

Notes from Totnes & District Traffic and Transport Forum

26 May 2021

Via zoom - 18:30 - 20:00

Present:

John Scanlon – Chair

Chris Watson

Sylvia Dell (notes)

Lizzie Woodall – Totnes Bike Hub

Richard Percival – 20's Plenty

Cllr Paul Alford - link TTC

Simon Harrington - Community

transport

Cllr Georgina Allan - link TTC planning

Cllr Ben Piper

Sarah Collinson - Inclusive Totnes

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson - link DCC

Chris Alton - Harbourne Valley

1. Welcome (JS)

2. Speaker Lizzie Woodall – Totnes Bike Hub - totnesbikehub@gmail.com

- Registered as CIC community interest company
- 2 years planning and now has funding – Totnes Bike Hub will be a shop offering not just sales of bikes, but repairing bikes and social activities to encourage uptake of cycling and serve the community
- Currently arranging for premises and about to advertise for mechanic
 - Suggested contacting Channings Wood
 - Suggested contacting Chris Parsons info@landworks.org.uk
- Aiming to form a partnership with other local groups
- Ideas suggested – e-scooters, trikes, converting bikes to e-bikes
- What are biggest barriers to cycling in Totnes?
 - Hills
 - Lack of infrastructure – cycle lanes, cycle paths
 - Lack of numbers – there is some safety in numbers, and traffic needs to become more aware of cyclists
- Possible solutions to these barriers
 - Training – Bike Hub planning to offer confidence riding sessions, link up with DCC cycle training scheme
 - Cycle rides – Bike Hub planning to offer social rides and cycle mentoring
 - Reduced speed limits – 20's Plenty campaign
 - More cycle paths and dedicated cycle lanes
- Update on proposal for 20 mph across Totnes and Dartington
 - Map showing current 20 mph roads, and proposed 20 mph zone

<https://tinyurl.com/Totnes-20zone>

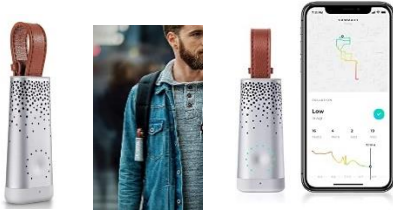
- DCC are currently working on a 20 mph pilot in Newton Abbot, and refuse to consider any new extensions to 20 mph zones until pilot study is complete
- 20's Plenty campaign – Richard Percival
 - UN campaign aimed at changing the default urban speed limit at national level – so instead of having 30 mph as the norm within towns, this is changed to 20 mph. Wales have already adopted this and currently implementing it, Spain currently in process of changing, London has adopted it.
 - Link to last weeks 20's plenty international webinar (UN and WHO and public health) <https://youtu.be/agqxnJobSc> . This includes an orthopaedic surgeon speaking – very powerful message about air pollution
 - 20's Plenty have research – identifies that acceleration is major contributor to air pollution
- Traffic calming proposal for Fore Street / High Street
 - DCC have put forward design proposals for traffic calming in Totnes town centre – the designer has been invited to attend the Green Travel Steering Group in June to address some initial queries and then the designs will go out to public consultation
 - Suggestion from SC that we draw together a strategic plan incorporating 20 mph, air quality and town centre traffic calming, in preparation for the meeting in June
 - Report - Speed, emissions & health, The impact of vehicle speed on emissions & health: an evidence summary, June 2018
<http://content.tfl.gov.uk/speed-emissions-and-health.pdf>
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3. Electric vehicle club and e-bike hire - survey now published

- <https://tinyurl.com/TotnesEV-survey> - please share link widely
- Being distributed via Totnes Directory
- Hardcopy available for sharing in shops, Bob the Bus, etc – email greentravel@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk and send an address and we will post a batch for you to circulate to your networks

4. Portable Air Quality Monitors - borrowing scheme

- Totnes Town Council have purchased 5 portable air quality monitors, which will be available for residents to borrow for free

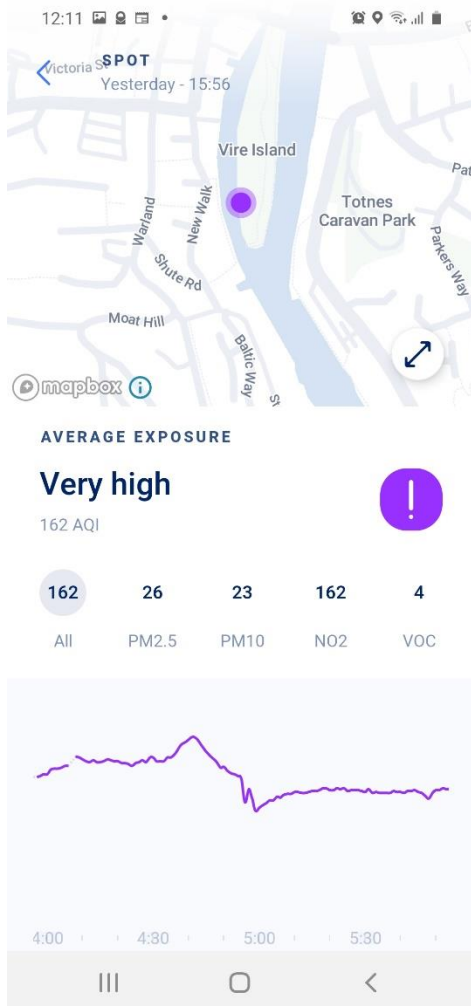


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- <https://plumelabs.com/en/flow/>
- Currently working on a process for borrowing and collecting data – email greentravel@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk for latest information
- The device collects data on various types of air pollution - particulates (PM2.5, PM10), NOx (nitrogen oxides from vehicles), VOC (volatile organic compounds)

- Data shown on phone app as colour coded maps – example showing journey from Guildhall, along Fore St, The Plains and New Walk at midday. Red indicates High level air pollution, yellow moderate, green low



- Data also shown on app as Hot spots over time – example showing Vire Island between 4 – 5pm – ie peak traffic congestion after schools close. Purple indicates Very High air pollution – in this example mainly particulates and NOx



- Data can also be downloaded for further analysis – need to enlist further analyst help to

create graphs

5. AOB

- Suggestion for future speaker GO-OP – <http://www.go-op.coop/train/> independent train operator

6. Date of next Traffic & Transport Forum
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