

West Midlands HAUC Materials and Technology Group

Meeting Minutes

19th December 2012. 10am Total Training, Solihull

Present:

John Crowther	Total Training
Bob Lloyd	Worcestershire CC
Phil Baker	Nu-Phalt
Andy Ward	Enterprise
Jane Harris	Instarmac
Phil Cartmail	Staffs County Council
Emma Loach	Staffs County Council
Karl Stopps	Balfour Beatty Utilities
John English	Balfour Beatty Utilities
Chris Murphy	Instarmac
Chris Houghton	Morgan Sindall
Hannah Bettison	Tarmac
Lee Alsop	Morgan Sindall
Tom Richmond	National Grid

Agenda Item		Action
1.0	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lee O'Connor Express Asphalt• Gez Romano Warwickshire CC• Stephen Waldron Waste Not UK• Richard Cutler National Grid Gas <p>A warm welcome to John English and Karl Stopps of BBUS</p>	

2.0	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Agenda Items	Action
2.1	<p>WMHAUC Web site. Riteash (webmaster) attended the last WMHAUC meeting to progress these actions and show the latest version of the site. A review of this was undertaken to ensure all actions has been satisfactorily completed It was agreed that only questions or issues of a local nature should dealt with on the WMHAUC website and that all other queries should go through the HAUCUK website. This was reviewed by the Group who found that this had not been correctly updated as requested, so this proved to be a disappointment, it was agreed that Bob Lloyd would feed this back to Riteash. Through WMHAUC website working group</p>	BL
2.2	<p>SMR Trial with Dudley MBC Tom Richmond gave an update of the trial which had made no further progress; the next step was to find sites where SMR can be used. JC asked if training had been carried out TR confirmed that there was no issue with training.</p>	TR/RC
2.3	<p>ESPOT Indicator The Group is keen organise further trials. Karl Stopps commented that he had used this kit and had only shown around 10% reliability and so was not accurate enough for BBUS. Although, apparently the Espot has been tweaked since. JC will contact Justin at PN Daly to organise a further evaluation.</p>	JC
2.4	<p>Footway Boards Bob Lloyd forwarded the HSOG meeting minute relating to footway boards. As follows – BL advised this issue had been discussed at WM HAUC Materials Group as currently there is no standard regarding the use of plates or ramps. HSOG members discussed the requirement for footway boards to be secured. The type of board and means of securing would depend on footway traffic and vehicle parking. RT suggested that there still should be a minimum standard as otherwise the decision would be left with the operative. The Red book refers only to boards being fixed and secured, but there is no direction as to how this should be done. RT advised that TFL (Transport for London) approved a larger foot plate that doesn't move without being secured. CR advised that National Grid secure all foot plates using M8 bolts drilled in. This is good with bituminous surfacing but not with paving slabs. CR agreed to send LE the link to these bolts. Also, Gloucester Composites are doing a presentation at the next Worcestershire HAUC Meeting on 10th January 2013 JC is talking to Moorland Plastics who have designed a board which is more flexible at the edge and uses a radlock to fix the board in place and has recently completed a trial with Bristol Water; he will gain feedback on this.</p>	JC

2.5	Structured Coring Programme	Action
	<p>Discussions have taken place with the Working Group and confirmed that the Coring Guide is a device for gathering statistics. The guide recommends coring 100mm from the edge. There was a debate about this, as often cores are taken on the edge of the reinstatement. KS said that in the NW area the majority of cores were taken in the footway, so there were numerous surface cutbacks because of the bad state of the original footway surface. Phil Cartmail commented that the balance should be addressed to do more cores in the carriageway as this was where the main issues and risks occur. BL commented that the majority of utility works were in the footway and type 3&4 carriageways. Reinstatement layer thickness was discussed and that an average measurement would be recorded, it was agreed that when dimensions go below the minimum required measurement it would be deemed as a defect, so all recorded dimensions should be above the absolute minimum requirement.</p>	
2.6	<p>WRAP and Testing</p> <p>JC suggested that a recycling sub group should be formed and would welcome the group's thoughts on this. Andy Ward presented a recycling report from NW HAUC who has done extensive work in this area, so this can be shared. Hannah Bettison confirmed that because of low volumes the Birmingham and Hints plants would close and only Ettingshall would remain open. Tarmac and Lafarge are merging and the direction on recycling will be decided later next year as market prices are currently not sustainable. PC suggested that there should be a compliance process to do more inspections on what materials are being used in the area, as there are many issues with non compliant sub base materials.</p>	All
2.7	<p>Materials Awareness Day Update</p> <p>This is on 16th January 2013 at Worcester County Hall and hosted by Bob Lloyd, more exhibitors and delegates are required.</p>	
2.8	<p>Feedback from Morgans</p> <p>Chris H and Lee A gave the Group an update on the FSMR which they confirmed they will continue to use. Recent projects are in Dudley on a 425m² area and Bristol Water where it has been used by direct labour and all dig and lay teams. HB has all the results and would be happy to present these at the next meeting. HB also put forward a SMA based 20mm asphalt that she would like to trial through the WMHMG. JC asked for a structured managed trial process to be organised, it was agreed that a meeting should be set up after Xmas with HB, JC, and PC to outline and move forward with the trial. CH announced that this would be his last meeting as he will be working in Lancashire but LA would represent this project going forward.</p>	HB/JC/ PC

