



Minutes of Waste Hub Liaison Group

10th August 2023, 5.30pm, via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Simon McGrory, Local Representative	SM
Kevin Melling, MD, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd	KM
Jane Thomason, Deputy MD, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd	JT

Other Attendees:

Megan Bowyer, PA to Kevin Melling (Minutes)	MB
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Apologies Received:

Cllr John Bird, Cheshire East Ward Councillor	JB
Cllr Fraser Whytock, Middlewich Town Council	FW
Cllr Simon Whittaker, Middlewich Town Council	SW
Paul Cassell, Local Representative	PC

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	<p>Welcome KM welcomed attendees declared the meeting open and chaired it throughout.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising 2.1 The Minutes from the meeting on 15 June 2023 were approved as an accurate and correct record.</p> <p>2.2 Matters Arising Terms of Reference (ToR) The draft updated version was displayed on screen and the amendments were agreed. Action MB to issue a final copy to group members.</p> <p>Site Tour KM confirmed that both JB and FW had visited the Environmental Hub for meetings with him and tours of the site.</p>	MB
3	<p>Operational and Community Events Update JT advised that there was nothing of particular note to report regarding Ansa's operations and that it was 'business as usual'.</p>	

	<p>The carbon in the Waste Transfer Station was changed in July as planned.</p> <p>Two odour complaints were received, one in July and one in August – both related to burning smells. We had also picked up those smells in our daily sniff tests and can confirm that they definitely didn't come from the hub. The Environment Agency is aware.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with CEC re a plan for the EV infrastructure for smaller vehicles. The work is expected to be non-invasive with no digging on site required.</p> <p>Community Events in Middlewich since the last meeting included:</p> <p>FAB festival support – Ansa provided a large number of Eurobins to collect the rubbish generated, and also manned a stand on site. Our Community Engagement team engaged with over 400 people and signed some up as waste reduction volunteers. It was an excellent event.</p> <p>SM advised that feedback was brilliant especially about the Community Engagement Officers, and he passed on thanks from the organisers. Plans for next year include considering ways to reduce waste generated from the event.</p> <p>Celebrating Middlewich Clean Team's 20-year anniversary - Committee members met with KM for tea and cakes, and he presented them with a thank-you donation to help them continue their excellent work. The membership of the group is thriving, and they are keen on a future tour of the site, which will be arranged.</p>	
4	<p>Update on Project Vanguard</p> <p>KM reported that the project is moving forward. The generator parts have at last been fitted and are waiting for final certification checks. The only outstanding issue envisaged is that engineers may need to attend to start up the generator again as it has been standing unused for quite a long while. By the end of the summer, we are hoping the project will be up and running.</p> <p>We have been conducting trials on smaller electric vehicles which we envisage to be the solution for other operational areas e.g., parks and grounds. There has been good feedback from drivers from the trials and we expect that when current vehicles are due to be replaced in future, electric vehicles will be the solution.</p>	
5	<p>Middlewich Community Issues</p> <p>Ansa Refuse Vehicle Driving Behaviour</p> <p>An action from the June meeting was for Ansa to look specifically at Thursday mornings, carry out checks and report back to this meeting on findings. JT confirmed the checks had been performed, concentrating on Holmes Chapel Road, which was the area reported.</p> <p>She confirmed that monitoring was carried out on a random basis and there have been some comforting results. We looked specifically at the distances between our vehicle</p>	

	<p>and the one in front and also the speed at which they were travelling compared to the speed limits, which along that stretch of road vary between 30, 40 and 50 mph. Most of the vehicles were well within the limits and where there were infringements, they were minor e.g., a couple of miles over the limit or anticipating a speed limit increase. In those cases, we have spoken to the drivers to remind them of the need to stay within the limits. There were no instances recorded of our vehicles being too close to the vehicle in front.</p> <p>We considered this a good exercise, which we will continue.</p> <p>Middlewich Cricket Club – SM reported that the club is pleased with the continued support/sponsorship of Ansa. The Juniors are thriving and love their shirts with the Ansa logo. KM mentioned that we have a framed shirt in Ansa Reception; he was pleased to have positive conversations about community support.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business None</p>	

The meeting closed at 18.02. Next meeting to be held on 2nd November 2023