

TRANSPORT PLANNING SOCIETY AGM

Tuesday 28th February 2006

Overview of 2005/6

Martin Tugwell welcomed everyone to the AGM and provided an overview of the significant developments in the TPS this year. These included:

- The successful European Seminar Series;
- The production of TPS membership cards to be sent to all members in March;
- A review of membership benefits including confirmation that TPS members have access to the ICE library and café; and
- Review of the TPS website.

Martin thanked the TPS Executive Committee for their time and efforts during the year. In particular, he thanked Kate Davies for her hard work as our contact within the ICE - Kate took early retirement in December 2005. Martin also thanked Kiron Chatterjee for his 3 year role as treasurer. Kiron will continue to serve on the Executive Committee and will take the role of regional representative for the TPS in the South West region. Richard Walker will take on the role of treasurer until 2007. Martin also thanked Vicky Ware for her role as TPS secretary. Vicky is on maternity leave and Annette Smith has taken on this role.

Finances

Kiron Chatterjee provided an overview of the TPS account.

A current healthy surplus has resulted in the ability of TPS to award 3 Leftfield bursaries and 7 Young Professional bursaries for 2006/7.

Kiron has also changed the TPS account to enable more interest to be received.

The current membership is approximately 700 members – an increase of 20-30 on the previous year.

Challenges for 2006/7

Martin Tugwell outlined the challenges for the transport profession in 2006/7. The issues of climate change dominate the media and public attention. In addition, the changing socio-demographics of the UK and the public expectation of transport will continue to be key to transport debates. The TPS has a key role to play in these debates and we will continue to explore and develop our role in providing a transport planning professional's perspective on these diverse and challenging issues.