**Minutes - Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 – Public Engagement Working Group (PEWG). 16th March 2022, 15:00 – 16:00**

**Chair**

Andrew Taylor Scottish Government

**Attendee’s**

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| John Bynorth | Environmental Protection Scotland |
| Tanith Allison | SEPA |
| Colin Gillespie | SEPA |
| Susana Sebastian | SEPA |
| Laura Devito | University West of England (UWE) |
| Matthew Davis | Sustrans |
| Gordon Sheach | Cycling Scotland |
| Gareth Brown | Asthma + Lung UK |
| Gavin Thomson | Friends of the Earth Scotland |
| Lisa Freeman | Transport Scotland |

**Apologies**

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| Stuart Hay | Living Streets |
| Heather Price | Stirling University |
| Graham Applegate | SEPA |

1. **Welcome**

Andrew Taylor (AT) welcomed attendees

1. **Introductions**

Round table introductions.

1. **Presentation**

AT gave a presentation on CAFS2 background, including current state of air quality in Scotland.

1. **CAFS2 Governance**

Already covered on item 3.

1. **CAFS2 actions – Public Engagement**

AT confirmed that this initial meeting is an introduction and setting the scene. Subsequent meetings, Scottish Government is seeking substantive discussion around various actions.

AT read through the public engagement actions outlined in the ‘CAFS2 Action Tracker – ‘Public Engagement Working Group’ and open the floor for comment after reading through each action.

*Short term action comments:*

* AT confirm that the project specification for the survey has already been put together and will be shared with the group.
* Existing related work can be explored e.g. Transport Scotland comms work on LEZ attitudes, work from Heather Price’s PhD student that could be useful and Walking Cycling Index work from Sustrans on public attitudes.

**ACTION – AT to share the project specification for the baseline survey commission to the group**

**ACTION - ALL review actions in the PEWG Action Tracker and highlight existing and ongoing work relevant to the delivery of specific actions in the update/ comments section. Send to Susana Sebastian (SS) to collate.**

*Medium term action comments:*

* Further references to relevant work were provided e.g. the engagement strategy for schools the Irish EPA is developing, the EEA citizen science programme that SEPA were involved in and UWE work with South Gloucestershire Council on active travel behaviours.

**ACTION – LD to share messaging toolkit - DONE**

*Long term action comments:*

* John Bynorth (JB) – Gave a brief introduction to Clean Air Day, which started in 2017 and involves schools, companies, and local authorities on the development of attitudes and infrastructure to improve air quality. Each year can have a particular theme (e.g. covid in 2020 or children’s health in 2019)

*Other:*

* AT confirmed that the number of organisations included in this group is not fixed so more organisations can be invited.
* According to Cycling Scotland’s public perception survey on cycling behaviours, the number of people in Scotland citing the environment as a reason to cycle has increased from 12% in 2017 to 28% in 2021.

1. **Chair arrangements**

AT asked for those interested in chairing future meetings to express interest to him and SS. A rolling chair arrangement will also be considered depending on level of interest.

1. **Sector representation on Ministerial Group**

AT explained that the CAFS2 Ministerial Group sat in December 2021. A member of the PEWG is asked to sit on future Ministerial Group meetings to represent the views of the PEWG. AT asked anyone interested to email him and SS.

**ACTION – SS to circulate list of organisations in the Ministerial and Delivery groups - DONE**

1. **Working Group ToR**

ToR circulated by SS. Any comments can be made via email to SS.

1. **Priorities and Next Steps**

The next meeting will be in mid-June and will be chaired by a member of the group. AT asked the PEWG members to report back any views to him and SS.

1. **AOB**

Thanks and close.