

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING 12th.Feb.2019**

Present:

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| Philip Crowe | York Tomorrow |
| Penny Bainbridge | Edible York |
| Ron Healey | CPRE Nth.Yorks |
| Andy d'Agorne | Green Party/individual member |
| Dave Merrett | York & District TU/individual member |
| Barry Otley | Treemendous York |
| Alison Sinclair | Cons.Area Advisory Panel |
| Tom de Simone | York Community Energy |
| Adrian Lovett | Good Food York |
| Caroline Lewis | Clean Air York |
| Luke Richardson | LNER/individual member |
| Roger Pierce | Friargate Quakers |
| Mike Bonsall | observer |
| Mike Southcombe | CYC |

Chair Phil Bixby

1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES, MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome to: Mike Southcombe, Mike Bonsall

Apologies: Mick Phythian, Graham Collett, John Cossham, June Tranmer

2 minutes agreed.

PB noted the current balance of funds c.£900.00. No new members since the previous meeting. LR queried whether the YEF would follow-up KL's presentation on climate change. AL and Ad'A reported on an unsatisfactory "One Planet" meeting with CYC, with a possible presence at the Festival of Ideas in June. DM attended a "Transport for the North" meeting on carbon review and emerging strategy-note air travel not in TFN remit. BO reported on a meeting on the White Rose Forest, and the role of CYC, with "Treemendous " York as an active participant .The YEF transport sub-group had met to discuss CYC proposals for signal upgrades and move to real-time data management.

3 YEF SUB-GROUPS- STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP- open discussion

It was clear that the existing sub-group structure had not worked well, with the transport sub-group being the most effective. One option would be for possibly four subgroups to each take responsibility for setting the month's agenda and inviting appropriate speakers, rather than relying on the Chair to organise the programme. The Chair would act as co-ordinator. The groups suggested were:- transport subgroup: green environment subgroup: "One Planet" subgroup: built environment subgroup (possibly with closer links to the Civic Trust.). These would act as "focus groups", presenting their in-depth recommendations to the YEF membership for comment/approval, to be followed by appropriate action(s). Each group could put forward a programme of topics, say possibly three per year. Further discussions needed.

4 CLEAN AIR ZONES UPDATE - Mike Southcombe

There appears to be wide public support for a Clean Air Zone programme, and this was discussed at the CYC Executive in January. The zone proposed was within and including the inner ring road, and buses would be the initial target for emission reduction by 2020. CYC were bidding to DEFRA for retro-fitting funds to assist operators with vehicle engine conversions, to be complemented by a CYC contribution. Operators would bid for these funds. There would be certain exemptions for operators outside York, depending on their service frequency. While electric buses might be the preferred option, it was acknowledged that because of their current cost operators were unlikely to introduce these to any extent in the near future without some form of financial incentive.

It was hoped to introduce anti-idling measures on the public highway and public carparks in June 2019, although there were legal implications for enforcement on private land (eg. supermarket carparks). Enforcement would require resources, and probably be outsourced. The positioning of advisory road signs could be a problem. More work is needed to resolve many of these issues.

Members thanked Mike for his presentation and looked forward to further updates.

A.O.B.

none

NEXT MEETING

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| Date | Tues.Mar. 12th.2019 |
| Venue | West Offices |
| Agenda | as tabled |

IMPORTANT

Members should note that the **YEF AGM** will be held on Mar.12th.2019, with the officers' reports and election of the new committee. This will be followed by the YEF general monthly agenda items.

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