

Connecting your communities through community transport

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Workshop Format

- Introduction – NALC and work with TPS
- Transport Planning and Community Transport
- Interactive session
- Questions and Answers

A Good Councillors Guide to Transport Planning

- TPS have been working with NALC to prepare the Good Councillor's Guide to Transport Planning
- Now live on website
- Transport Planning Day 2019



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THE GOOD COUNCILLOR'S GUIDE
TO TRANSPORT PLANNING



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The Transport Planning Society

Our Mission

- A society to facilitate, develop and promote best practice in transport planning and provide a focus for dialogue between all those engaged in it, whatever their background or other professional affiliation.
- Established in 1997
- Now almost 2,000 members from a range of backgrounds

The Transport Planning Society

Our Principles

- Maximise connectivity while reducing the need for movement
- Embrace demand management as a solution
- Support key quality of life objectives
- Offer integrated choices for travel
- Be adaptable, flexible and resilient
- Be technologically innovative and creative

What is Transport Planning?

Transport planning is all about creating connections between people and places, it is about providing accessibility, without which everyday life cannot function.

Types of transport Planning Initiatives

- Strategic Road Network projects
- Sustainable transport projects i.e. new train station

Major

- Junction improvements
- New bus routes, and network enhancements

District

- Local bus services
- Community cycle schemes
- Walking route enhancements

Local

Policy Framework

National – Set by Government (DfT)

Sub-national – emergence of regional transport bodies to manage funding

Local Authority – responsible for transport planning at district level

Local Council – Neighbourhood Plans

What does good transport planning look like?

- Locate development near to good transport links
- Support communities by focusing multi-uses to centres
- Work with rural communities to enhance transport links
- Invest in public transport and walking
- Embrace technology
- Engage communities

Key Transport Challenges for communities

- Lack of public transport – facilities have been removed due to financial / social issues
- Social exclusion by lack of accessibility
- Connecting communities to services
- Growth pressures – leading to unsustainable patterns of development
- Congestion and movement of goods / people
- Air quality and climate change

Role of Local Councils

Local Councils can play a crucial role in enhancing transport at local level:

- Liaison / lobbying role with County and District councils to highlight areas that need support
- Consider Neighbourhood Plans – can develop project lists funded by development (CIL receipts)
- Engage in and scrutinise higher tier plans such as Local Plans and Local Transport Plans
- Community transport projects – take control!

Case Study – Wealden Wheels

- Community transport company
- Provide mini-bus hire to six Parish Councils in Kent
- Delivers affordable travel solutions to local residents and helps to support well-being, health and happiness
- Helps to connect the village communities
- Funded by County Council with some local contributions

Case Study – Better Streets Enfield

- Enfield Council transformed more than three miles of the busy A105 using Transport for London funding to create continuous physically protected cycle lanes and safe junctions from the North Circular, through Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill, to Enfield Town.
- Beyond cycling the scheme provides a better, safer walking environment – with the cycle lanes providing a buffer from traffic, traffic calming and streets narrowing, making them more pleasant to walk along and easier to cross.
- Completed in March 2018, counters show an increase of up to 85 per cent in cycling along the route.



Case Study – Croydon Living Streets

- Formerly an overgrown and unloved strip of land next to a footpath, the area was transformed by members of the community. Love Lane Community Garden is a new urban linear park – a walking and cycling link and a place to stop, play and socialise – created by the Friends of Love Lane Green in South Norwood, Croydon (greater London).
- People walking and cycling use the much-improved path, and it has become a destination for local families, turning the journey home from school or the shops into a chance to play out with friends.



Case Study – Plymotion

- Plymotion offers incentives and travel advice to encourage Plymouth's residents to try greener, cheaper and healthier ways of getting from A to B.
- Knocking on 2,943 doors in 2019, Plymotion's travel advisors targeted residents of new builds – likely to be residents new to city and not yet having formed their travel habits. Increasing cycling through the engagement 13 per cent and increasing bus use among the people they reached by 22 per cent.
- They've engaged 2,300 employees in 44 workplaces since 2017, offering advice, guidance and incentives for sustainable travel. And working with job centres, they've provided daily bus tickets to job seekers, helping 50 to land jobs using the free bus pass.
- Plymotion match-funded the 2018 Sustainable Travel Grants to provide facilities or initiatives to encourage employees to leave their car at home. Successful applicants used the funding to provide improved cycle parking, enhanced shower and changing facilities, electric pool bikes, electric bikes and bespoke travel web packages.



Case Study – The Deepings Green Walk

- A small town, less than a mile long and two-and-a-half miles wide, its shops, pubs and services are all within easy walking distance. Not content with the extensive walking network in the town, residents developed the green walk standard in their neighbourhood plan.
- Through the neighbourhood plan the two Parish Councils – Market Deeping Town and Deeping St. James – have adopted the 'Deepings Green Walk standard' for all new developments. That means new footpaths are required to be 'safe, accessible, attractive, and rationally linked to existing routes.'



Case Study – Seaford Head School

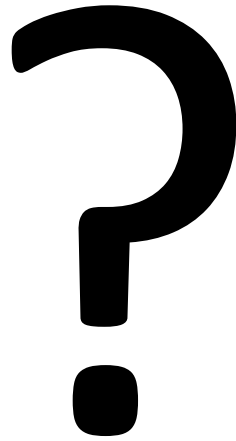
- Working with Year 6 students from feeder primary schools, the transition team noticed lacked confidence or knowledge about their new journey and travelling actively and independently.
- Conducting workshops with Living Streets, school governors and students, they developed maps of the easiest and safest routes to school – including safe places to cross roads and safer walking and cycling routes.
- A year eight group of students formed the 'Travel Group' and added significant milestones and markers to help younger students interpret the maps. Now in its second year a new travel group has been formed who gave tips and guidance to year six pupils for travelling to what would become their new school. Helping them to become safe, independent and active on their new school journey.



Transport Planning Day

- Transport Planning Day – 12th November 2019

Questions



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