

Responses to Low Carbon Vehicles Forum Questionnaire

The questions sent out by Mike Woollacott were:

1. Do you think that a Warwickshire Low Carbon Vehicle Forum or similar would be useful?
2. What sort of scope do you think such a forum should have? e.g. sharing good practice, joined-up working, study visits, project bids etc.
3. How often do you think the group should meet? Every 2, 3, or 4 months?
4. Would your organisation be willing to provide a venue (on rotation with other organisations) for such a meeting?
5. Would your organisation be able to provide any other type of support? e.g. admin support, provide refreshments, etc.

Summary of the responses:

Seven responses were received. Of these all were supportive of the idea of a Forum and six people would be able to attend meetings about every 2 months (initially) or three/four months thereafter.

The scope of the Forum – Suggestions covered working together to share best practice, implementing the transport elements of the Partnership Plan, partnership working/ partnered initiatives, support for the development of bids for funding and the comparison and sharing of experiences of different technologies, along with other approaches such as driver training and maintenance practices to reduce emissions.

Responsees are mostly able to offer meeting space on a rotation. Some are able to offer administration support and possibly refreshments when the meetings are at their venue.

Responses

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1. Yes, Low Carbon Vehicle Forum would be useful;
2. Yes, all of those but also to encourage research within WM universities with the ultimate aim of demonstrating to Government that we take a holistic approach to sustainable technologies of which transport is a key part;
3. Will depend on what the group decides to do;
4. ARC on the Stoneleigh site might be a good central location for some of the meetings;
5. Probably not at this stage because of financial restraints. May be other ways in which we can become involved – trial of prototype vehicles.

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I think that this is a good idea, and that collectively we may make some good progress by having a joint approach to this subject. Please find my views in response to the questions asked.

1. Yes, I believe that we should be looking to move to more environmentally friendly vehicles and equipment. I believe that a forum of this sort would prove to be effective, providing all Authorities would eventually commit to the cost implications of implementing some of this technology.
2. Working together to create and share good practice
3. I would say that initially every two months, reverting to every three months once initial work and targets etc. have been set.
4. I am sure that we would be able to provide a meeting room.
- 5 We may be able to offer limited Admin support, but unfortunately cannot guarantee this.

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1. Yes
2. Should the group concentrate on implementing the transport elements of the Partnership Plan?
3. 3 monthly
4. Yes
5. At our share of the meetings

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1. Yes.
2. Sharing best practice, partnership working/ partnered initiatives
3. 2 months
4. Yes
5. Possible admin support (minute taking etc)

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I would like to receive updates from the Forum (lack of time rather than interest prevents me from attending).

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I welcome the opportunity to become involved with a LCV Forum - I am currently working on proposals to procure an electric vehicle for WCC within next financial year and would therefore find the Forum a very useful resource. As Roger mentioned there are other areas of interest that we would be able to input on, such as on street charging, parking and low emission zones. The benefits of a Forum are widespread and would enable the sharing of ideas, best practice etc. and could support the development of bids for funding etc. as has been the case recently with Coventry CC.

If you require any further information at this stage please let me know, also please keep me informed of any updates.

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I work for Verdant in Leicestershire, but I'm familiar with our Stratford waste contract and with trials we are carrying out elsewhere which aim to reduce the GHG emissions from our services. In our case transport is the major contributor to our environmental impact and we are keen to be proactive in adopting new approaches to reduce our emissions. It would be me who would attend these meetings and perhaps one other from Verdant.

1. Yes, there are currently a wide range of technologies available that make various claims about fuel savings. It will be useful for a group of organisations to be able to compare their experiences of these technologies, along with other approaches such as driver training and maintenance practices.
2. Sharing good practice, discussing current trials.
3. Every 4 months
4. Yes (depending on numbers), Avenue Farm depot, Stratford.
5. Refreshments

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