

MINUTES OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON CYCLE FORUM MEETING TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT:

Cllr Stephen Mann (Chair)
Cllr Pat Ryan
Andy Bebington (CTC)
Austen Cooper (CCC)
Gareth Redmond-King (CCC)
Jim Bush (Right to Ride Network)
Paul Lowe (Cycling Instructor)
Isabelle Clement (Wheels for Wellbeing)
Adrian Douglas (Mott Macdonald)
Sue Ritchie (Croydon Council)
Tom Sweeney (Croydon Council)
Ian Plowright (Croydon Council)
Ilona Kytomaa (Croydon Council)

Also in attendance: Councillors Stuart King, Mark Watson and Luke Clancy, James Osborne (Croydon Council), Catherine Early (CCC), Michael To and Richard Morley.

55/16 WELCOME, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Robert McLean and Nick Baker.

Councillors in attendance confirmed that they had recorded their pecuniary interests on the Council's register of interests.

56/16 MINUTES OF THE CYCLE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2016 (Agenda item 2)

The minutes were approved.

Officers undertook to arrange a site visit to South Norwood as soon as possible. Cycle Forum members suggested that a weekend or morning visit would be best.

57/16 BICYCLE CRASH SITE ON TRAMLINES NEAR EAST CROYDON STATION (Agenda item 3)

Cycle Forum members stated that the layout of the junction was confusing. Officers confirmed that northernmost works to improve the junction were due to start in January 2017, with further works likely to take place after April.

The Chair requested an update on these works for the March meeting of the Forum.

**58/16 UPDATE / DISCUSSION ON THE WINDMILL BRIDGE CRASH SITE
(Agenda item 4)**

Officers confirmed that no coroner's report had been received as yet.

Cycle Forum members reported that some cycle markings had been removed and officers confirmed that this had been a "removal too far" and that they would be put back. The markings will be in line with London design standards.

It was reported that HGVs exceeding the weight limit were still using the bridge and were urged to contact relevant companies to report such infractions.

Cycle Forum members commented that allowing very large HGVs to circulate in narrow urban streets was a real danger to cyclists and called for safety measures to limit access to such vehicles.

**59/16 WAITING / PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF EAST CROYDON STATION
(Agenda item 5)**

Cycle Forum members reported that a lot of cars were regularly seen waiting at rush hours in streets such as College Road, Altyre Road, Hazeldean Road, causing an obstruction for cyclists. Taxis also lined some roads in the vicinity of the station, adding to obstructions. Officers undertook to contact the Public Carriage Office to ask for enforcement action.

60/16 CROYDON CYCLING STRATEGY (Agenda item 6)

The Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment stated that a number of good initiatives had been implemented in the borough but there had been no overarching strategy. Steps were now being taken to complete a cycling strategy for Croydon, and the Cabinet was keen to have the input of the Cycle Forum on such a strategy. Encouraging conversations with Valerie Shawcross, BLABLA, who is keen to encourage walking and cycling to reduce the need to travel by car.

Officers reminded that the Mini-Holland bid put forward by the borough was an important component of the strategy. It had been commended but unfortunately not selected by TfL. The borough's quietways work would also form part of the strategy.

Officers announced that the new strategy would be a four year programme focusing on the town centre, with quick wins planned for 2017. They added that the programme acknowledged the difficulties presented by railway lines running through the town and stated that measures to overcome these barriers had been incorporated into the latest plans. The projected cost of the programme is £24m.

Cycle Forum members suggested that the strategy should be inclusive and include good road surfacing.

Cycle Forum members expressed the hope that this programme would receive cross-party support.

61/16 TRAFFIC CALMING IN NORBURY AVENUE (Agenda item 7)

Cycle Forum members were reminded that Croydon had attempted to follow the Hackney model of “liveable streets”, incorporating a street closure, and that attempts to drive through this initiative had met with resistance from Norbury Avenue residents, who had different priorities. Officers reported that they had recently been contacted by the newly formed residents’ association with some suggestions for local improvements and that a bid for £80K “liveable neighbourhoods” funding had been included in the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) submission for 2017.

62/16 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT UPDATE (Agenda item 8)

Officers gave an update on consultation and implementation of 20 MPH speed limits in the borough.

63/16 UPDATE ON THE SITE VISIT TO CHERRY ORCHARD ROAD (Agenda item 9)

Thanks were expressed for the detailed notes provided to officers on the visit to the site.

64/16 MAYOR’S PLANS FOR IMPROVING AIR QUALITY IN LONDON (Agenda item 10)

Officers announced that they were about to embark on their Local Implementation Plan submission just after the publication of the Mayor’s public transport strategy and about the same time as his air quality management plan – a happy coincidence.

One of the many measures being used to reduce noxious emissions was to reduce the number of deliveries and related lorry journeys to council offices.

65/16 TRAM / CYCLE INTERACTION (Agenda item 11)

It was confirmed that this item would be postponed to the March meeting of the Forum.

66/16 STATUTORY CONSULTATION RE STATION ROAD SOUTH NORWOOD PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS (Agenda item 12)

Officers undertook to organize a site visit as soon as possible. The intention is to use this year's LIP funding to commence construction before April 2017.

67/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEM 13)

Cycle Forum members discussed the accident which had taken place on the Whitehorse Road/ Whitehorse Lane roundabout in Thornton Heath in early November. They were informed that the victim had needed hospitalization.

Cycle Forum members called for a message of support from the council to the victim and felt it was necessary to send a strong message calling for the prosecution of the perpetrator.

They also asked for enforcement action in the area where the accident had taken place and heard that the London Borough of Westminster had increased enforcement action to improve safety for cyclists.

UPDATES FROM CYCLING GROUPS

- The Cycling Instructor representative reported that the summer had been very busy with holiday cycle training courses, in which 160 children had been trained. Training had also been provided to adult groups. In addition, a mass cycle ride had taken place starting from Bensham special school. He also reported that access to Croydon Arena was becoming increasingly difficult and that there was still no access to the Multiple Use Games Area (MUGA).
- The Right to Ride representative reported that riding events at Arena remained popular despite the cooling weather, with 70 taking part in the mid-November ride.

37/16 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS (Agenda Item 17)

Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm