a response. If this is not possible then members should submit their own individual comments directly to CYC.

## 6 FURTHER MEETING SCHEDULES

none registered

## 7 A.O.B.

IJ reported that CYC had now agreed to adopt the "1Planet City" concept and incorporate it into policy.

DM reported on his attendance at a recent climate change conference.

### NEXT MEETING

Date	Tues.9th.Feb.2016 4.00-6.00pm.
Venue	West Offices
Agenda	tbc

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