



Notes of the South East Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 20 July 2017

At: Calverley House, 55 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 2TU

1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Signed in Attendees: Bob Spicer (Phoenix Commercial Collections), Joanna Audley-Charles (BPA), Graham Chapman (BPA),</p>
2.	<p>BPA Updates</p> <p>BPA membership team is evaluating individual membership with the aim of making the profession accessible to all and change perceptions of what it means to work in parking. The purpose is to encourage diversity and support of under-represented groups within the sector, whilst nurturing new talent and providing opportunities for individuals to develop their careers in a way that recognises their achievements.</p> <p>Slides included recent and upcoming events such as Parkex, Presidents Reception and Members Dinner. An events bulletin is sent to members every 2 weeks with details of how to register.</p> <p>The BPA's Manifesto for Parking was launched in May. This document contains the BPA's policies and outlines the lobbying strategy. It forms the basis of the Blueprint for Parking – copies were left at the meeting to take, but can be requested or downloaded in pdf format.</p> <p>An update was given by JAC and GC on the Safer Parking Scheme and Disabled Parking Accreditation, which included the Park Mark marketing campaign, car park numbers and performance on both schemes.</p> <p>Consultations the BPA has recently contributed to and the newly formed Positive Parking Agenda were presented.</p>
3.	<p>The need for lorry parking and driver facilities by Natalie Chapman (FTA)</p> <p>Natalie gave a comprehensive presentation on the need for lorry parking across the UK as drivers face difficulties managing legal requirements for breaks with places to park. The standard of facilities is also a concern. Lorna was suggested as a person to look at lorry parking in Kent (KCC).</p> <p>Problems highlighted – foreign registered vehicles. Suggestions made for real time PCNs that drivers pay at border (incl. Dart charge, congestion charge, etc).</p>
4.	<p>Smart Parking by Scott Gow (Clearview Intelligence)</p> <p>NCP now using Clearview to collect data from their car parks to enable better management of assets. Camera usage means more bays can be monitored at one time and this reduces the cost.</p>
5.	<p>TEC update by Jacobs Enforcement</p> <p>TEC agree with Regulation 9 of The Taking Control of Goods Regulations.</p>
6.	<p>The digital transformation of Parking</p> <p>Online booking service launched in response to consumer demand for reserving parking spaces via the internet. Pricing structure does change using a model that allocate parking spaces for online booking only, which pushes up the rate for immediate parking and decreases the rate for online parking. Reimbursements made for spaces that have been occupied by the time the driver gets to the car park. Prices can be altered according to supply and demand, but shorter stay parking times will be loss-making. Ironically, driveway parking is 20% more expensive than local authority parking.</p>

7.	The Future of Parking by Bob Spicer Room discussion about the difficulties in planning for the future when so many digital apps available on different platforms. There is also the development of driverless cars that may park themselves thus rendering mobile apps that individuals use as obsolete very quickly. Not everyone convinced that driverless cars will be around very soon.
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