

BEDFORD COMMUTERS ASSOCIATION

BCA COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 26th August 2020

Present: Arthur Taylor Steve Floyd Mark Spurgeon
Alison Crompton Howard Pile John Henderson
Courtney Lee Martin James

Apologies:

As a result of the ongoing COVID19 pandemic this meeting is being held via Zoom.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 29th July 2020 were agreed.

2. Actions

Membership Cards – meeting agreed to switch to an electronic version - **Ongoing**

Suggestions for the way forward – **Ongoing JH/AC/HP**

Improving the website **Ongoing CL/MS**

Suggestions for improvements and why ex members lapsed their membership. **AC/HP/CL agreed to look at this idea - Ongoing**

Beds Life magazine to enquire about a piece about the BCA in the magazine. The committee agreed to proceed and asked SF to arrange. **Ongoing SF**

3. Correspondence

None

4. Treasurers Report

SF reported that payment for our advert in the Church magazine had been made.

5. Communications

The next newsletter will be in September. Any articles to AT.

6. Performance

Although performance has greatly improved Infrastructure issues seem to be on the increase and will need to be closely monitored. There has been an increase in skip stopping during periods of disruption.

7. Timetable

Thameslink

The timetable will be uplifted from September 7th to take into account the return to school.

EMR

The timetable will be uplifted from September 7th. He St Pancras to Corby services will be reinstated so the full timetable from Bedford will operate.

8. GTR

AT reported on COVID19 updates either by email or meetings with GTR via the internet. PBF update – work continues on the refurbishment of the toilets at Bedford station. Key Go – Railcards and Carnet to be available on Key Go from September.

9. East Midlands Railways

AT reported that he has asked EMR for details of the class 360 refurbishment. Their reply was at present they are still working on the design etc and will let us know when this is completed so that we can comment on it. Electrification work will be completed by the end of the year.

10. Thameslink Programme

Nothing to report.

11. Website

CL/MS are continuing to discuss improvements to the website.

12. EWRL

Nothing to report.

13. Bedford Matters

Then toilets are being fully refurbished under PBF. Completion is expected within a few weeks.

14. Flitwick Matters

AT reported that funding had been agreed for a transport interchange. He had received the plans and was arranging a meeting on site with Thameslink to discuss. There some points that needed clarification but overall the plans were fine. Once planning permission is granted the work will begin next year with completion in 2022. Awaiting update on PBF.

15. MML CRP

Nothing to Report.

16. Membership Renewal

The meeting agreed the text of a letter to be sent to members regarding this years renewal. HP will send to members during the second week of September.

17. AGM

The meeting thoroughly discussed the AGM in the light of Covid 19. It was agreed that this year's AGM would be cancelled. CL would draft a letter to be sent to members. All the committee agreed that they were prepared to carry on next year. Copies of the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports would be sent with the letter.

AT would speak to Thameslink to ascertain whether they could do a presentation via Zoom to members with a Q&A session to follow.

18. AOB

AT reported on the Croydon Area Remodelling Consultation which runs until early September.

19. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 26th August 2020 commencing at 19.30 via Zoom.