



London & South East Branch meeting – Zoom, 11am 17 April 2021

“**Re-growing our railway**” is the main theme for our regional branch members’ meeting, now confirmed for 11am-12:15pm on Saturday 17th April 2021. **It will be an online meeting using Zoom.**

The full set of themes is as follows:

1. **Regrowing our Railway.** We have speakers from:
 - a. TOCs – Steve White, Chief Operating Officer of GTR and George Paterson, Stakeholder Engagement Manager of Southeastern.
 - b. Network Rail – Alex Hellier, Head of Strategic Planning, Kent & Sussex, and Mike Smith, Restoring Your Railways & Better Value Rail.
 - c. Transport Focus – Linda McCord, Senior Passenger Manager.
 - We are going to do this as a “Q&A” – each of our guest speakers will have the chance for a few opening remarks, and then we will focus on questions from participants.
 - Do submit questions in advance (to roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk & neil.middleton@railfuture.org.uk) to help us understand the topics to focus on (questions on the day are fine, as well).
2. Railfuture’s one page “**Manifesto for rail for the next London Mayoral term**” setting out our aspirations for delivery and change during the next few years. Our document will be on the [Railfuture London & South East website home page](#) by Thursday evening.
3. Our Branch Annual General Meeting, when the Committee will (briefly!) report back on the last year, show how we have spent your money, say who is currently on the Committee and both suggest – and hear of – priorities for the next 12 months. This will not be a long monologue – a set of written reports will be available on our branch home [page](#) by no later than Friday evening.

Please register on our Zoom page for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAuduCgqjwpG9DSUtELFEdqbmAmeqh8qY8q> . Registration will be open right up to (and even after the meeting has started), but it would much help us if you could register by Thursday night (15th April).

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- If you don’t already, subscribe to our monthly branch e-newsletter **inter-railse**; the latest edition is [here](#), and email roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk to subscribe.
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- Follow us on [Twitter](#) (the page can still be visited even if you don’t have a Twitter account).

And finally, we would welcome participants who aren’t yet Railfuture members, so please do forward this email as you think sensible.

The London & South East Committee

PS If you are a Railfuture member, don’t forget to vote in the election for the Railfuture Board of Directors. Your Ballot paper was an insert in the latest Railwatch, and you can vote by returning the Ballot paper or, preferably, completing the online form at <https://railfuture.org.uk/elections>, using the codes at the top right of your paper.