

**MINUTES OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON CYCLE FORUM
MONDAY, 5 MARCH 2012 AT 6.00 P.M.**

Present: Councillor Chris Wright (Chairman)
Councillor Richard Chatterjee
Andy Bebington, Cyclists Touring Club (Vice-Chairman)
Austen Cooper (Croydon Cycling Campaign).
Jim Bush, Right to Ride Network
Paul Lowe, Cycling Instructor Ltd.
Colin Derrick, South Eastern Road Club
Ian Plowright, Croydon Council
Sue Ritchie, Croydon Council.
Carole Crankshaw, Croydon Council

Apologies for absence were received from
Alex Goodship, Transport for London
Rob Mclean, British Cycling

03/12 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The panel noted that under the revised draft replacement local implementation plan, the second paragraph should be deleted.
The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2011 were agreed.

Minute 08/11 (Council's Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2010-2020)
Jim Bush enquired if there had been any feedback following consultation. Sue Ritchie responded and informed members that the feedback had not yet been collated. There has been a restructure in the High Ways team; there is currently a post for Rights to Way Officer being advertised internally.

04/12 TOWN CENTRE (LCN+) ROUTES

Ian Plowright discussed with the panel the Biking Borough Permeability report that went to the Traffic management committee back in February 2012. The report sought the agreement of the Cabinet Committee to undertake feasibility and design work (plus associated expenditure) to prepare proposals to overcome some of the barriers to cycle movement presented by certain one-way streets and no entry signs in the Croydon Metropolitan Centre. It also sought authority to publish notices and (subject to no material objections being received) the making of Traffic Management Orders to convert the footways on the Roman Way flyover and the Love Lane path, to shared pedestrian and cycle use. This report was approved.

Ian Plowright also informed the panel of the cycle routes report – links to East/West Croydon stations and Selhurst/Thornton heath stations and the connect 2 cycling proposal- Roman way to Howley road is going ahead with the implementation.

05/12 BIKE WEEK 2012

The panel discussed the dates of Bike Week 2012 which is 16th-25th June 2012.

The chair asked the panel if they had thought any more about what to do for Bike Week. There were discussions amongst the panel in regards to various ideas

- Close down part of North End
- Car free day
- Opportunity for business to open up late during bike week as will get good business.
- Slow races
- Cycle to the Olympics

Ian Plowright informed the panel that closing down part of North End is a good idea, however it does take time to organise, and resources are needed as well as stewards. There is no budget as yet in regards to Bike Week, however it is feasible.

Carole Crankshaw informed the panel that she has been in recent contact with Barclays Bank in regards to other projects and would approach them to see if they would consider sponsoring Croydon.

The cycling representatives agreed they would meet up outside the meeting to discuss Bike Week in further detail.

06/12 THE REVISED DRAFT REPLACEMENT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Ian Plowright advised the panel that the London Mayor had approved the Local implementation Plan back in December 2011. This will now go to Corporate Services Committee in May to be adopted.

07/12 BIKING BOROUGH BID AND PROGRAMME

Ian Plowright Circulated TfL paper detailing the cycle hub, cycling community/ profit raising and funding.

He informed the panel about the following:

1. 3 Schools in Croydon (Attwood Primary, Gresham Primary, Byron School) will purchase pool bikes for pupils to use, install on-site cycle parking, run cycle safety awareness days, and provide cycle training for pupils, parents and staff.
2. Cycle awareness, training for HGV drivers. 3 training sessions in AMP House has taken place. A 4th training session taking place later in March. The Chair requested that the new dates for the training sessions be emailed to the panel.
3. Making it legal to cycle in parks- this will need to be approved by the Council.
4. Dogs being let of leads- danger to cyclist.

5. East Croydon Cycle Park- this has now been approved for new routes, more signs on lamppost.

08/12 ADDISCOMBE DISTRICT CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION

The Addiscombe DCIC was completed in mid September. There have been no extra cycle routes implemented. The Addiscombe DC project commenced on the 11th January 2012 and is aiming to finish by the end of June 2012.

09/12 REPORTS FROM CYCLE GROUPS.

Croydon Cycling Campaign

Austin Cooper discussed with the panel about the go Love London Go Dutch campaign which is aimed at the 2012 mayoral election candidates to commit to continental-standard cycling infrastructure in the capital. This campaign is aimed at making the streets as safe and inviting for cyclists as they are in Holland. There is a mass ride taking place on 28th April, it starts at Hyde Park and ends on the Victoria embankment. The mass ride is in support of the Love London Go Dutch campaign.

Wheels for Wellbeing

Jim Bush informed members that they are continuing to operate Tuesday and Saturday cycling sessions in the Croydon area. The turn out is still between 50 and 60 cyclists. There will be free sessions for children over the Easter break. Jim explained to the panel that they received another year of being funded by the lottery, also with the possibility of being funded next year as well.

Paul Lowe informed the panel on the progress of cycling instructor Ltd; he explained that there are 3 levels of bikeability course taking place in either St Mary's High School or Croydon Arena .

- Level 1- Yr 3/4
- Level 2 Yr 5/6
- Level 3 Yr 7/8

10/12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The panel discussed with each other about a recent letter that was sent to every Leader and Chief Executives of all the Councils in England and Wales in regards to the actions the coalition government is taking in promoting cycling and the safety of cyclists.

33/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th July 2012

The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.