

**MINUTES OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON CYCLE FORUM
MONDAY, 16 JULY 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
Alex Goodship, Transport for London
Isabelle Clement, Wheels for Wellbeing
Rob Mclean, British Cycling
Ian Plowright, Croydon Council
Sue Ritchie, Croydon Council.
Carole Crankshaw, Croydon Council

Apologies for absence were received from
Councillor Kathy Bee

12/12 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The CF noted that under the revised draft replacement local implementation plan, it should state 'this will now go to the Corporate Services Committee in September to be adopted'.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2012 were agreed.

13/12 Croydon Cycling Strategy

Austin informed the Cycle Forum (CF) that the latest Croydon Cycling Strategy was out of date and is anxious for Croydon to update this.

Ian advised the CF that there is currently no current plan to write a new cycling strategy at present as we are in the middle of implementing the Biking borough report proposals. Croydon has bid for funds and has received some under the Biking Borough Programme in order to implement schemes from this report.

14/12 "Love London Go Dutch" principles and practice in Croydon

Austin explained to the CF the concept of the Love London Go Dutch. This campaign is aimed at making the streets of London as safe and inviting for cyclists as they are in Holland. It was also discussed the possibility of making streets that are one way for cars, 2 ways for cyclist.

The officer explained that it is difficult to implement huge cycling plans at once but to gradually make small changes.

15/12 Junction Safety

Austin discussed with the CF the Journey Safety Campaign; this includes a document which highlights some of the junctions which are unsafe. He informed the CF that many individuals feel cycling in the borough is too unsafe.

Alex from TFL informed the CF that there are over 500 dangerous junctions within London; however there are plans for 50 schemes to be implemented in the next calendar year.

16/12 Cycle Parking

Austin discussed with the CF the cycle parking within Croydon. It was mentioned that the cycle racks at the end of Surrey Street Market was damaged and there is currently only 1 rack. He also informed the CF that more cycle racks need to be installed within the borough.

Ian advised the CF that the Council are waiting for Connect 2 Croydon to make more progress; more cycle racks will then be installed.

There were discussions on whether there would be trike bikes racks

Alex from TFL mentioned to the CF of a review next year that is taking place; she would mention the issues that were discussed.

17/12 Boris Bikes

A feasibility report is to be commissioned for Croydon at the end of July. We will hear the results before Christmas.

18/12 TOWN CENTRE (LCN+) ROUTES & CONNECT 2

Ian informed the CF that one of the Connect 2 Croydon links has been approved (Park Lane) toucan at grade crossing and the implementation will start in September

19/12 BIKE WEEK DEBRIEF

Bike week took place in June and was held in North End Croydon. There were various bike events that took place during the day which included:

- Doctor Bike
- Bicycle Cinema
- representation from Sustrans talking to the public about Connect 2 in Croydon
- Rob Mclean from British cycling was on hand to talk to individuals about cycling tips and where to cycle
- HGV cycle safety awareness.
- Bike library
- Cyclehoops

It was noted that the day was highly successful and there was a good turn out people; the cycling representatives felt that the day was a success on reaching individuals who have never considered cycling before.

20/12 THE REVISED DRAFT REPLACEMENT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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

21/12 BIKING BOROUGH BID AND PROGRAMME

This was item was covered under Town centre (LCN+) routes & Connect 2.

22/12 ADDISCOMBE DISTRICT CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION

The Addiscombe DCIC was completed in mid September. The project was a success.

23/12 REPORTS FROM CYCLE GROUPS.

Cyclists Touring Club

Andy updated the CF and informed them that Cyclist touring club is the 3rd largest cycling club within England.

Right to ride network

Jim informed the CF that cycle rides at Pollard Hill are still being held on Sundays. It was noted that 13 people attended last Sunday.

Wheels for Wellbeing

Isabelle updated the CF and informed them of the funding received from Croydon Council which enables them to provide free cycling sessions for disabled children under the age of 19 years. Isabelle also informed the CF that several cycling sessions have been lost due to sports days taking place.

Wheels for wellbeing are still hoping to receive more votes towards receiving funding from the national lottery for the following year. Jim is involved in the Whitgift Special needs activity project (SNAP) play scheme-this is a charity that provides summer activities for residents of Croydon. There will be sessions held for the first 2 weeks of August. It was also noted that on the 19th August, a mini Olympics games for cyclist will take place.

Cycling Instructor

Paul informed the CF that Cycling Instructor provides cycling sessions for children in years 3 & 4 (school years). Sessions are organised as an outside of school club. They have received positive feedback on the events they run from the school.

24/12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A question was raised by Austin on who is responsible for an obstruction on a cycling crossing as he has previously been informed that it is TFL's responsibility. Alex from TFL informed the CF that this should be reported to the police but will check whom the road belongs to.

Ian informed the CF that he had received an email from London Borough of Sutton regarding Beddington Farm. This is not accessible for the public to use. An email will be circulated to the members of the Cycle Forum with an alternate route through the area.

It was also noted that TFL will be updating the 5th addition of a cyclist map. Maps 1,4 & 7 will be next updated due to high demand.

Ian lastly informed the CF that the LIP budget will be going to Cabinet in September to hopefully receive approval for the 3 year plan.

25/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th November

The meeting ended at 7.44 pm.

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