

FTL Zoom Agenda

1. Zoom procedure familiarisation
2. Short discussion: proposed by Margherita
'A right to public transport – how to get people out of their cars'
Hopefully all present will make a contribution
3. To consider affiliation with Transport action network, see:
<https://transportactionnetwork.org.uk/>



Future Transport London held its first meeting on 22nd May on Zoom.

Present: Peter Osmon (Secretary and convenor of the meeting), Rob Adamson (Chair), Chris Barker (Assistant Secretary), Andrew Bosi (Vice-chair), Margherita Rendel, Neil Roth, Robin Whittaker, Maggie Heraty, Alison Johnston.

1. A right to public transport – how to get people out of their cars

Margherita introduced the discussion. She pointed out that 60% of people have no access to a car and that access to public transport is crucial and that a drastic reduction in car traffic is necessary if the country is to reach zero carbon by 2050 which is the target the government has agreed to. She said there is a need to make car use more expensive and difficult and mentioned the need to restrict parking and the issue of residents' parking permits. She also said there is a possibility of legislation under the Equalities Act to force the provision of more public transport.

In the discussion that followed Chris pointed out the need for road user charging. He also mentioned that restrictions on road space in favour of walking and cycling being imposed because of the Covid-19 crisis is a step in the right direction.

Andrew said that the need to rebuild trust in public transport following the Covid-19 crisis is crucial. He also mentioned the need to lobby local authorities for specific pavement widening schemes where they were needed.

Maggie said it was necessary to restrict the need to travel and pointed out that there will be less commuting in the future as more people are going to continue to work from home.

2. Affiliation to Transport Action Network.

Chris said that the Transport Action Network is asking local transport campaigning groups to be listed on its website and suggested FTL join. Maggie wondered whether their aim was largely restricted to anti-road lobbying. It was agreed to put affiliation forward as a proposal at the next meeting.

3. Next meeting.

It was agreed to hold Zoom meetings regularly so long as face to face meetings were not possible and that the next meeting should be held on Friday 19th June. One topic will be a discussion on the DfT's Decarbonising transport consulta