



Environment Group

Report on activities in 2008

Two strands of activity took up our time in 2008. The OxClean Steering Group organised an extremely successful Spring Clean in March, and the Travel Behaviour Group produced a report on Bus Connectivity.

Spring Clean 2008 brought out 94 community groups and schools to collect litter over a three day weekend in March, in cold wet weather, but everyone including City Works agreed it had been a great success, and resolved to do it again. The Oxford Times ran a weekly article from January to March, enormously encouraging. More, including photographs, can be found on the campaign website, www.oxclean.org.uk. The OxClean steering group (8 members) has since added a second campaign to tackle the source of the litter (Don't Drop It) and are working on the fly tipping problem and the litter on the by-pass. We are waiting to see how the city tackles the cigarette butt problem.

The Travel group had earlier identified some problems with Oxford's bus routes, so designed a study based on desk research using bus timetables on the internet, plus a survey of members' experiences of getting about Oxford, our thanks to all who took the trouble to reply. The report is being sent to bus companies, councillors and officers and bus user groups. Some gaps were identified making journeys difficult because of poor connectivity or too many changes, but otherwise bus travel in Oxford was pretty good.

The Transform Oxford proposals appeared in October so the Travel group has been preparing a response, not easy.

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