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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

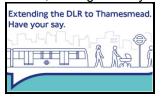
London Metro Mayoral Manifesto

During this month we intend to publish our four-year Rail Manifesto for London, 2024-28, ahead of May's elections for the Mayor of London and the 25 members of the London Assembly (AMs) – 14 representing constituencies and 11 elected London-wide. Only the London Metro Division has a specific remit to address all of TfL's rail operations – London Trams, Docklands Light Railway, Elizabeth Line, London Underground, London Overground. Other Divisions cover the TOCs, London Metro can cover their London operations too.

What shall we be doing this month?

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

~ liaising internally on our response to Transport for London's consultation on extending the Docklands Light Railway from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead, via Beckton Riverside, closing Monday 18 March.



~ preparing for Wealden District Council's 8-week consultation on its draft Local Plan, starting in March.



- ~ participating in Network Rail's follow-up workshop on a Medway Valley Line Strategic Study.
- ~ participating in a Hadley Wood RUG event about lineside vegetation management, aka 'Treegate'!
- ~ participating in the Liverpool Street station launch by Varamis of high-speed parcels by passenger train.
- ~ participating in an in-person Southeast CRP MarshLink Line Steering Group.
- ~ running a branch campaigns stall, Alexandra Palace.
- ~ holding regular online meetings of our Eastern, Herts & Beds and Sussex & Coastway Divisions, and a London Metro Division meeting in person.
- ~ holding a regular online meeting of L&SE regional branch's committee.

What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-February edition of *inter-railse* no.68, Railfuture's London and South East regional branch members, and / or committee members, have:

- participated in two East Sussex County Council stakeholder workshops to develop the second County Rail Strategy, and to develop a Freight Strategy.
- ~ participated in a Southeast CRP North Downs Line online Steering Group.
- ~ participated in a GWR online stakeholder forum.
- ∼ 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 consultation responses to
- # Lewes District Council on its 'spatial strategy and policies directions' for its new Local Plan (2020-40);
- # Medway Council on the Neighbourhood Plan for Hoo St. Werburgh and Chattenden;



East Sussex County Council on its survey for its draft Local Transport Plan 4 (2024-50);



England's Economic Heartland's Call for Evidence for Luton - Bedford - Corby corridor Connectivity Study.

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.

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

- ~ in 1991 (date/s in March uncertain) new 3-platform Stansted Airport station, and north and south chords off W. Anglia Main Line; airport open officially on 15th.
- ~ on 27th, in 2008, Heathrow Airport T5 extension from Heathrow Central / T1-3, and new Terminal 5 station.

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.

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

Thursday 7 March Passenger rail performance Q3 2023/24 (October-December 2023) published - Public Performance Measure (PPM), Cancelled and Significantly Late (CaSL).

Thursday 7 March Sussex & Coastway Division online evening meeting. <u>Invite non-members!</u>

Wednesday 13 March Eastern Division online evening meeting. <u>Invite non-members!</u>

Thursday 14 March Freight rail usage and performance Q3 2023/24 (October-December 2023) published - freight moved, freight lifted, normalised freight delay.

Thursday 14 March Herts & Beds Division online evening meeting. <u>Invite non-members!</u>

Saturday 16 / Sunday 17 March Railfuture L&SE regional branch campaigns stall at London Festival of Railway Modelling, Alexandra Palace, London N22.



Monday 18 March Community Rail Awards winners announced at Gala Dinner in Swansea.

Thursday 21 March Passenger rail usage Q3 2023/24 (October-December 2023) published - Passenger train KM, Passenger KM, journeys, revenue.

Thursday 21 March London Metro Division evening meeting, in-person. <u>Invite non-members!</u>

Friday 22 March ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Cancellations data for Period 12, 4 February – 2 March.

Tuesday 26 March Thames Valley regional branch members' meeting in Oxford with Chiltern Railways speaker, Stakeholder Manager Zach Bailey.

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

Easter Saturday 30 March Nominations close for Railfuture's national Rail User Group Awards 2024.



Easter Sunday 31 March Revised closing date for nominations to Branch Committee.

Thursday 11 April Sussex & Coastway Division evening meeting, in-person. Invite non-members!

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

Full details in our **Events** and **Rail dates** web pages.

Railfuture is 'in the news' / 'making the news' / sharing 'news and views'

- ~ Stay abreast of Railfuture members making, not just watching, things happen in our website media extracts.
- ~ Stay abreast of Railfuture making, not just reporting, the news through our <u>press releases</u>.
- ~ Stay abreast of Railfuture's and others' reports and thoughts published in our <u>website articles</u>.
- ~ Railfuture is active on <u>Twitter</u> / <u>Facebook</u> / <u>LinkedIn</u>.

Be in it to win it - join Railfuture's Lottery!

Members – individual, joint, affiliated organisation such as a rail user group or similar, or a business – can support Railfuture by joining our monthly lottery.

Railfuture publications by email

- ~ All members individual, joint, affiliated organisation such as a rail user group or similar, or a business are being encouraged to receive Railwatch direct to their Inbox immediately on publication by logging-in at Member services.
- ~ receive Railfuture's regular monthly newsletter Rail User Express direct to your Inbox immediately on publication by emailing renewals@railfuture.org.uk ~ receive Railfuture's occasional Rail Action bulletin direct to your Inbox immediately on publication by emailing renewals@railfuture.org.uk

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