

Appendix 1: Sustainable Travel

The Sustainable Travel Group have met on three occasions in July, August and October. The group includes representatives from ABUHB, CAB (representing the third sector), Newport City Council, Natural Resources Wales, Public Health Wales, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service and Sustrans.

Actions to work on over the next 18 months have been agreed. These are listed below with progress made to date.

Steps	Actions	Progress to date	Plans for next quarter
1) PSB to become champions of sustainable travel, leading by example and reducing the public sector's contribution to air pollution. To include:			
a) Agree and implement a joint sustainable travel plan for all PSB organisations to encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collate all PSB organisation travel plans. Develop best practice guidelines for organisations to use. Develop a joint staff travel plan that could be adopted by different size organisations. 	Collation of travel plans is underway.	
b) PSB vehicle fleet to be ultra-low / zero emissions (5 yrs: 10%, 10 yrs: 50%, 25 yrs: 100%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake an audit of PSB organisations to ascertain vehicle numbers. 	Audit underway.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with the Energy Saving Trust to support organisations to move to low emission vehicles. 	No progress to date.	Make links with the Energy Savings Trust
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the feasibility of shared cross organisational ultra-low / zero emission fleet vehicles. 	<p>Application for funding submitted for a Gwent regional study. The study will investigate the feasibility of shared cross organisational ultra-low/ zero-emission fleet vehicles. This study will also include grey mileage.</p> <p>This study could be linked to the Eco Stars work already underway (see</p>	Feasibility study to take place if the grant application is successful.

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		below)	
c) Be the voice for the local area for regional schemes impacting on travel choices and air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an ambitious sustainable travel plan for the city. • Engage with the Welsh Government and Transport for Wales. • All planning applications for “developments of significance” to be highlighted to the group to ensure that sustainable travel is considered. • Develop guidance for travel plans required for planning applications. • Plan for the opportunities that may arise when the M4 relief road. 	Regular meetings are taking place with the Welsh Government and Transport for Wales to highlight Newport’s ambitions re a Sustainable Travel City.	Local Transport plan to be reviewed and updated in line with the ambitions for the city.
d) Support the implementation of the new air quality supplementary planning guidance (SPG)	Air quality (AQ) SPG already in place.	Adopted in February 2018, the AQ SPG provides clear guidance to developers on what type of air quality assessment is required for a range of scenarios. Its aim is to manage a change to less polluting road vehicles.	There are no immediate plans in the next quarter to change the AQSPG, in the near future a sustainable travel tool kit will be produced that will complement the SPG.
	Consider active travel and electric vehicles when reviewing the existing parking SPG.	No progress to date.	Review to begin.
	Put in place air quality management area (AQMA) buffer zones.	As part of the AQSPG – planning buffer zones have been designated in Caerleon, Chepstow Road / Clarence Place / Caerleon Road and Malpas Road (south).	Additional AQMAs were declared in July 2018, some of which may benefit from AQMA planning buffers. A review of these will be conducted in the next quarter.
	Work with Welsh Government on the national air quality action plan.	No progress to date.	

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	Support the development of the Newport air quality action plan.	A draft city wide sustainable travel action plan has been developed which is currently under internal consultation. This will be used as a framework to produce targeted areas such as AQMAs.	An easily digestible consultation document will be produced ready for the public early in the new year. During or soon after the public consultation process consultation on site specific issues (AQMAs) will begin.
e) Use technology to reduce travel for people accessing services and travelling to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaken an audit of PSB organisations to ascertain what technology is in place and plans for the future. 	Audit underway.	
2) Create an environment where public transport, walking and cycling is prioritised. To include:			
a) Prioritise walking and cycling infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve pedestrian infrastructure by developing a pedestrian strategy across the city. Look at 20 mile hour zones in the future. 	For the future.	
b) Implement on street bike share across the city	Work with Cardiff and Next bike to implement a bike share scheme in Newport.		Make links with Cardiff, Next Bike and obtain funding to implement bike share scheme across the city.
c) Target active travel for the school run	Work with communities to implement the Safe Routes in Communities Programme in the St David's Primary school area.	<p>Workshops</p> <p>Engagement work and workshops with school, parents and local residents specifically focussed on addressing congestion issues at peak times, leading to development of initial design ideas have taken place.</p>	<p>Workshops</p> <p>3 workshops programmed with St David's school, focussing on areas identified as needing improvement to encourage higher levels of walking and cycling to school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route from Tredegar Park to school.

