

West Midlands HAUC Materials and Technology Group

Meeting Minutes

**10th January 2012. Arrive at 9.30, Instarmac Group plc,
Dordon, Staffs.**

Present:

Bob Lloyd	Worcestershire CC
Phil Baker	Nu-Phalt
Andy Ward	Enterprise
Chris Houghton	Morgan Sindall
Jane Harris	Instarmac
Mark Gibbons	Morgan Sindall
Richard Cutler	National Grid
Hannah Bettison	Tarmac
Phil Cartmail	Staffs County Council
Lee O'Connor	Express Asphalt
Archie Hives	Hysand

Agenda Item		Action
1.0	<p><u>Apologies</u> John Crowther Chris Nesbitt C&W Worldwide John Hopkins Morgan Sindall Martin Shannon Carillion Gez Ramano Warwickshire CC Luke Gale Enterprise</p> <p>Malcolm Sheldon from Western Power Distribution is no longer involved with streetworks in the company but is willing to offer his expertise if he can answer any queries from the Group.</p>	
2.0	Review of Agenda	

3.0	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>	
3.1	<p><u>HAUC Web site.</u> HAUC WM Website was discussed in meeting. Review of Yorkshire HAUC website was viewed Ideas for web site entries such as minutes, trials were discussed and it was agreed that they should be placed onto WMHAUC web site. A suggestion of a blog was made and BL &RC to discuss on 19.1.12 HAUC meeting. BL and RC are to review existing HAUC WM website content and discuss on 19.1.12 at HAUC Meeting. AW to send copy of cold tar paper to BL for website PC to forward all proposed papers for web site prior to next meeting for WM Materials group to review.</p>	BL&RC BL&RC AW PC
3.2	<p><u>SMR/ Dudley MBC</u> This trial will go ahead shortly and should have further information at the next meeting. Richard Cutler explained that work will be shortly completed on private properties and when demonstration dates are known, members will be invited.</p>	RC
3.3	<p><u>ESPOT Indicator</u> Trials now completed, Ernie Wardle from Adien gave an update of the successful trial. The consensus was that this is an excellent audit tool and the benefits are increased intelligence on where coring should take place. This provides cost savings on coring, but is not a replacement. Bob Lloyd suggested we should place the trial results on the WMHAUC website. Ernie Wardle to send to Bob Lloyd an electronic copy of the document as papers not received in Jan 12 meeting.</p>	BL
3.4	<p><u>Instarmac</u> Chris Murphy Technical Director of Instarmac gave a presentation on the in house core testing of all grades of cold lay asphalt supplied by the Company. The project will provide customers with a definitive guideline on what can be achieved over the 6 month period, broken down into monthly stages. An update will be given at the next meeting. Chris Murphy was unable to attend and Jane Harris explained update on cores. This item is to be kept on minutes for periodic updates.</p>	JH

3.5	<u>Footway Boards</u> It was recognised that wheelchair access and mobility on current footway boards are a real issue. As a result, it was agreed that it would be a good idea to try and improve the current industry specification and maybe involve disabled groups for their input. Both Gez Ramono and John Crowther were not in attendance, so this item has been kept on the minutes for the April 12 meeting.	JC&GR
3.6	<u>Zipper/ Tar bound asphalts</u> Andy Ward updated the group on recent findings as this area is still in development. AW speaking to Environment Agency re Hazardous Waste/ Leeching. AW to feed back in Aprils meeting any further updates.	AW
3.7	<u>Water Research Council Street Ironwork Project</u> Jane Harris explained that the project trials have been completed and that the specifications are currently being processed. The actual completion is not expected until March 2012. Jane was asked to arrange a presentation for the Material's Group meeting in April 2012.	JH
4.0	<u>New Business</u>	
4.1	<u>West Midlands HAUC Roadshow Feedback</u> The 2012 show was discussed. More numbers needed for both sponsorship and display stands. Constant advertising of show is required as well as inviting exhibitors' customers to help boost footfall numbers.	ALL
4.2	<u>Instaband ECO Worcestershire Trial Feedback</u> Good positive feedback so far from this trial, Bob Lloyd is happy for Contractor's to use the product as long as he is informed beforehand. Jane Harris to report on BBA/HAPAS Approval status at the April meeting.	JH
4.3	<u>Cement Bound Material Category 3 Trial</u> Tarmac and Morgans gave presentation to group on the above. More information and photographs will be available in their presentation at Worcestershire HAUC on 26 th January.	
4.4	Hysand A presentation was given on the above subject.	
4.5	<u>Nuphalt Process Proximity Rule</u> A Local Agreement can be achieved on this point as the Specification cannot be changed. There is also an option for a National Agreement. It was agreed to take this to WMHAUC for	

	discussion. This was discussed in the meeting and it was agreed that the approval should be from the local authority.	
4.6	Jane Harris and Bob Lloyd mentioned that an A9 trial of Permasoil was being considered between Worcestershire County Council and Severn Trent Services. There had been a meeting arranged to discuss this for Wednesday 19 th October 2011 to discuss this The next Worcestershire HAUC Meeting is Thursday 26th January 2012 where Jane will do a presentation on the new composite cover and give an update on the trials.	JH BL/ALL
5.0	AOB	
5.1	BL mentioned a paper he had received from TRL/TFL regarding any trials that members knew about that would help to minimise disruption to congestion. A copy of the information is attached with the minutes. If you are considering the use of temporary backfill, please contact Cliff Nicholls at TRL on 01344 7707276 or cnicholls@trl.co.uk .	ALL
5.2	BL There was a discussion on thermoplastic lining and painted lines for Road Marking and where the products should be used. Paint can only be used if it meets the requirements of SROH.	
5.3	AW asked the group if there were any objections to Steve Waldron joining the group. With Steve's knowledge, it was felt that this was a wise decision and nobody objected.	
5.4	PC asked the group, that in times of his absence, Emma Loach (Staffs CC) could stand in for him. No objections were voiced.	
5.5	The Group looked through some information sheets provided by Viatec on a cold lay surfacing material and their Coldfix products which is a sealant rather than an overbanding material.	
5.6	There was a discussion on the draft Good Practice Guide consultation document for the National Coring Initiative and PC told the Group he had responded to the consultation as there were some areas that he did not tie in with the SROH.	

6.0	<u>Date of next WMHAUC Materials Group Meeting</u> 12 th April 2012 Meeting, venue at Warwickshire County Council, Budbrooke Offices, Warwick,.	
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