

AQAP Steering Group meeting

10/12/2020

18.00-19.30

Online Teams meeting

In attendance

Chair	Councillor Claire Holland – Cabinet Member for Environment and Clean Air
Host	Sabrina Chiaretti – Climate Change and Sustainability Project Officer
Lambeth Council	Paul Keenlyside – Climate Change and Sustainability Technical Lead Grace Ferris – Climate Change and Sustainability Project Officer Marie Vieu – Consultant in Public Health
Steering Group	Pascal Durrenberger Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer Sandy Nuttgens Daniel Instone Charlie Holland

Action Points

SC: invite Kieran (Transport) and Jonathan (Parking) to present at next AQAPSG meeting and provide an update on EV charging points and Parking Zones across Lambeth.

SC: investigate funding for additional LTNs with our Transport Team and respond to Steering Group

SC to investigate funding for docking stations with Transport Team and respond to Steering Group

SC to follow up with CH about local development missing green infrastructure and Tree Talk scheme

SC: organise next AQAPSG meeting on w/c 15th March.

18.05 introductions

18.10 Cllr Holland introduction

18.15 Projects presentation [see slides]

Your experience as members of the AQAPSG

- DI: Feels is having a positive impact and receiving useful information from the Council.
- SN: Feels he is having an impact. AQAP SG used to be made of 25 people, now there is only a few people on the SG. Need to more people on the SG. More voices on board. Enjoys being part of it, valuable and important Group.
- CH: agree with everyone else. Be getting useful information. Useful to go through AQAP sections. Constructive comments, he is hopeful his comments are having an impact.
- MV: useful for us (Lambeth staff). Need more interaction with community members. This group is very essential, need to build on it.
- PK: if you have thoughts between now and next steering group, email Sustainability, we are keen to make experience as members of the AQAPSG meaningful

New AQAP

PK: Current AQAP expires in 2022. Lambeth could produce a new AQAP before the current one expires. Several stakeholders to consult. Need to understand what our AQ priorities are, and what our role as a team is in delivering the AQAP. Discussion around new AQAP will take place at next meeting. AQ team is also working on AQ monitoring strategy. Questions around best way to make data accessible to the public, and to Lambeth staff.

- DI: new AQAP should have a smaller number of actions, impression is that the current AQAP loses the focus by having so many actions.
- CH: not prioritisation of what really matters. Is air quality improving/worsening? Importance of outlining external factors – ULEZ.
- SC: ASR and new AQAP should have sections about current state of AQ in Lambeth, and compare to other London boroughs.
- SN: AQAP aim was in place at the beginning - Lambeth-wide Parking Zones was there at the beginning, but got lost. Certain ambitions were there but were not delivered.
- SC: departments are delivering those ambitions. Might be helpful to invite members of the Parking Team to deliver an update at next AQAPSG meeting. SC to organise for Parking to attend March meeting.
- Cllr Holland: really good points. AQAP drives policy change. Helpful that Steering Group reminds us to work on AQ objectives.

Update on projects delivered since last meeting

AQ monitoring of LTNs

Modelling impact on AQ of LTNs, which are implemented across the borough to tackle rat-running, to improve road safety and air quality and to facilitate social distancing. Using 2019, 2020 and 2021 traffic data to model pollution, which will give a picture of the change in air quality as a result of the low traffic neighbourhood. Maps will be available mid/late 2021.

- SN, DI and CH speak to their support of LTNs when other boroughs are removing them under public pressure
- Cllr Holland: refers to monitoring strategy recently published, available here: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/better-fairer-lambeth/project/low-traffic-neighbourhoods-monitoring-strategy>

Defra AQ grant scheme

Applied for Defra grant scheme for a project to tackle PM2.5 emissions from wood burning by firstly monitoring, then raising awareness. Will know if successful in Feb 2021 for project delivery in 2021. We will also be joining a wood burning working group organised by the GLA in January 2021.

Brixton e-van

Used extensively in lockdown for deliveries to vulnerable people by Brixton businesses, and the e-van will be available to Brixton businesses in 2021 at discounted rates.

