

West Midlands HAUC Materials and Technology Group
 Meeting Minutes
 4th July 2012. Arrive at 9:30, Budbrooke Offices, Warwick

Present :	Bob Lloyd (BL)	Worcestershire CC	01905 766832
	John Crowther (JC)	Enterprise	07800 057092
	Phil Baker (PB)	Nu-Phalt	07502 415248
	Andy Ward (AW)	Enterprise	07810 051058
	Chris Houghton (CH)	Morgan Sindall	07989 163552
	Tom Richmond (TR)	National Grid Gas	07721 517597
	Hannah Bettison(HB)	Tarmac	07809 512707
	Phil Cartmail (PC)	Staffs County Council	01785 277248
	Stephen Waldron(SW)	Waste Not UK Limited	07970 121141
	Emma Loach (EL)	Staffs County Council	01785 277248
	Justin Holt (JH)	LMS	07974 455355
	Jane Harris (JHa)	Instarmac	07973 889596
	Gez Ramano (GR)	Warwickshire CC	07795 236865

Agenda Item	
1.0	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Lee O'Connor Express Ashphalt</p>
3.0	<p><u>Minutes of Previous meeting.</u></p>
3.1	<p><u>WM HAUC Website</u></p> <p>BL stated that the site was very poor and that he was going to contact the group - there are some old minutes posted and some links, some of which are not active. To this end BL has joined the Website Working Group. PB stated that someone from NJUG in Devon mentioned that the site was not updated, iterated by JC. BL to raise the issue at WMHAUC - CH said that NW HAUC site very good - can WM HAUC get to same standard?</p>
3.2	<p><u>SMR / Dudley MBC.</u></p> <p>TR said that five sites had been completed and there are discussions for more potential sites. TR liaising with planners and he has made offer for anyone to attend that may be interested. JC had file of people agreeing material trials had been through materials group. BL to take to WMHAUC later this month. JC stated that material group should be notified and allowed to make</p>

BL

2.2(cont)	comment on each and every trial - Trial ongoing	TR
3.3	<u>ESPOT Indicator</u> JH said report done. Needs further trial as to date had one good result and one bad.	JH
3.4	<u>Instarmac.</u> JHa still ongoing. Jane offered that Chris Murphy from Instarmac attend next meeting to give full explanation of how the trial has gone.	JHa
3.5	<u>Footway Boards.</u> Still nothing from Oxford Plastics. JC said that Enterprise are doing some development of trench boards, but not for wheelchair access. PB suggested that HSOG take this up and Materials Group to review after Roadshow.	
4.0	<u>New Business</u>	
4.2	<u>Instaband ECO Worcestershire Trial Feedback</u> JHa stated that the Draft Certificates were now with her and that the published document would be available in two weeks (HAPAS Approval)	JHa
4.7	<u>Structured Coring Programme.</u> Response still awaited from SROH following letters from JC and PC	JC & PC
6.0	<u>Streetworks Training.</u> JC said that there was to be a decision in Feb 2013 as to whether the requirement for the certification will continue. PB reported that some training advisers are telling candidates that it is a waste of time taking the exam as it is going to be discarded. JC stated that at present it is still in use and must be done.	JC
8.0	<u>Highways Ironwork.</u> PC stated that guidance very weak with regard to the cores being taken around ironwork, Highway Authorities can not core within 100mm of apparatus for air voids. PC stated that the guidance needs to be more specific. General discussion ensued.	PC

Agenda.

4.0 Composite Manholes.

BL said that he has spoken with Wales and West to see if they had any experience of using them. PC said only suitable for footways because of the loadings. PC said best advice read HA104 BS 7903, JHa said to read EN 124, standard for ironworks. PC disagreed with JHa interpretation saying that Local Authorities would not accept it.

PC said that the materials are not an issue as the standard allows for different materials. PC to provide documentation which will clarify position at next meeting. JHa has certificates re: loadings and skid resistance and said they were guaranteed for 15 years (600 x 600 manhole cover and frame) PC and JHa to liaise for next meeting for JC to reply to HAUC.

**PC and
JHa**

5.0 WRAP & Testing

JC stated that there is a lot of recycled stone being used, and there is question over the suitability of the materials. The North West have had similar concerns and have bought out a regime of material testing and site audits to be followed.

PC replied that recycled aggregates are causing a big problem for HA, and said that if the QA procedure not followed then the aggregate should not be purchased. JC went on to explain the new scenario within Enterprise's work with Severn Trent Water Ltd whereby some 20+ facilities are being used, all documentation is requested, when checked and audited, if paperwork out of date then facility not being used. HB said that all of Tarmac's recycled aggregates are made to a quality protocol which contains WRAP, but that company policy prevented her from sending out a copy of the policy. HB also said that Tarmac may be shutting down the recycling facilities due to commerciality. CH also said that when they, Morgan Sindall, carried out a similar activity that they too had visited every facility to be used and carried out an audit to ensure compliance.

