

Minutes Lambeth Air Quality Action Plan Steering Group (External)

29 January, 6-7:45pm, THG-02 Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, Brixton, London, SW2 1RW

Councillor(s) attending:

Cllr Jackie Meldrum (JM), Deputy Cabinet Member (Resident Services)

Council Officer(s) attending:

Andrew Round (AR), Sustainability Manager

Matthew Browning (MB), Sustainability Officer

Sabrina Chiaretti (SC), Sustainability Officer

Marie Vieu (MV), Public Health

1. Communication workshop

- SC showed the group our new air quality website. This is now up to date and has more information on air quality and climate change;
- We have started to run more events focused on air quality; we have run 15 anti-idling and air quality workshops in schools in Lambeth through 2019 and have ran two workshops in Waterloo with St Johns Church;
- We use social media (Twitter and Facebook, Love Lambeth) to raise awareness of air quality in Lambeth and promote the work that we are doing, for example the initiatives that we are participating to, raise awareness of certain websites where people can go and find information about air quality;
- Every year we organise Lambeth Clean Air Week. We will be replicating some of last year's events and adding some new events this year. The week will run from 15-19 June 2020;
- JM suggested creating an event in LCAW targeting millennials. We will investigate this and see how we can engage with millennials.
- We have also run assemblies in schools - AQ pledges, cycling training sessions, Planting sessions, Anti-idling events, Twitter Q&A session which last year was very popular, Business Event
- JM asked when car free day is. AR explained its 22 September and we are looking to close a large road in the borough on the Sunday 27 September.

2. Update on Local Plan

- AR explained that the local plan is being sent to the examiners following our consultation of the local plan. We are looking to adopt the Local Plan in early 2021.

3. Update on MAQF anti-idling project

- MB provided an update on the MAQF anti-idling project. We now have 2 project officers working on the project across London and we plan to have more events than last year. The pan London Project will be creating banners and leaflets for schools to help tackle idling.
- ■ suggested targeting our efforts on idling vans as many of these are still idling. MV asked about Veolia drivers leaving their engines idling when stationary. AR stated that if a vehicle is stationary for less than 1 minute it is better to leave the engine on.

4. Update on Zero Emission Zones

- AR explained that ULEZ is going to the South Circular and the Mayors Transport Strategy said there would be measures to tackle air pollution outside of ULEZ. AR suggested looking at timed closures on some roads.
- ■ suggested keeping the pressure up on TfL to do something about air quality along the south circular and discuss options with councils.
- AR suggested showing a film at the West Norwood Cinema hall and MB suggested organising an event in LCAW in Norwood.

5. AOB

- JM asked about the small air quality monitoring stations. AR explained we were testing the monitors in Brixton and in Streatham to check how the monitors track the pollution at different locations. KCL tests are currently ongoing but there have been issues with the reliability and accuracy of the machines.

Actions:

- MV to send SC the JSNA to arrange to add on the website
- SC to ask comms team about creating a Sustainability Instagram account
- MB and SC to discuss organising an event in Norwood during LCAW
- MB will investigate installing more diffusion tubes to raise awareness – this will be launched in LCAW