

## ***CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2001***

The main activity of the Transport Economists Group this year has been a continuation of the series of evening meetings on topical subjects. The 2001 programme was as follows:

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| January   | The London Bus Initiative – A partnership (Zyg Kowalczyk, TfL) (joint meeting with ICE, London Association)          |
| March     | Intermediate modes in London (Jon Willis, Transport for London)  |
| April     | Alternative policy options for public transport in the metropolitan areas (Stephen Glaister, Imperial College)       |
| May       | Bus fare elasticities (Joyce Dargay and Mark Hanly, UCL)   |
| June      | Funding Section Two of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link to St Pancras (Mark Bayley and Bernard Gambrill, Union Railways) |
| September | The Mayor's Transport Strategy for London (Henry Abraham, Greater London Authority)                                  |
| October   | Confessions of a transport correspondent (Juliette Jowit, Financial Times)   |
| November  | The debate on the economics of rail safety (Andrew Evans, UCL)   |

The January meeting was held jointly with the London Association of the Institution of Civil Engineers at the ICE.

In the Summer of 2001 I took over from Peter White as Chairman. A consequence of the change has been a shift of venue to UCL. This does not seem to have caused any difficulties in the sense that numbers attending seem to have been maintained. In order to help ensure members are aware of the change of venue after so many years and because of the rather complicated geography of UCL, we have used e-mail to send out reminders to members shortly before each meeting. A number of members have expressed their appreciation of this reminder. Of course, messages can only reach those members for whom we have e-mail addresses.

Currently, the TEG website is under development and we hope that it will be accessible in the near future. This will act as both an advertisement for

the Group and enable us to provide a wider range of information for members.

Peter White chaired the TEG for over fifteen years, and I would like to express my thanks to him for all his efforts over the years. I would also like to express my thanks to all the other committee members for their contributions over the year, especially to Don Box as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Laurie Baker as Publications Editor, and Roland Niblett for his work on the TEG website.

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