



LPHCA 'Members Only' update meeting

It was great to have another **LPHCA 'Members Only'** update meeting on 2nd April on the **R.S. Hispaniola** so the **LPHCA** could realign its main priorities. The need to change priorities follows our very successful Parliamentary Luncheon in November and subsequent meetings with **DfT, PCO, London Councils, TOCU** and others.

Here is a brief transcript:

As always we wish a warm welcome to members, platinum sponsors and new special guests who include **Martin Low Director of Transport at Westminster City Council** and **Chief Superintendent Joe Royle – Commander of the Met Police's Transport Occupational Command Unit (TOCU)**.



Progress – Just over a year ago the **LPHCA** held its first **Platinum Members Meeting** on 6th February and this was followed by a second meeting on 28th February. That meeting endorsed the **20 PRIMARY TOPICS** and agreed for them to be managed by main and sub committees and a great deal has happened since.

Of those 20 topics – 5 Have been effectively been completed and dealt with:

- Potential Congestion Charges for some PHV's
- The Loophole Closure (Ambulance Definition)
- Inappropriate New Fees for Operator Licences
- Better Medical & Eyesight Requirements
- Legitimate access to The Royal Parks

On others we have made steady progress:

- The Olympics
- Signage
- Driver shortages

Not on our radar last year were:

- Giving touts a ticket rather than putting them in the Tower of London
- The Recession
- Changes to CRB requirements
- A change of Mayor – Boris!

ONGOING

- The PCO's Performance
- Outside London issues Cross Border & Subcontracting
- Road Pricing
- VAT & employment rules & laws
- Voluntary drivers

UNRESOLVED Priorities:

- Touting (Including job theft by drivers and illegal activity by Event Management & others)
- Bus Lane Access
- Parking / Picking Up & Setting Down
- Criminal Record Check delays / rule changes
- Corporate Pricing

WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT, TFL & THE MAYOR

The Bad News is that my appointment to the **TfL Board** and its induction process, including governance and a steep learning curve has taken time away from me.

The Good News is that I have learned a lot quickly, met a lot of people who can help our industry and I am working with a **great team of people** and a very hard working and likeable **Mayor**.

PLATINUM COMMITTEES & FUNDING

The Platinum Committee structure worked last year and needs to be taken forward with all committees meeting in the next few months.

All the above topics can then be managed in conjunction with my position on the **TfL Board** and the tremendous new connections we have.

The support of the **Platinum Committees** and the extra funding was essential to have the meetings, arrange events, utilise powerful lawyers and increase our effectiveness.

In addition with the recent work on the website and behind the scenes in the office I am released to spend more time with the committees and on the important meetings we must now attend.

The meeting agreed a realignment of our priorities with **Platinum Member's help needed for Whistle Stop Tours** to be arranged for **TfL Board Members** (maybe the **Mayor**), **London Councils, TOCU** and **The Olympic Delivery Authority**.

These will be prioritised at the next gathering of **Platinum Members** as the meeting then had a discussion on and agreement that the **Priority Topics** as set out earlier would be dealt with by the **Platinum Committees**.

Further discussion took place on the **Royal Parks Consultation**, the **Olympic Route Network Consultation** and **private business**, which will be available on the website in the **'Member's only'** area.

Following any other business around **60 Members stayed for lunch** and further discussion and as always more ideas came forward and more friendships were made and developed between members.