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		<p>'Pop-up' community mapping workshops took place at Tredegar Park and Maesglas local shops.</p> <p>Community mapping tool Tool developed and implemented capturing residents views on barriers to walking and cycling within Gaer, Maesglas and Duffryn areas. 52 on-line comments to date.</p> <p>Design - Installation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic approach and initial design concepts for area around school developed. • Identification of key locations in need of improvement and focus of future design workshops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of existing bridge across railway line • Cardiff road crossings <p>2 pop-up workshops engaging with wider community are also planned at Maesglas shops and Harlech retail park – Tesco.</p> <p>Community mapping tool Engagement with key local employers including Statistics Office and IPO.</p> <p>Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automated speed volume counts for vehicle approach to school. • Baseline video analysis of area to front of school considering: • Formal and informal crossing behaviour, interaction between pedestrians and vehicles including yield rates of cars to pedestrians, and illegal parking. <p>Design - Installation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops focussed on developing design solutions to identified key locations. • Development of initial concept designs to feed into Newport Highways team.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed broad approach for design focus, including discussions around internal design sign-off and procurement approaches. <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed project web page. Regular twitter feeds through Sustrans and Newport City Council. 4000 leaflet drop within NP20 area of Newport. 	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued twitter and facebook posts. Project press release.
	Continue the good work undertaken at Ringland Primary on the Active Journeys Programme.	Those currently supported on the Active Journeys Programme are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Patrick's RC Primary School. Ringland Primary School. St David's RC Primary School. 	Further sessions will take place in each school over the next three months.
	Investigate funding opportunities to increase active travel to and from school.		Healthy & Active Fund bid in progress.
	Develop resources that fit in with the curriculum to support schools.	Sustrans already have curriculum support materials freely available to all schools, available from their Website . Lesson Plans, Literacy & Numeracy Frameworks for KS2 & KS3 as well as Welsh Baccalaureate resources are popular downloads.	Work needs to be undertaken to re-align Sustran resources with the new Curriculum and Health & Wellbeing Area of Learning experience. This is dependent on funding being made available.
	Roll out support to other schools across Newport, use the Eco schools scheme and healthy schools to promote this across the city focusing on most congested areas near schools.	Sustrans encourage all schools to work towards Sustrans School Mark – that recognises excellence in active travel. The framework is free to adopt and has on-line support information. Criteria	Links to be made with Healthy Schools going forward.

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		within the Sustrans School Mark help schools achieve elements of both Healthy & Eco Schools, and vice versa.	
d) Tackle illegal parking and prioritise walking and cycling in highway design	To be reviewed once parking enforcement has been passed to the local authority in Sept 2019.	For the future	
e) Work with bus providers to implement a low emission bus fleet (5-10 yrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a partnership with bus operators and support the low emission bus ULEV bid. Encourage lower emissions buses to be used in the most vulnerable air quality routes. Work with regional partners to implement integrated ticketing across the region. 	Newport Transport is currently trialling a fully electric bus on two routes between Bettws and the City Centre. Initial feedback from passengers has been positive.	
f) Develop low emission zones / clean air zones. (10-25 yrs)	For the future.		
3) Encourage the use of ultra-low /zero emission vehicles. To include:			
a) Support the installation of electric charging points across the city to encourage the use of electric vehicles (EV).	Work across Gwent on an EV Feasibility Study to identify the most appropriate locations for charging points across the city (this includes E bikes).	Specification agreed amongst PSB partners and tender issued. Tender returns currently being assessed.	Contract to be awarded and full study to be completed.
	Develop an EV strategy.	Review of available examples.	Discussion on appropriate approach / content for a OneNewport EV Strategy.
	Develop a Newport EV brand to encourage the installation of EV points in	For the future.	

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	commercial areas e.g. Tesco's.		
b) Support and encourage the Newport taxi fleet to move to zero / ultra-low emission taxis. (5-10 yrs)	For the future.		
c) Develop HGV / LGV fuel economy partnership scheme. (5-10 yrs).	Eco stars scheme to be in place from Sept 2018 to March 2019 to give free advice to HGV and haulage firms.	The scheme is now being offered to fleet operators in the city. This will initially target council lead servicers.	Once the council fleet / council associated fleets have been assessed the scheme will target the Caerleon and Caerphilly Road AQMA. It will also target large 'high profile' fleet operators in the city, such as the docks.