

**MINUTES OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON CYCLE FORUM
MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 6.00 P.M.**

Present: Councillor Chris Wright (Chairman)
Councillor Richard Chatterjee
Austen Cooper (Croydon Cycling Campaign).
Jim Bush, Right to Ride Network
Paul Lowe, Cycling Instructor Ltd.
Samuel Kebreth, Volunteer A.P.C.M.H
Andrew Montgomery, Addiscombe CC
Charlie Allen, C.I
Rob Mclean, British Cycling
Ian Plowright, Croydon Council
Sue Ritchie, Croydon Council.
Carole Crankshaw, Croydon Council

Apologies for absence were received from
Andy Bebington, Cyclists Touring Club (Vice-Chairman)
Colin Derrick, South Eastern Road Club

23/11 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 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.

24/11 CYCLE ROUTES – LINKS TO EAST/WEST CROYDON STATIONS AND SELHURST/THORNTON HEATH STATIONS

CONNECT 2 CYCLING PROPOSAL – ROMAN WAY TO HOWLEY ROAD

Councillor Chris Wright requested that the report be circulated at the Cycle Forum for information; Sue Ritchie explained that the report was approved at the last Traffic Management Cabinet Committee meeting. It was also mentioned that moving forward it would be a good idea to introduce more Connect 2 paths.

25/11 TOWN CENTRE (LCN+) ROUTES

Ian Plowright talked about the various route connections in Croydon with the panel about the route connection into town. The panel highlighted the Croydon Metropolitan Centre. The Council only has a limited budget each year therefore it is difficult to implement a number of town centre routes.

26/11 BIKE WEEK 2011

The panel noted that the correct title should be Bike Week 2012.

The panel agreed that this item should be added to the next Cycle Forum meeting as the date for the Bike Week had not been confirmed. There were discussions about the different events could take place during Bike week. Ian Plowright informed the panel that Bike week is a good way of promoting the biking borough program. Councillor Wright had a concern that there may not be enough publicity for bike week next year; newspapers last year were not that keen on the event. The panel discussed various options about how to attract people for Cycle week 2012, e.g. rebrand Cycle week; mountain biking in Lloyds Park., cycle down North End (close the High Street in the evening), other boroughs do this as this is a good way of attracting new individuals. Councillor Wright informed the Panel that all of the ideas were good; but budget on resource limitation would mean not all would be implemented. Unfortunately the Council has not got the resources and only has a certain amount of hours/money. Ian will consider other ideas and report back to the Cycle Forum.

27/11 THE REVISED DRAFT REPLACEMENT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Ian advised to the panel that there was not a lot to update them all on from the last cycle forum.

The next LIP will be in October.

28/11 BIKING BOROUGH BID AND PROGRAMME

Carole Crankshaw advised the panel that she joined the Council in August to assist with the Biking Borough.

She circulated TfL paper detailing the cycle hub, cycling community/ profit raising and funding.

As part of her role she and Sue Ritchie had to walk around of the town centre and note as where signage could be improved and new routes implemented. There was also a discussion about:

1. Bike parking at East Croydon station. £200k funded from TfL had been approved for this project.
2. Local GP's promoting cycling as a healthy option exercise
3. Promotion of the goskyride website; a national campaign promoted by Sky and British Cycling. <http://www.goskyride.com/>
4. General bike parking in Croydon
5. Cycle awareness, training for HGV drivers. 10 courses to be arranged

Charlie Allen explained his role as a 'bike doctor'. This project has helped around 100 people.

29/11 ADDISCOMBE DISTRICT CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION

The Addiscombe DCIC was completed in mid September. There are now proposals for wider footpaths for pedestrians which make it much safer. There have been no specific implementations although more cycle racks was an idea that came up. The Addiscombe DC project will commence on site in January.

30/11 REPORTS FROM CYCLE GROUPS.

Wheels for Wellbeing

Jim Bush informed Members that three hour morning sessions for adults and two hour afternoon sessions for children with disabilities had been arranged on Tuesdays at Croydon Arena during the school summer holidays. 106 cycle users attended one of the Tuesdays. Jim was very pleased with the outcome. There had been some three hours sessions on Saturday mornings. Most Saturday, there was a turn out of about 50/60 cyclists.

Addiscombe Cycling Club

Andrew Montgomery advised the panel that on average, 100 people attend the cycling club on Saturday mornings. The majority cycle between 30 and 50 miles.

Rob Mclean explained to the panel about Go-Ride. This is a British Cycling's development programme for young people. The organisation covers all of the 6 cycling disciplines, including BMX, Cycle Speedway, Cyclo-Cross, Mountain Biking, Road and Track. It also provides a fun and safe way to introduce young riders to the world of cycling and bike handling skills.

31/11 BRITISH CYCLING

Rob Mclean spoke about the importance of raising the profile of cycling, with the aim of getting 1 million people cycling by 2013. Croydon is a biking borough which means promoting cycling across boroughs, particularly in Outer London. Croydon is working with TfL to design 10 routes in the borough to encourage members of the community to get into cycling. There has so far been 19 ride leaders and 8 route planners trained up. The website goskyride has been designed to encourage individuals to cycle; you are able to look up on this website different length of ride depending on how experienced you are. There is a facility on the web page where you are able to book on to different cycling groups which you will be then messaged nearer the time confirming the ride you have booked on. There has also been a new program set up aimed at women cyclists. This is called the 'breeze network'. At the moment there are 4 women cyclists that have been trained; this program will be launched next year. Rob informed the Panel that they are looking at advertising this to schools as a way of attracting young people. There are many services for individuals that are interested in cycling; this may be from

adult cycling training, cycling route planners to doctor bike. The implementation needs to be completed by January.

32/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

33/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 5 March 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7.50 p.m.