

Transport Planning Society

Meeting Date	24 June 2020
Report Title	Chair's Report
For Decision or for Information?	For Information
Decision Sought	N/A
Report Summary	This report summarises my main activities since the last Board meeting and other key issues.

There is a huge amount of activity in TPS at the moment so thank you to all Board members for your efforts, I know it's challenging managing this with the day jobs and looking after family and friends during the pandemic.

Transport Planning State of the Nation Report

I have spent time in a number of meetings and discussions on this initiative, with Justin Bishop who is leading on it from the Board. I am really pleased that we have Stephen Joseph and the University of Hertfordshire undertaking the work and we have already had productive sessions planning the work. I am looking forward to the final product in November 2020.

TPS Annual Lecture

I chaired the postponed TPS Annual Lecture on 14 May 2020, given by our Transport Planner of the Year, Susan Claris, on the topic of 'Transport planning a more diverse and active future'. Susan gave a very well received lecture (a challenging situation doing it online) and I was thrilled that we had 182 people online and loads of great questions.

As I said in my '[Message from the Chair](#)', I think the success is due to the fact that holding these events online is a great leveller, it means anyone can join from anywhere, so I think we should look at how we can hold more of our events online in future so we can include and get participation from more of our members.

Future of TPS Event

I would like to thank all Board members who attended this event for their participation and useful inputs. Also the facilitators, Kate, David and Jo, for supporting the event. I have now drafted a Board report on the event with next steps on how we will proceed with the outputs.

Transport Planning Day Steering Group

I chaired the Transport Planning day Steering Group meeting on 2 June 2020. The agenda covered TPS Communication Plan, CPRE involvement/partnership, Seaford article, Schools poster competition, Bursary competition winners' content, Speakers for Houses of Parliament event, RCA project, TPS Regional activity, and Academia involvement.

The activities planned for the campaign reflect the feedback from stakeholders in the recent research, so we are focusing on the important areas for members and stakeholders. Further details in the separate TP Day Board report.

Note also that Jo Field has arranged for a discussion with Huw Merriman MP, Chair of the Transport Select Committee (on 2 July 2020) to discuss arrangements for the HoP event in October 2020.

Women in Transport

On 12 June 2020 Jo Ward and I had a call with the President, CEO, and Events lead from Women in Transport. They are facing a severe challenge with funding, as their usual sources have been withdrawn this year. As a partner organisation that we support, we discussed ways in which we could help them, from promoting their organisation to our members and stakeholders to possible options to work more closely together. Obviously TPS is facing similar challenges, so I made clear that support would have to be in terms of activity rather than financial.

They are considering what would be most useful and if they respond positively, we will bring any proposals to the Board for agreement. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions in the meantime, please let Jo and I know.

TPS Officers Group Meeting

The TPS Officers Group comprises me, Kate Morris (Company Secretary), David Connolly (Treasurer) and Andy Costain (Business Manager). We held a call on 21 May 2020.

In this meeting we discussed 2020 Board roles and responsibilities, Future of TPS event, ICE Room Bookings for 2020 (following contact from ICE), developing standard commercial terms and conditions for TPS and TPS input into Local Transport Today magazine.

Stephen Bennett, TPS Chair

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