

LOWCVP BUS WORKING GROUP MEETING
Matters arising from meeting held on 5th February 2004
Item 6: Local Authority Involvement

1. As agreed I circulated to the whole Working Group a draft presentation for comment on the 9th February.
2. I received several useful comments and these were accommodated into the final version.
3. It was agreed that David Wallis who would describe the overall objectives and programme of the LCVP would accompany me to both presentations. [In the end David could not join me as his resignation left too little time to organise a replacement.]
4. The presentation to the Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers (ATCO) South East Branch took place in Brighton on 17 February. There was a good turn out with representatives from most of the Counties, District Authorities with bus transport responsibilities within the South East together with Transport for London. There was a warm appreciation expressed for the presentation as many people present were unaware of the LCVP and more particularly of the Low Carbon Bus Programme. There was a comprehensive discussion, which last over three times the allotted programme. The LCVP brochure was distributed and the web site was noted. It was agreed that I would distribute a progress note after each of the LCVP Bus Working group meetings and perhaps give an update presentation next year. The Chairman agreed to contact the national Chairman of ATCO and to recommend that it would be useful for my presentation to be repeated to the national committee. [As of today the National Chairman has not responded so a reminder has been sent.]
5. The presentation to the Passenger Transport Executive Bus Group (PTEG) took place in Newcastle on 25 February. Present were representatives from: Nexus; Metro; Merseytravel; Strathclyde; SYPTE; and Centro. Again there was a surprisingly lack of knowledge of the LCVP and its work. However there was a reasonable level of awareness of Hybrid buses and most had had discussions with manufacturers. Again there was a lengthy discussion with perhaps more technical points being raised than at the ATCO meeting. It was agreed that the best way of keeping touch was through LCVP secretariat [Konstanze] and Tom Pinder the chairman of the PTEG Bus Group. I also agreed to send a progress note after each of the LCVP Bus Working Group meeting and a further presentation if the need arose.

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28th April 2004