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Welcome

Welcome to the Summer issue of the Seltrans newsletter.

In this issue we will be updating you on the success of the Carbon Crunch Travel Plan event held in April for businesses across the Seltrans and Thames Gateway areas.

Also we have some exciting news on recent station schemes and an update from the Seltrans Travel Planners on their achievements over the past 12 months.

As always, if you have any comments, suggestions or queries with this newsletter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.



Carbon Crunch, Putting Bad Travel Practices into Recession - Tower of London 2009

On Wednesday 22nd April 2009, businesses from across South East London and the Thames Gateway converged on the Tower of London for an informative and fun event themed 'Carbon Crunch' – on workplace travel planning. Hosted by Seltrans and the Thames Gateway Travel Plan Network 'Carbon Crunch' attracted over 50 delegates eager to learn more about the business benefits of workplace travel planning, particularly in the context of the current economic down turn, and to network with like-minded peers. Director of Transport Policy Kulveer Ranger welcomed the attendees with an opening address. The rest of the morning provided delegates with an opportunity to attend workshops on different aspects of workplace travel planning, a roadshow with exhibitors from across the travel planning spectrum, and one-to-one sessions with the Seltrans and TGTPN travel planners to discuss how travel planning could work for them. After being treated to a working lunch that provided more networking opportunities, the event came to a close, with delegates invited to a guided tour of the Tower. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive 'A well organised event with approachable and friendly speakers' said one delegate 'Inspiring!' said another delegate. Seltrans Travel Plan Coordinator Sarah Cummings was pleased with how the event went; 'we had 90 per cent of delegates giving an overall rating of four or five out of five for the event, and we had almost half the businesses signing up to the Enterprise workplace travel planning scheme.'



South London Business Awards 2009

In June this year Seltrans and Sweltrac had the opportunity to sponsor the sustainability category at the prestigious South London Business Awards held at Crystal Palace Football Ground. This year's event saw attendance from over 500 businesses with every one of the 12 South London Boroughs represented.

After long consideration the final decision was made and the winner of this year's sustainability award went to Chequers Contract Service Limited.

Chequers is a family run business that have firmly established themselves within the Cleaning Sector as a reputable, reliable and professional Cleaning Services Contractor and have recently acquired the ISO 14001 standard for environmental control



St Mary Cray Station Update

Work at St Mary Cray has begun, and is expected to be completed towards the end of June. The work includes the reconstruction of Station Approach to current standards with new drainage and lighting, as well as improved community recycling facilities, easier movement for bus services, tidying of an overgrown embankment and improvements for pedestrians.

The majority of funding has come from Transport for London's Area Based Scheme budget, with contributions from TfL's LBPB and from LB Bromley. Southeastern have also completed improvements to their car park and installed new cycle parking facilities thanks to a TfL London Rail grant.

Streatham Common Update.

L.B. Lambeth have been proactive in delivering the final elements to a very successful Station Access Scheme at Streatham Common station. Working with Seltrans, Southern, Network Rail and London Rail. A holistic scheme for the 'down' access forecourt and cycle/motor-cycle parking is being delivered next month to complement further DfT Access for All works, make the station fully accessible with modern up-to-date facilities.

South Croydon Update

Following a very successful 'Smart Moves' walking & Cycling conference run by TfL in April. The solar panels are being installed at South Croydon station this month (June).

This is a first for Seltrans, delivering TfL's first carbon neutral Station Access scheme in association with Network Rail and Southern Railway.

At a recent national Network Rail conference run with local and regional government authorities, held in Birmingham. The Seltrans project was held up as an example of 'Best Practice'. Delivering as it does a multi-stakeholder, holistic carbon neutral scheme. Which is an example of how the rail industry, wishes to foster a collaborative working relationship.

The most recent element to have been delivered by L.B. Croydon, is the resurfacing of a major east – west pedestrian link to the station; via Birdhurst Avenue. Harington Humps are being considered at South Croydon to aid passenger comfort in aiding access to the trains from the platforms. The present 'step up' is in excess of a prescribed maximum of 600mm.

Norwood Junction Update.

London Borough of Croydon have recently appointed a member of the Transport Strategy Team to 'work through' the Step 2 ABS process. This multi-stakeholder scheme complements Network Rail's NSIP programme. Bringing together match funding for a completed 'up' station forecourt refurbishment. A coup for Seltrans is to report that this ABS will be our first in collaboration with The Railway Heritage Fund. Jim Cornell who gave such a successful presentation at last year's Seltrans annual event has confirmed that the trust would be prepared to contribute a relatively large amount to refurbish Norwood Junction Station, which lays within a conservation area.

Ravensbourne Update

Crabb Hill has now been fully resurfaced and Bromley officers are preparing to formally adopt it. Meetings with TfL are taking place regarding the positioning of the bus stops. Ravensbourne Avenue will be surfaced during June and July. Praise must be highlighted to the Bromley officers dealing with the PSW works associated with this flagship access and integration scheme.

Seltrans has been able to secure additional funding for both L.B. Bromley and L.B. Lewisham to instigate a complementary pedestrian and cycle enhancement scheme in Beckenham Place Park.

Further work is being progressed to identify issues relating to the station's eastern access. A station access scheme funding grant is being 'worked - up' to trawl up all outstanding issues. The main focus of which is the bus/rail interchange in the direct station forecourt area.

The DfT's 'down' DDA ramp is now fully open, and has found great favor with all of the local passengers. Our thanks goes out to both South Eastern and the DfT in their faith to complement the Seltrans scheme to integrate the buses, the cycle network and the strategy walking route.

Travel Plan Updates

Seltrans has had another successful year in terms of travel planning. We are now monitoring 438 travel plans covering over 40,000 employees through iTrace and approximately 1/2 of these are voluntary travel plans. This is the highest number of voluntary travel plans of any other sub region in London which is a tremendous achievement.

The highlight of 2008/09 was winning the marketing and travel awareness campaign of the year at the London Smarter Travel Awards as well as being highly commended for a European Pewta Award.

The team have been successful in bidding for a new travel planner for the team as a direct result of the team's success. Melissa Cazzato joined the team in November 2008 as the new Travel Plan Officer.

We have continued to develop effective partnership working with a number of new partners which include the likes of the London Chamber of Commerce and South London Business.

Our marketing campaign has been expanded to include a new flyer that will be dropped in to businesses as well as a successful cross sub region event (see additional article). In addition to this we have run a year long campaign with the South London Business Magazine where we have an outside back page advert. This has been instrumental in engaging new businesses into the travel plan process.

The 2008/09 financial year has been a great success despite the obstacles of the recession. We hope that 2009/10 is as successful if not exceeds that of previous years.

