Avonmouth Port visit 31 May 2017

7-9pm

Sims metals, 2 ships one being loaded by crane, working all evening throughout visit, v noisy

*(Te subcon?),* IT cable laying

Coal conveyor 6 mill tons

Original dock opposite Hosegoods

CEMEX, dealing with material dredging from Severn Eg Sand and gravel

Hinkley point

Admin building, wheat

Mg plant, exported to china,

Remix mortar used dredged aggregate, and sand from estuary

Cruise facility to be expanded

Car parking,

Scrapstorage

Animal feed

Coal

Grain

Forest products

Flood defence scheme

Derelict buildings without floors, ex Spillers

DAYS:

Empty site in March 2016, removing old foundations, building, acoustic cladding, material comes in, composite cladding, 6 m acoustic wall at back

Q. Why so close to houses? A. Had long lease on the site.

Environmental Agency negotiations ongoing, EA don't want to discuss, not their procedure

Energy recovery from waste is now used rather than landfill, took over from incinerating waste.

Waste product will be Ash, glass ceramic, clinker, stone,

Building will act as noise-shield for houses from existing businesses? Residents noted not for loading metal into ships’ holds

Dust Vacuum and add water to condition material for working, using Rain guns, fogging, automatic sequence across all site to keep material damped down Material on conveyor, not completely enclosed,

What is the process for getting metal out of dust? Best equip, magnets, eddy current separators, light stuff lifted off, metals stay on

Working force of 8 or 9 on site, in plant, picker, supervisor, drivers, some in office,

£6/7 million to build, uncertainty now, final works happening now, but no opening date

Q. Can community visit when site is up and running? Yes,

How do local residents know which plant is generating dust as many work with similar materials?

Monitoring equipment? What, DAYS will give response when monitoring process is agreed with EA.

Brentford, Greenwich, transport Ave, Brentford, not as close to houses as Avonmouth

SIMS, material from ships into lorries,

crinkley tin sheds

Hanson cement silos,

Coal Silos, loaded automatically from Conveyor under river from Portbury, now runs approx 1ce per week, Coal going by 2025

EJT= European juice terminal

Open space storage= Peat and artificial peat, etc import from Ireland, currently stored on site

COSTAIN, Luke, community liaison officer

Alex Mayle, development manager

COSTAIN building Hinkley Point C cooling water system, tunnels to bring water in x2 for 2 reactors, one out

Construction of Hinkley C is to be Earthquake proof

* Concrete batch plant,
* Segment manufacture and storage
* Head manufacturing (structure on river bed taking in water) 6 no. units, 4 intake, 2 outlet

9 km tunnels to build

17agg, 7 cement, 7 sand, 4 reinforcement delivery lorries per day in

Segment manufacture = 80 jobs

500 segments stored onsite, 1220 offsite, HPC 150 rings

Head construction = 100 operatives will be taken by barge to site, heads will be piled to seabed to ensure earthquake proof.

Concrete batching plant. Inside, loading fully cured concrete segments, shuttering round heads progressively poured,

More dust likely during construction of buildings rather than while operating

EA permit process, Onerous, Incl SSSI

Materials coming from quarry near Frome, sand and aggregate,

What happens after 3 years when Costain leaves?

If new project locally would retain buildings, but otherwise should clear site, but Port may be able to re-let buildings if appropriate

Plant will be working 24 hour days for 5 days/week, EA study on impact of noise especially of night shift , deliveries during day probably restricted to 7 am to 6 pm

100 people employed. All are encouraged to take 2 days p.a. to work on community projects

\*\*\* Up to community to identify appropriate projects

Group suggested restoration of toilet block and funding for servicing. CC to contact Luke to discuss.

Work with communities

Working with schools

Disability, diversion inclusion facility

City owns 12% of Port

Avonmouth is overspill for car industry from Portbury, currently not very full – can have most of open space covered with cars, high sales at present

Stone comes in by train, part of Hansons

Demolition waste crushed and used as road base

1908 warehouses, port and Burges marine

St Andrews house, top floor port company

2 lower floors let out, Kate Royston now working at Port office

Post Visit:

Group agreed that Jon Morris would respond on behalf of group objecting to the proposal to put shipping containers as self storage units on Penpole Lane adjacent to Kings Weston. 17/02259/F

Next meeting:

Nat Roberton from Bristol City Council will introduce the mapping project being piloted in Avonmouth

David Martyn and Peter Insole, Historic Environment officers from BCC planning department will be leading a walkabout with the group members to identify buildings and spaces of historic interest, to help with the group mapping exercise.