Notes of the meeting of the Storrington Air Quality Steering group held on 31st January.

Present: Cllr Anna Worthington-Leese (Chair), Cllr Richard Jerman, Cllr Richard Evea (Storrington & Sullington Parish Council) SSPC
Cllr Paul Marshall, Stephen Douglas, Jamie Dallen, Bill Leath, Penny Mather (WSCC)
Cllr Ray Dawe, Cllr Philip Circus, Cllr James Wright, John Batchelor, Marc Rankin, Anna Czerska (HDC).
Apologies from received from Cllr Jim Sanson and Chris Stark (WSCC)

Press Coverage.
It was agreed that a press release giving factual information re air quality in Storrington and the actions that have been taken to improve this would be issued.

Air Quality and Planning.
Clarification is to be sought from HDC’s Planning Department on how applications are assessed for cumulative impact and also clarity on how the AQMA is considered when assessing planning applications for neighbouring parishes.

Update on recently progressed schemes.
(a) HGV weight restriction on School Hill. It was (a) noted that though HGV numbers are down many HGVs are still using the prohibited route. SSPC to contact the police with regard to how this restriction can be enforced.
(b) Stopping Restrictions on North Street. Again, it was noted that these restrictions are regularly being ignored. SSPC to obtain information about number of tickets issued since the restrictions were introduced and to request increased Enforcement Officer presence.

Cleaner Buses. A meeting has been arranged with WSCC’s Cabinet Member for the Environment regarding the use of cleaner school transport.

School Travel Plans.
Liaison to take place with Storrington Primary School, Thakeham Primary School and Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road Campus, to work with them to carry out surveys of how pupils travel to school.

Schemes for consideration.
The following ideas were put forward for consideration.
• CCTV on School Hill to monitor HGVs using the prohibited route. SSPC to enquire whether police can enforce using CCTV evidence and if so whether there are any conditions regarding specification of equipment.
• Application for a Community Highways Scheme to address issues at West Street roundabout (junction with Monastery Lane, Amberley Road, Pulborough Road).
• Consider possibility of introduction of “Green Walls” in the village
• Anti-Idling schemes
• Review AQMA scheme proposals (June 2017) to consider whether any of the proposed schemes should be revisited.

S106 Monies.
The group was updated on the availability of S106 monies for AQMA action.
Electric Vehicle charging points
Funds have been secured from the Glebe Development for the servicing and maintenance of the charging points in the Library Car Park. Information to be sought about the potential cost, current usage and future predicted use of the existing equipment. Consultation would also need to take place with service providers to ensure that sufficient supply of power is available. Parish council to be asked to consider installing charging points on PC land.

Idling Enforcement Options. Work to continue with local schools to organise informal campaigns to ask those collecting children to switch off their engines rather than leave them idling. This was considered preferential to implementing legislation to enforce compliance.

Update on Air Quality Monitoring Data.
Data was presented which shows there is currently only one area in the village where measurements are above the annual mean objective. This is the mini-roundabout at the junction with School Hill and the High Street.

The group will meet again towards the end of March on a date to be arranged.