

The **monthly** branch newsletter of **railfuture** in London and the South East

Britain's leading *independent* campaign for a bigger better railway for passengers and freight

London Metro Mayoral Manifesto

Our Rail Manifesto for London was published last month, for May's elections for the Mayor of London and the 25 members of the London Assembly (AMs). It's available in 3-page and 1-page formats at: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London-Metro>

A Rail Manifesto for London **railfuture** Elections 2024

London's public transport is an essential component of a vibrant, efficient and effective city. It allows everyone to move around easily and quickly and, together with active travel, it reduces car use, with the associated issues of pollution, inefficient use of road space and cost to the user.

We call for 10 tasks to deliver better transport for London:

1 A unified rail system under the direction of its Mayor	2 Four trains per hour minimum service	London rail services need to be FREQUENT, RELIABLE, PUNCTUAL, AFFORDABLE and ACCESSIBLE	Rail travel is the best form of transport in urban areas, particularly so in London: Rail is FAST, SAFE , and ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
3 Discrepancies in service quality north and south of the Thames resolved	4 A system that is better maintained, with newer trains		
5 Fares that are fair for everyone (not just digitally savvy users with bank cards)	6 Ticketing that is simple and user friendly (maintain TravelCards & Oyster and link Railcards to bankcards)	The needs of London's rail passengers must be met	
7 A system that is free of 'access discrimination'	8 Stations with adequate facilities and staff, that are safe!	Use of London's rail services should be encouraged as a priority	
9 Planned improvements actioned (West London orbital, Bakerloo line extension, DLR to Thamesmead)	10 Longer term infrastructure projects initiated (Elizabeth Line and Croydon tram extensions, Crossrail 2 & 3)	Investment in London's rail services must be maintained and enhanced	

London's complex transportation needs means investment in rail is imperative: London's rail services need to be **SUSTAINABLE** and **FIT FOR FUTURE NEEDS**

Learn about the tasks we have set in more detail: www.railfuture.org.uk/London-Metro

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What shall we be doing this month?

London and South East regional branch members, and / or committee members, will be:-

- ~ participating in a Southeastern Stakeholder Forum, in-person.
- ~ participating in a Transport for the South East Transport Forum, in-person.
- ~ participating in a Greater Anglia Rail User Group Forum, in-person.
- ~ holding our [annual open meeting](#) for members, both present and potential, with guest speakers, followed after lunch by our formal regional branch AGM.
- ~ preparing our response to Wealden District Council's consultation on its [draft Local Plan](#), closing in mid-May.
- ~ holding regular meetings of our Herts & Beds and Sussex & Coastway Divisions, both in-person.
- ~ holding a regular **online** meeting of L&SE regional branch's committee.

Our vision for rail: A railway system that provides services which travellers and freight forwarders want to use, and which offers more journey opportunities to more people and more freight.

What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-March edition of *inter-railse* no.69, Railfuture's London and South East regional branch members, and / or committee members, have:

- ~ participated in Network Rail's follow-up workshop on a Medway Valley Line Strategic Study.
- ~ participated in a [Hadley Wood Rail User Group](#) event with [Network Rail](#) and the Tree Council.



Network Rail Chair Lord Hendy with HWRUG Chair Francesca Caine

Britain's Growing Railway in London and the South East: April birthdays

~ Dalston Junction-Whitechapel link into East London line, for preview London Overground services through to New Cross / New Cross Gate, in 2010.



27-04-2010 – first train 378 154 / first passenger train 378 152

~ Dalston Junction, Haggerston, Hoxton, Shoreditch High Street stations, in 2010.

~ participated in a Southeast CRP MarshLink Line Steering Group.



~ run a branch campaigns stall at Alexandra Palace.

~ enjoyed the successes of many Community Rail Partnership nominees in the Community Rail Awards.

~ held regular **online** meetings of our Herts & Beds, Kent, London Metro, and Sussex & Coastway Divisions.

~ held a regular **online** meeting of the L&SE regional branch committee.

~ overseen a [consultation response](#) to Transport for London's consultation on extending the Docklands Light Railway from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead, via Beckton Riverside.

Our vision for Railfuture: *An independent organisation whose views are respected by the rail industry, to which decision makers come for advice, which rail users are proud to join and recommend.*

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

Good Friday 29 March – Sunday 14 April Easter school holiday.

Thursday 4 April ORR publishes Passenger rail service complaints Q3 2023/24 (October-December 2023) and Delay compensation claims, rail periods 8-10 (15 October 2023-6 January 2024).

Thursday 11 April ORR publishes Disabled Persons Railcard and assisted journeys data for 15 October 2023 - 6 January 2024 (rail periods 8-10).

Thursday 11 April Sussex & Coastway Division evening meeting, in-person at Haywards Heath. [Invite non-members!](#)

Friday 19 April ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Cancellations data for Period 13, 3 - 31 March 2024.

Saturday 20 April London & South East regional [branch open morning meeting](#) with guest speakers followed by members-only afternoon AGM.

Saturday 27 April Herts & Beds Division in-person morning meeting, St. Albans. [Invite non-members!](#)

Saturday 18 / Sunday 19 May Railfuture L&SE regional branch and Kent Division campaigns stall at the Faversham Festival of Transport.



Full details in our [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) web pages.

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