

# ALL Aboard Project Steering Committee

## Meeting 2 Minutes 14/05/2021

### Attendees

Al Crabtree (Project Coordinator/Chair)

James Clowes (Star Support for You)

Emma Hurst (Romsey Disabled People Partnership)

Ian Edwards (SWR employee)

Carol Dixon (Rose Road Director of Central Services)

### Apologies

Rachel Harrison (DPV)

#### 1. Introductions

2 new members Emma and Ian introduced themselves. Ian talked about Community Rail Partnerships who have put together a package for disabled rail users and are looking for more users. He also told us about his role as a 'Community Ambassador' and 'Try a Train Day's' for SWR which fits really well with our project's aims. We discussed the possibility of our Travel ambassadors being involved with this existing SWR initiative (or the SWR Ambassadors being involved in a RR trial day/s) as physically taking users through a rail experience and talking to them is a very good way of building confidence. Disabled Ambassadors helping disabled rail users is very valuable. Ian will share key contacts at SWR who may be useful.

Unfortunately, Ailsa Speak has had to step down from the Steering Committee due to personal commitments.

#### 2. Project Progress

##### a. COVID-19 limitations

No physical rail journeys have happened so far due to lockdown/restrictions/confidence in using public transport. The young people who use the services at RR (the intended Travel Ambassadors are all cv or cev so have been/are shielding. Hopefully confidence will grow as restrictions ease and these can start to happen.

##### b. Resources – Board Game and Sensory Story

These are currently being tested but we are very pleased with initial reactions. We discussed the possibility of giving games/sacks to community projects such as The Signal Box in Romsey and other transport related groups

##### c. Travel Ambassadors and branded equipment

We discussed the use of the equipment and the lanyards which could also be used by rail staff to indicate that they had done some training/been involved as a Community Ambassador. Ian told us that he uses the sunflower lanyard to show that he is mask exempt.

##### d. End of Milestone reviews

We discussed the milestones which have not been achieved due to COVID.

3. Future thoughts
  - a. Try a train days
  - b. Other groups being involved (ie. The Grow Project)
  - c. Research other initiatives by SWR and other rail companies in the UK
  - d. Issues with communications when travelling and using different rail networks
  - e. Workshops with Ordnance Survey to produce easy read mapping – is this going ahead?
4. New Coordinator  
AC is retiring 18 May 2021. Currently recruiting for a new project coordinator. AC will remain on the Steering Committee and her son is keen to be a Travel Ambassador at weekends/college holidays. Carol Dixon will take responsibility for the project until a new coordinator is in post.
5. AOB

**Actions**

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| Send coordinator job description to members: | <b>AC</b> |
| Check OS workshop                            | <b>CD</b> |