PC stated that unless the testing frequency laid down in the WRAP protocol was adhered to, the Quality Procedure became non-existent. AW said that the paragraph 13/19/24 exemptions have now finished, companies must have Permits issued by the EA in place and employ a Technically Competent Person on site. AW went on to explain about EA Permits, costs and involvement by the EA. BL asked if all Subcontractors were audited, JC said that they were all using the approved facilities which have been audited.

PC said that there should be a system of testing leading to prosecutions where failures are.

CH said that on Gas work they were doing a full audit, going back to the weighbridge ticket where necessary.

HB said that Tarmac were to lobby the EA, she will report at next meeting

HB

<p>6.0</p>	<p>Materials Awareness Day. JC had discussion with Aldercross and BL to get venue for 16th January 2013. It will be at Worcester CC. Recycled Materials - PC Permits - Lane Rental Symology Strata Coring - innovative materials to minimise disruption Managing reinstatement to SROH - PC Compaction on reinstatements - PB Exover - Coring of reinstatements PB asked if there could be exhibitors, saying there should probably be six or seven allowed. JC said that there would be a flyer going out at the WM HAUC show in September 2012, aimed at street authorities and utilities.</p>	<p>JC/BL</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Feedback from Morgans. CH distributed a handout, this shows 100% of the arisings being reused as trench fill. BL said that the material had performed well through the winter and said that due to the susceptibility from Frost Heave it should not be laid in negative temperatures. HB produced A9 trial literature outlining what would be done with regard to tests on aggregates and product. Tarmac would be prepared to underwrite standards as cubes testing were achieving 3Nm on 28 days, she also said that an A9 trial was not required as the material approved via Sheepscar, JC not accepting this and said either an A9 or progressive trial required. AW asked if this trial could be done across areas rather than the controlled trial due to the differing nature of materials throughout our region. HB said that they has two facilities, Staffs and Wolverhampton, and when working all Tarmac sites are permitted as Transfer Stations where utility arisings can be tipped. These sites would be where the volumetric vehicles would be recharged with materials. HB to send PC and AW information for approval. Progressive trial agreed across West Midlands, HB to send document to JC for distribution and to be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>HB/JC</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>WM HAUC Roadshow. It was discussed and agreed that there would not be a Materials stand at the show, but we want relevant items to be on the WMHAUC stand. ie core samples, material samples, photos of defects etc.. PB said that two pull-ups were required. Volunteers required to be on the stand during the two days and for general assistance in the car park, refreshments etc... PB said that he had secured six new exhibitors as well as twelve confirmed from the show at Whetherby. AW said that he would arrange for the tarmac recycling machine to be there. PB said that the refreshment stand should be by the up and over door to the outside area, making people walk through the exhibitors stands to get there.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Overbanding. JHa - new certificate now available for material.</p>	<p>JHa</p>

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Material Pick List

JC distributed, this is used in the North West by Local Agreement. Is it something we should have in the West Midlands? - feedback from all at next meeting.

ALL

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Instarmac A9 Trial

JHa - material used around stop taps at present - leaflet distributed to all "Appendix A9 Trial. Approval of Ultracrete Permasoil, Soil Stabiliser for use in utility reinstatements in accordance with Appendix 9 of the SROH" Please read your copy or contact Jane Harris at Instarmac for a copy.

JHa said that she had met on site with Worcestershire CC inspectors this week to carry out more inspections. PC suggested that coring the blacktop over the area where this material used could be useful to see how the tarmac has compacted.

BL said that he was satisfied with the material and results, especially in driveways.

JHa

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BL - Worcester HAUC meeting 17th July 2012, JHa to attend.

HB said that Tarmac have a 20mm single layer, compacted 100mm thick, Masterpave and would like a trial in Staffordshire.

PB - still have exhibitor stands to sell for the WM HAUC show, and still have sponsorship available.

AW - EA legislation from HMRC - trommell fines now unacceptable for landfill cover - gone from £2.50 to £64 per ton to tip. It is going to be even more important to be able to use 100% of trench arisings for trench fill.

JHa - Permasoil trial now done, similar one to be done with recycled glass in soil stabiliser.

Date of next WMHAUC meeting.

Next meeting to be on 26th September 2012. John Smith of Prestige Hire has offered the facilities at the Olton Boulevard Office for our use.