



Minutes

Name of Meeting	Environment & Sustainability Forum	
Date and Time	14.03.23 at 17:00	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Attendees	Name	Role/Organisation
	Holly Jones	John Hobart
	Abigail Reynolds	Lester Slade
	Ally De Tret	Maggie Nelmes
	Bronwen Van Strien	Marianne Sullivan
	Stewart Chandler	Matthew Whittaker
	Harry Baross	David Newton
	Lee Matthews	Paul Fuller
	Penny Acton	Chris Quirk
	Robert Packham	Daniel Washington
	Michael Murwill	Sarah Talbot
	Jenny Hicks	Claire Critchison
1. <u>Welcome and housekeeping</u>		
1.1 HJ welcomed everyone.		
2. <u>Local E-motion in Scarborough and North Yorkshire Presentation</u>		
2.1 Harry Baross - Climate Change Programme Manager for Scarborough Borough Council, displayed and provided presentation on Local E-Motion in Scarborough		
Q. Matthew Whittaker- interested in the infrastructure in and around the areas. What kind of feedback did you get about how nervous people would be using main roads on scooters/bikes.		
A. It was mixed and a democratic split. We also recognise there would be challenges where cycle lanes and roads are worn out, people parking on cycle lanes. We would need to look at these and determine how this could be mitigated.		
Q. Paul Fuller – One of the frustrations we found was that the scooters where not able to be used on our cycle path. Are you aware the licencing doesn't allow them to be used on cycle paths?		
A. This has come up, there is confusion on where they can be used. We are waiting for the government bill to come out. We are hoping for more details and clear rules.		
Q. HJ – Is there anything you would consider doing in a differently way.		

<p>A. We didn't look at demand of responsive transport in detail at the start, and picked it up at the end. Part of the reason was a presumption; it would be hard to do in a low carbon way. Part way through the project, a few areas started to bring out low carbon demand responsive transport and we realised we needed to think about this.</p>	
<p>Q. Mathew Whittaker – have you considered low carbon freight?</p>	
<p>A. We haven't but if we were to go back, we would look at including. Small freight options were a potential to be linked in but not for Larger freight so much but there is scope for this.</p>	
<p>2.2 HJ asked that if there are any other questions for Harry, please email them to sustainability@iow.gov.uk and will forward through.</p>	
<p>3. Pre-submitted questions</p>	
<p>Q. How can we put pressure on Southern Water to take action to reduce the amount and frequency of sewage discharges into the sea off the island's beaches? Is the Isle of Wight Council taking any action on this? For example, could the council independently monitor water quality around our beaches where they know discharges take place. These discharges are a risk to public health and will negatively impact on tourism. They also pollute our Marine Park and Biosphere.</p>	
<p>A. Yes the Council is working closely with Southern Water as part of their Storm Overflow Task Force, which was set up by SW to look solely at reducing the level of CSOs around the island. The task force includes all relevant stakeholders such as SW, Environment Agency, IWC and others. More information can be found here:</p>	
<p>Pathfinder projects (southernwater.co.uk)</p>	
<p>The Isle of Wight is one of 6 pathfinder projects across the country and on the link above there are updates on work carried out to date and ongoing work.</p>	
<p>I would point out that any legislative 'action' in relation to storm discharges falls to the Environment Agency as they manage the permits given to water companies, but in terms of ongoing actions to help reduce the amount of storm discharges, the council is playing an active role in the pathfinder project with its Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) hat on. SW recently held a couple of customer events on the IOW to update people on work being undertaken so far:</p>	
<p>Hundreds of customers meet with Southern Water on the Isle of Wight</p>	
<p>4. AOB</p>	
<p>4.1 Marianne Sullivan – went to meeting at riverside. Advice given is to set up pressure groups and gather evidence. Bembridge have a group already. HJ advised she has made a note of comment and will pass onto the relevant officer.</p>	
<p>4.2 Ally De Tret – Went to meeting in Ryde, they aren't going to do anything major due to cost of infrastructure. They are trying to slow the runoff water and I am concerned how this is going to address it long term. I am keen away of checking water quality and if the IWC would consider doing some independent testing. HJ asked for information to be sent through and will look at putting relevant teams in touch.</p>	

4.3 Sarah Talbot – wanted to echo what the other two have said, we have a pumping sewage on the beach which is regular pumping into the sea. HJ asked for comments into sustainability inbox and will share with the relevant team.	