

Teddington Travel Plan Network

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Welcome to the fifth newsletter from SWELTRAC. Its publication follows the fifth network meeting hosted by St. Mary's University College on 5 March 2009.

Key points from the March network meeting

The fifth Teddington Travel to Work Network (TTWN) meeting was attended by 14 members from 9 organisations. We were pleased to welcome a new member, Tess Duffell, Travel Co-ordinator for Byrne Group.

The breakfast meeting was kindly hosted by St Mary's University College.



St Mary's have had a draft travel plan since 2007. They have 650 staff and 3,500 students at any one time. Last year covered cycle racks with CCTV were installed. A cycle to work scheme is in operation, St. Mary's pay cycle allowance and have towels available on site. Pool bikes are also available to staff and two Streetcar (Car Club) spaces are on site. Currently the university has been conducting its travel survey. An iTRACE survey has been sent out to staff by email and hopefully a link to the student survey will be put on Facebook.

Byrne Group have a travel plan, covering 80 staff on site. The travel survey received a 98% response rate. Ten measures have been introduced including a cycle scheme, cycle parking, showers, lockers, travel allowance and season ticket loans. The most influential measure is the introduction of a shuttle bus from Teddington Station, which runs during the morning and evening rush hours. They have produced an Information Pack for staff, which included maps, public transport timetables, travel routes and contact for the shuttle bus.

Haymarket implemented their travel plan in 2006. Have showers, cycle racks etc. Since their presentation at the previous meeting, Haymarket have launched the latest travel survey and are working together with TfL on developing a Corporate Travel Plan.

Lensbury Club have had a travel plan for many years, and it is being reviewed in 2009. Have had problems with bike theft and are looking to install more secure cycle parking. They will be running a Green Challenge (walking and cycling) at the end of April, and are looking to run a bike event in half term (last week of May).

LGC have run their survey on iTRACE, and have been very impressed with the help they received from TfL. Have introduced cycle parking and are working on a car-sharing scheme. Stated how the travel plan document has helped to focus the CEO on travel issues.

NPL published their travel plan in autumn last year. 30 actions are either underway or implemented already. Looking to put a pop-up on staff PCs each day to ask "How did you get to work today?" to get a bigger picture on travel behaviour. NPL have had very poor uptake on car-sharing scheme and would like to offer other network members to join the scheme. Jakub suggested running a Liftshare event to promote this to staff and bring sharers together.

NWML's travel plan is likely to be approved by the end of March. They are promoting video conferencing to reduce travel to work and into London for meetings. Additional cycle sheds have been introduced. NWML would be interested in joining the NPL car-sharing scheme.

OLM are interested in introducing cycle policies, a cycle scheme, interest-free travel loans and are looking at possibly putting showers into the office.

Tearfund have had their travel plan since 2001. They are looking to reduce the car fleet by 50% with the aim of reducing the overall CO2 outputs. Tearfund are also looking to join the NPL car-sharing scheme.

To confirm your place at the network meeting on the 18th May, contact Jakub at SWELTRAC on: 020 8891 7665 or email j.bojczuk@richmond.gov.uk

NEWS

All newsletters and updates on futures meetings can be found on the SWELTRAC website:

http://www.sweltrac.org.uk/home/workplace_travel/teddington_travel_to_work_network.htm

Richmond Council has launched the Smarter Travel Richmond programme. A dedicated website is now up and running:

www.smartertravelrichmond.org

Network updates

A year on from the first meeting of the Teddington Travel to Work Network, members gave a full description of their travel plan work to date:



Activate St. Mary's

<http://www.smuc.ac.uk/community/workplace-health/activate-st-marys.htm>

Sarah Middleton presented Activate St. Mary's, an in-house healthy workplace scheme for college staff. Activities include:

- a cycle maintenance service;
- an annual pedometer challenge;
- a mapped mile walking route around the site for staff to use at lunchtimes;
- subsidised chair massages and reflexology;
- a laughter workshop.



Bike security

Zoë Bradley from Safer Neighbourhoods Teddington team spoke to the group about cycle security. This began with St. Mary's mentioning a "success story" where a stolen pool bike was recovered due to marking. Zoë stated that a free cycle marking and advice service is available at Teddington Memorial Hospital every Thursday from 11am to 1pm. Each bike takes approximately 5 minutes to mark and then the mark is not removable. The team will mark any person's bike; you don't need to be a resident of Teddington. The website for this scheme is www.bikeregister.com. The service does not apply to motorbikes.

The Safer Neighbourhoods team can be booked for a cycling event, call **020 8721 2748** to talk direct to Zoë and book the team for an event. Alternatively call **0300 123 1212**, which can also be used to record non-emergency incidents.

Further advice on bike security:

- Always lock the bike, even if it is just left for a short time;
- Park in areas with good lighting;
- Use a good bike lock;
- Do not leave the lock lying on the ground as that makes it easier to break;
- Consider covering bike racks with good quality CCTV.

Members are advised that it is an offence to cycle on the pavements – over 18s caught on the pavement can receive a fine of £30, rising to £45 and a possible court case if not paid.



Organising a cycle event – the next steps

Following on from the exercise at the last meeting, SWELTRAC presented some ideas for a bike event(s) in Teddington in May/June. Events should be registered with Bike Week www.bikeweek.org.uk in order to receive promotional materials and public liability insurance. Members are encouraged to sign up to the Workplace Cycle Challenge www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/cycling/11280.aspx, taking place throughout June. SWELTRAC proposed holding a "Teddington Cycle to Work Week" at the beginning of June to launch the Cycle Challenge to staff.



St Mary's, NPL, Haymarket and Lensbury Club were interested in hosting events, with other members looking to join one of these.

Taking the Network Forward

Jakub mentioned opportunities that arise from potential consultations that will be taking place in the next two years including Mayor's Transport Strategy

and Richmond's LIP. He said he will keep the group informed about local projects and upgrades. He also asked Teddington members for an opinion for involvement with other groups such as Teddington Society.

ECOMM

SWELTRAC has nominated the Teddington Travel to Work Network for the Pan-European Workplace Mobility Plan Awards. We hope to hear whether we have been shortlisted in the near future.

Cycle training in Richmond

Organisations will be sent information on cycle training for adults organised by Richmond Council. While the training is provided for individuals, SWELTRAC will investigate corporate training opportunities for interested organisations.

Event Calendar

Smarter Travel Richmond launch:
Monday 30 March
Walk to Work Week:
27 April to 1 May
Workplace Cycle Challenge: June
National Liftshare Day: 9 June
Bike Week: 13 to 21 June
European Mobility Week:
16 to 22 September

Attendees

Byrne Group
Haymarket
Lensbury Club
LGC
NPL
NWML
OLM Group
St Mary's University College
Tearfund

Next meeting

Colin Lea from NPL has kindly volunteered to host the next meeting, which will be held at Bushy House on Monday 18th May.

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