

Hal Osler LibDem

Intro speech

Will listen to communities. Want to make it easy for people to move around, prioritise accessibility.

Will maintain the 10% spend but would want that to also cover some measures for pedestrians as they are vulnerable road users.

Bike hire should be developed and more bike storage (tenement) should be provided.

We need modern non-polluting buses.

Examine the business case for tram expansion although agreed that tram is efficient way of moving people in city.. Need integrated plans for different forms of transport.

20mph scheme should be reviewed after it has been operating for a year, may need adjustments to improve it where necessary. Rather than heavy-handed enforcement of 20mph we need to educate people and build case on why it is necessary, but do need some police enforcement.

Address air quality problems by low-emission zones and stop vehicle idling. Maintain green spaces and reduce reliance on cars.

Cycling should be central and not an add on to the integrated transport policies.

Questions in groups

Lib Dems are in favour of the current plans for on-road segregated cycle routes. Also in favour of joining up links to fill gaps but not sure what money is available.

Princes Street future should be consulted on as still a big problem. One issue is how to maintain bus provision in city centre. Same approach on pedestrianising in city centre although didn't support isolated street closures unless they are planned over a wider area as they sometimes just displace traffic.

She is not a cyclist herself but wants improvements to cycle safety within the city and improved attitudes to cyclists.

Spending on pedestrians should also have a priority along with repairing and maintaining road surfaces and providing better dropped kerbs..

Good bus provision to all areas should be maintained. Supported "carrot" approach to things like changing behaviour rather than penalties such as parking charges.

Didn't have much awareness of the police close pass pilot, but offered to find out more.

We need to persuade people to change and explain why it is necessary - eg. air quality measurements to show where it is poor and why.

Not in favour of congestion charge. Removal of bridge tolls has led to increased usage of cars (but not sure if this was argument for tolls)

Need to look overall at transport rather than consider each mode separately and also look to the future as some types of transport may change.

Agreed that parking in cycle lanes needs stopped and parking should be enforced properly including at weekends.

In favour of training schemes like the one which asks people to look behind every time they unbuckle seat belt to avoid dooring cyclists.

Closing speech

Enjoyed the meeting and found it very useful. This was her first ever hustings, as a new candidate, and she had made a set of notes/ issues to take back to the party for internal discussions.