

## **Transport Community of Practice**

# 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

# **Loughborough University**

#### Attendees:

Claire Mitchell	Member Community Officer	EAUC
Adam Tewkesbury (Convenor)	Transport Manager	University of Southampton
Elliott Brown	Travel Assistant	Loughborough University
Joel Smith	Sustainability Officer	University of Exeter
Amy Scions	Sustainability Assistant	De Montfort University
Yvonne Flynn	Green Travel Plan Coordinator	University of Durham
Katy Boom	Director of Sustainability	University of Worcester
Katherine Middleton	Energy & Environment Officer	College of West Anglia
Darren Hardwick	Travel Planner	University of Sheffield
Jessica Stansfield	Lodge Coordinator	University of East Anglia
Dawn Dewar	Transport Coordinator	University of East Anglia
Peter Edwards	Sustainable Travel Development Officer	University of Birmingham
Karen Stanbridge	Sustainable Travel Coordinator	University of Reading
Edward Wigzell	Sustainable Transport Officer	University of Oxford

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### Presentation: Loughborough University Travel Plan by Elliott Brown

Subsidised buses, £150,000+ cycle facilities, Cycle to Work scheme, LiftShare (300+ members), SmartGo Loughborough – package of incentives for staff and tenants GoTravel solutions – yearly membership encouraging more environmentally friendly methods of travel through local and national transport providers

Subsidised Nissan LEAF electric vehicle scheme

## **Moving forward 2015 – 2020**

Health and Wellbeing of campus users especially as a sports focused institution Improve walking and cycling on campus

How to link Active Travel and Health and Wellbeing? Through H&S?

Improve safety of road infrastructure providing a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists Planning conditions must continue to be met

Sustainable modes of travel encouraged – behavior change and the move away from car parking and carbon

Loughborough have total transparency on what car parking fees are spent on and negotiations are ongoing with the Unions regarding car parking fees and emissions charges. There is evidence emission charging works

Yearly permits can act as a deterrent to behavior change especially in the case of fair weather cyclists

Personal impact of parking

To develop, a travel plan is needed, and the plan needs to be sustainable

EV charge point Infrastructure 2015 – 2020

16 current charge points to be upgraded and 22 new fast charge points to be introduced Power capacity on campus could be an issue

Charge points – extra bays to move car to once charged as issue with charged cars blocking power point. Extra bays for EV and working with security regarding enforcement

Business Travel – separate departments (Finance and Procurement), purchasing cards, issue of own cars being used, incentivise to encourage use of more sustainable modes, Key Travel (management company) provide data access and safeguarding.

#### Cycle Storage: Group Discussion

New builds and refurbs allocate inadequate cycle storage facilities Movement and Place strategy Sustainability teams not always in Estates or Projects departments Should be in the process if not in the Projects team Specification documents Campus masterplan – phased developments

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Ratios – student / staff showers, lockers, cycling storage Cycle Hubs – swipe card access, usage policy, register, T&Cs Two tiered cycling racks

Costs per space

EcoCycle – automated storage system (above or below ground cycle storage). Very expensive and ongoing maintenance required

Bike security – locking points.

Action: EB to circulate Loughborough Guidelines for Cycle Storage

#### **Bike Hire Schemes: Group Discussion**

Green waves – priority for cyclists in Copenhagen Public pumps

University of Worcester: Social Enterprise bike docking system, 50% footprint. Staff / Student card acts as activation key

YoBike – self-locking bikes, no rack / docking station so does not have to be returned to a specific place. Concerns over abandoned bikes

UniCycle – NUS, EAUC and Love to Ride behaviour change project

University of Birmingham – reached final of Santander scheme through crowd funding and feasibility study. Process quite 'paper heavy'. Good for city centre campuses

UEA – limited space for docking stations, Active Cycling project has the technology in the lock, not the bike, ex postal bikes used and Dr Bike available on campus. Try before you buy scheme worked well

Donkey Republic - bike rental unlocking via phone

University of Sheffield - Bike Share scheme with city council involved

Ongoing issues include maintenance costs, servicing, safety checks, H&S, liability and insurance concerns

University of Oxford – Donkey Republic, Cycle Land (Air BnB for bikes)

maintenance costs an issue so a hire scheme is an alternative option.

University of Southampton – approached by OhBike (dockless bike sharing scheme). Operates via GPS with pay as you go or a membership fee. Concerns over abandoned bikes and how to police scheme. Restrictions based on 'geofencing' and financial penalties. Staff from OhBike to monitor bike returns and security. Company can set up regardless of Institutions involvement BikePlus website now updated to include docking station bike schemes International students want to use a bike but not buy one. Cheap bikes to purchase but ongoing

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### **EAUC Update:**

Green Gown Awards - Stage 1 entries closed on 7<sup>th</sup> June and on 5th July the Finalists will be announced and Stage 2 opens

Annual Conference Workshop Presentations online at the Sustainability Exchange
New Circular Economy Community of Practice - set up as an online discussion group but depending on demand it may move into a more structured group with a convenor and meetings
Webinar - How will BREXIT impact on the work of the EAUC? 27th June, 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Speakers: Dr Jane Davidson, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Sustainability and Engagement and Director of INSPIRE at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Alex Bols, Deputy CEO at Guild HE and Professor Chris Willmore, Senior Teaching Fellow and Academic Director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Bristol.

Regional Meetings -

North East Meeting, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Teesside University Midlands Meeting, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at University of Northampton North West Meeting, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at University of Salford LUEG (London) Meeting, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at Kings College London

Emerging Leaders Programme –after a successful EAUC Emerging Sustainability Leaders Programme at the EAUC Conference early in the year, a full pilot programme will be launched on 26<sup>th</sup> July with the initial session at Coventry University. A collaboration with Coventry University and University of Worcester Leadership teams, the programme will be delivered over a 10 month period with 5 delivered content sessions and 5 'action learning set' sessions throughout the year. Discounted cost for EAUC members.

Action: CM/KB to circulate information to group

#### **Next meeting:**

November
Virtual East and West conference meeting
UEA to host from the East
Host to be confirmed for the West
Potential topics include LiftShare and Wayfinding
Action: AT/CM to arrange and circulate

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