

## ***CHAIRMAN'S REPORT***

The past year has seen a slightly less regular programme of meetings than usual, but highly successful joint meetings with other organisations.

As usual, we managed to ensure that highly topical subjects were covered. Meetings organised solely by the Group and held here at Westminster comprised:

February	Bus issues in the Transport Bill (myself)
March	Potential for reducing short car journeys (Roger Mackett, UCL)
April	Analysis of Congested Networks (Peter Hills, University of Newcastle)
May	Green Travel Plans (David Pontefract, Oscar Faber)
June	London Mayor's Transport Strategy (Keith Gardner, GLA)
October	Enhancing light rail systems (Roger Mackett, UCL)
November	Research in the Value of Time (Hugh Gunn, Hague Consulting)
December	Rail Re-franchising (Chris Austin, Strategic Rail Authority)

The series of joint meetings with the London Association of ICE continued. They comprised talks on "*Road User Charging Options in London (ROCOL)*" by Reg Evans of Halcrows at the University of Westminster in January 2000, and on the "*London Bus Initiative*" by Zyg Kowalczyk of TfL at One Great George Street in January of this year.

The two most heavily attended sessions were the joint half-day meetings arranged jointly with the Transport Planning Society, attracting around 70 participants in each case:

- New Approaches to Transport Appraisal (Mike Walsh of DETR and others) on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2000 (published in the previous issue of the *Journal*).
- Forecasting issues in the light of the Ten Year Plan (Tom Worsley of DETR and others) on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2001.

Our regular series of monthly meetings resumes with tonight's talk by Jon Willis of TfL on "*Intermediate Modes in London*", with further meetings to June inclusive.

I appreciate that notice of meetings has not been as adequate as we would normally wish (although attendance sometimes seems inversely correlated!), and in future we will also make more use of e-mail to inform members of events.

Having been in the chair for over fifteen years I would like to step down either from this meeting or in the fairly near future.

Thanks go to other committee members for all their work over the past year, especially Don Box as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, and Laurie Baker as Publications Editor.

Peter White,  
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