- SN: requests an update on EV charging point delivery.

- SC: to invite Kieran (Transport) to present at next AQAPSG meeting.

MAQF street sweeping project

Looking at trialling locations over the summer 2021. Reporting to GLA on progress of project. Results will be available in 2022.

Lambeth Clean Air Week 2020

Week of events celebrating National Clean Air Day in October 2020. Delivered mostly online: schools events, twitter takeover, Dr Bike, staff and external webinars.

- SN: is Clean Air Week happening in 2021?
- SC: Lambeth is planning to, dates will depend on when National Clean Air Day will be celebrated.

Low-carbon heating

Team is applying for government funding to decarbonise heating in public buildings and council housing. Gas boilers are also a significant source of NOx emissions. Work to electrify heating will have co-benefits to improve AQ. Plan to take advantage of opportunities to capture current skills and facilitate jobs creation/economic benefits locally.

Update from GF on construction and NRMM

GF working on planning applications and developments across Lambeth. Discussing pollution coming from construction industry. Big contributor to air pollution. People living and working in close proximity to construction sites are exposed to air pollution. Lambeth part of Pan-London NRMM compliance project. Funded until 2022. Grace trained on NRMM audits by RSP (Regulatory Services Partnership). Lambeth are particularly focused on tackling pollution from Vauxhall/Nine Elms.

- CH: 3 out of 8 sites that failed audit but then complied: significant failure or were they relatively close to comply?
- GF: it was Merton doing the audits, so we don't have that level of information. Tends to be small sites with small engines. Big sites tend to comply with machinery requirements, or they move machinery outside of London, which is not ideal.
- TDM: would like to have a meeting with Grace to work together on sites around hospitals
- GF: yes. Something the team has started to look at only recently, but something we have levers on.

Update on section of AQAP "localised solutions" – actions 32 to 38

Actions 32-38 still open to be completed.

Action 32 – increasing green infrastructure. Flood team awarded funding for this, working with Thames Water. CLIPs community-led projects to improve air quality, mainly installing planters or delivering/improving community gardens.

- CH: SuDS scheme at Lambeth North. System for watering during drought. Tree Talk local scheme - empowered to water new trees, because trees were distressed during summer.
- CH also spoke about local development which had condition around green infrastructure. Never delivered. Is there a system to check how the green infrastructure is delivered?
- SC to follow up with CH about development missing green infrastructure and Tree Talk scheme
- PK: Charlie raised a good point. We are mapping processes across Lambeth to make sure that we are not missing opportunities to improve air quality, and ensure policies are in place to address all air pollution issues

Action 33: LTNs and modelling of air quality

DI – is further funding available for additional LTNs?

SC to investigate with our Transport Team and respond to Steering Group

Action 34: scheme delivery doesn't sit with AQ team. 3 Santander cycle hire docking stations relocated from Streatham to Clapham following assessment of demand. Seeking funding for more docking stations.

DI – when will more funding be made available?

SC to investigate with our Transport Team and respond to Steering Group

Action 35: Still part of AQ cluster group and idling action London, will be joining GLA woodburning group, Southwark MAQF street sweeping, Merton and Wandsworth for NRMM

Action 36: New anti-idling hotspots outside Waterloo station due to taxi traffic. Idling Action events have been difficult to run during lockdown, so will resume next year

Action 37: Action has progressed from Lambeth North station to green screens at schools. 17 schools shortlisted for 21/22 programme. These will receive green screens, and 2 additional schools are also to receive a green screen in 2021

- TDM: nurseries too?
- SC: primary and secondary, nurseries were covered in the mayor's nursery audit programme
- Charlie: will these have additional biodiversity value?
- SC: mainly air quality. Biodiversity would be green walls

Action 38: we set up SG, regular meetings, and continue to hear from residents who might be interested in joining

- SN – can new prospective members interested in joining the steering group be put in touch?
- SC: yes, please email sustainability@lambeth.gov.uk

Next meeting will discuss the 2020 ASR, w/c 15th March, will send a draft in advance. 4pm onwards for meeting most convenient.