3.00	<p>New Agenda Items</p>	
3.1	<p>West Midlands HAUC Roadshow The WMHAUC Roadshow Group held their last meeting at Wolverhampton Racecourse, which included a tour of the facilities. It was mutually agreed that the 2013 Roadshow should be held at this venue. The key reasons are that there are savings and improved conference and exhibition facilities, which means that the conference and demos can run at the same time. The dates are confirmed as the 10th and 11th September 2013. A promotional flyer of the event has already been produced. PB advised if any Exhibitor would like to dig holes as part of their demonstration requirements then they would be advised to advise the Group by the Group's March meeting. Other HAUC shows are Three HAUCs on 12th June 2013 in Harrogate and Welsh HAUC on 16th July 2013 where the WMHAUC Group has the potential opportunity of booking a dedicated stand.</p>	JC
3.2	<p>Permasoil It was noted that from the coring programme Shropshire Council had experienced some core failure on Permasoil subbase. PC suggested that further cores should be taken for CBR measurements. Workmanship issues have been addressed by the contractor as part of their procedures. JH confirmed that refresher training on the system had just been undertaken, it was recommended by the Group that photo ID should be included on the training certificate. JH agreed to investigate the possibility of this. JC agreed to check the QA procedure for managing the reinstatement process.</p>	JH
3.3	<p>Group Constitution JC had put forward to the Group a Mission and Group Constitution statement. He asked if there was any feedback or issues regarding the document from the Group, there was no feedback given so it was agreed to attach the statements to the WMHAUC Materials Group section of the WMHAUC website.</p>	BL
3.4	<p>Minimising Disruption Seminar This seminar had recently taken place in London in partnership with Transport for London and was aimed at methods to reduce congestion. Although it is understood that this is more relevant to London it was worth discussing some of the recommendations. PC suggested that as a rapid cure concrete advice note was due to be published by the SROH it was a good idea to discuss the rapid cure materials section at the next Materials Group meeting as an agenda item</p>	PC

<p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p>	<p>Performance Group John Crowther put forward a suggestion to the Group as to would it be a good idea to set up a performance monitoring group and that should this be done through West Midlands HAUC. Although this is already covered in the Traffic Management Act and Local Authorities report and share results from their inspections.</p> <p>Stablearth A9 Approval It was noted that Stablearth had achieved A9 approval with Flintshire Council.</p> <p>Innovations HB confirmed there is a potential new product from Tarmac and would bring to the next meeting details/presentation? AW informed that he had details of a milling machine that excavates out potholes and then reinstates with a material that has fast curing properties.</p> <p>LGA Report The Group reviewed the recent LGA report and survey which was based on 500 telephone interviews with UK convenience store owners aimed at finding out the impact of streetworks on their businesses over the last 3 years. Not surprisingly the impact was weighted to the negative with reduction in sales of up to 24%. The Group's thoughts were that this would likely to be the outcome anyway.</p> <p>AOB Details of the Worcestershire HAUC meeting on the 10th January 2013 were given</p> <p>Date of next WMHAUC Materials Group Meeting. Next meeting Wednesday 13th March 2013 Start time 10am. Venue at Nuphalt (new address), Parkfield Road Industrial Estate, Parkfield Road, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 1QJ</p>	<p>HB</p>
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