

Agenda for Dorchester Transport Action Team

Tuesday 11th February 2024, 10.00-11.30, By Zoom

Invitees: Committee: Stewart Palmer, Giles Watts, Richard Taylor, David Durose, Les Scarth, Frances Hogwood, DTAG supporters

Apologies: David Moss

10.00 Welcome and Notices

- Welcome (Stewart)
- Approve minutes of last meeting (Stewart)
- Status of Actions - See list at the end (Giles)

10.05 Guest Speaker. Robert Schopen of Co-Wheels.

10.35 Dorset Council and DCOP

- Response from Owen Clarke about Low Traffic Future and LTP4 update (Giles)
- Western Gateway consultation response (Giles)

10.50 Media and Social Media

- Social Media, Web site & newsletter (Julie Booker, Rob Hattersley)
- Planning for Open Meeting on 18th June (Stewart)

11.00 Active Travel (Walking and Cycling)

- Walking and Mobility update (Frances)
- Cycling Status Update (David Durose)
- Dorchester to Poundbury cycleway phase 1 – Councillor meeting (Giles)
- Streets Alive Cycle Ride (Giles)
- Cargo Bike proposal (Frances)

11.05 Buses

- Status update (Les Scarth)
- London Road bus stop (Stewart)
- Official “Hitch Hiking” proposal in Frampton (Stewart)
- Meeting with Richard Wade of Morebus (Stewart)
- CPRE Transport Project (Giles)

11.10 Trains

- Status Update (Richard Taylor)
- Dorchester South Station (Stewart)
- Heart of Wessex proposals in Western Gateway strategy document (Giles)

11.20 Roads and Vehicles

Status Update (David Moss)

Electric Car take-up and charging points in Dorset (Giles)

11.25 AOB

- Funding (the NatureSave Trust)
- Planning Permissions (Giles)
- Guest Speakers and date of future meetings (Stewart)

11.30 Close.

Possible Talks at Future Meetings

Ken Lambert, Dorchester Disabled Club

Bob Owen, South West CRP – West Dorchester Station

Colin Divall, WATAG – Maiden Newton to Bridport Railway

Joe Doak, Dorchester Civic Society – Transport planning and infrastructure

David Moss, DTAG/DCS – Shared Spaces

Cargo Bikes and their usage in Dorchester

Outstanding Actions (03-02-25)

Walking (Frances Hogwood) and Cycling (David Durose)

- ~~Stewart/Giles to discuss best way to get support for stage 1 of cycle path from Dorchester to Poundbury~~ [Meeting successfully conducted](#)
- David to get written permission from land owner of Lower Lewell Farm cycle path for permission to reduce the bend. [Awaiting a response](#)
- Frances to draw up funding proposal for Cargo bikes project
- Giles to draw up funding proposal for showing “Follow the Sun” film in Dorchester
- Giles to look at possibility of a family “Streets Alive” bike ride event in Dorchester

Buses (Les Scarth) and Trains (Richard Taylor)

- Stewart to write to First Group regarding the possibility of a Sunday extension of the No10 bus into Poundbury. [To revisit in June.](#)
- Stewart to contact Yellow Bus company about option of new service in Dorchester. [Revisit once DC has a Bus franchising strategy.](#)
- ~~Stewart to meet with Richard Wade (Morebus) to discuss how BSIP is working in BCP~~
- Wendy to find out from Damory why the bus audio system is unreliable ([in progress](#)).
- Les to write to First Bus about unreliability of X51 service ([Awaiting reply](#)).

Roads and Vehicles (David Moss)

- Stewart and Julie produce a paper on Community Transport & talk to Dorset Council to about system efficiency and making it easier to find the links.
- Giles to prepare 1-pager proposal on a trial of official “Hitch Hiking” sites in and around Dorchester
- ~~Stewart to investigate about speeding up remedial action following the fire in South Street~~

Communications and Media (Julie Booker)

- Stewart to organise working group to propose a format for the open meeting on 18th June. [In Progress](#)

Dorset Council, Dorchester Town Council and Other

- David and Giles to work on a local transport vision for Dorchester to be submitted to Dorset Council as part of the LTP4 discussions. [In progress.](#)
- ~~Giles to ask Dorset Council whether they will support Low Traffic Futures challenge in their Local Transport Plan~~ ([Response received](#))

- ~~All to feedback any further projects that should be prioritised for the Western Gateway consultation. Giles to submit response for DTAG.~~
- ~~Giles to ask CPRE if DTAG can join their transport project~~
- ~~Stewart to arrange sub-group meeting to discuss the format of the open public meeting.~~
- Proposals for NatureSave Trust funding discussed at the next meeting.