

## **Report on Airport Stakeholder Meeting 19th November 2010**

### **Held at University Sports Ground, Eastleigh.**

#### **Dave Lees**

Volcano dropped passenger numbers by 20% but nothing else has been a real problem. Passenger numbers are much the same as 2009.

Network from airport covers 45 destinations with 3 new destinations in France.

2.2% increase of people flying in. 15% of passengers arrive by train. More business travellers, now account for 40%. most travellers 75% travel alone. Rising age of travellers has been noted. 100,000 travellers are associated with cruise liner business.

Inward investment into the area considered important. BAA Sponsoring 6 inward investment campaigns to be run next year.

£7 million invested in the airport and it's facilities. Further improvements to be made in the building in 2011. New meeting room available at the airport for local businesses to meet people flying in.

£30k has been invested in community projects. Education, environmental and locality to airport are the factors considered.

#### **Sara Randall-Johnson, General Manager for PR at Flybe then spoke.**

Flybe employs 3000

Flybe purchased another 140 of type Embreair 148 aircraft. Some will be used at Southampton. 8 aircraft are based at Southampton and 250 local staff.

Flybe may lose out in the new weight tax as it does not take into consideration the environmental effectiveness of the airport.

#### **Paul Sabin. MD of blue islands spoke.**

Channel Islands operator became blue islands in 2006. Small player against Flybe.

#### **Jan Halliday. BAA Publicity and Marketing spoke**

10000 people are expected through the airport As a consequence of the Olympics. There are 55 training centres in the south. Executive jets are expected with VIPs. Airspace over Southampton and Winchester will become busy during Olympics with helicopters being used by Olympic people. We should note that a lot of air traffic will be passing through and will not be related too or controlled by the airport.

#### **Stewart Smith BAA Environment and surface spoke.**

Southampton is now using led driven 'wig wags', which are vehicle signalling devices used in the runway and this saves energy.

More led lights are being used across the airport to reduce power consumption.

Real time transport displays are in use now that include ferries, buses and trains. This is to promote the use of public transport. Target is 18% of arrivals to be by public transport.

**Noise plan.** Noise actions from 23 to 31 actions. Waiting on Government to sign off on the plan.

Noise complaints have dropped to 311 a year now from 2455 back in 2004. 87% reduction. No allowance made for the fact that people are fed up complaining.

**Preferred Routes for Winchester.** The request was made on behalf of WAG to discuss preferred routes in Winchester. Dave Lees was a little defensive from the front of the meeting he was not dismissive and was more encouraging when I spoke to him after the meeting. In addition, Sara Randall-Johnson from Flybe was supportive and also spoke to me after the meeting to say let her know if she could help (she said this in front of Dave Lees).

## **General**

Airport is trying to be much more Green in what they do and efforts being made to co-ordinate with public transport where possible. Mood of meeting was supportive of the airport. About 60-80 people attended and Winchester was well represented.

Keith Smith