

Cycle Forum

Meeting held on Tuesday, 4 June 2019 at 6.00 pm in F10, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon
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MINUTES

Present: Councillor Clive Fraser (Chair);
Councillors Muhammad Ali and Simon Brew

Jim Bush (Right to Ride Network)
Gerardo Guercio (Cycling Instructor)
Kieran Pantry-Melsom (Croydon Council)
Ian Plowright (Croydon Council)
Tom Sweeney (Croydon Council)

Also Present: None.

Apologies: Andy Bebington (Vice-Chair) and Hal Bransby.

PART A

13/19 **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Councillor Muhammad Ali nominated Councillor Clive Fraser.
Councillor Simon Brew seconded the motion.

The Cycle Forum **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Clive Fraser as the Chair of the Cycle Forum for the 2019/20 municipal year.

Councillor Clive Fraser nominated Andy Bebington.
Jim Bush seconded this motion.

The Cycle Forum **RESOLVED** to appoint Andy Bebington as the Vice-Chair of the Cycle Forum for the 2019/20 municipal year.

14/19 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There were no items of urgent business.

15/19 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were none.

16/19 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.

17/19 **Action Plan**

The Head of Strategic Transport responded to questions regarding the action points contained in the table. In relation to the first action point, members were shown a list of roads where other bike hangars were located.

In regards to the second action point, members heard that no design is currently available for the longer term scheme for the two-way cycling on Croydon High Street.

18/19 **Cycling Strategy**

The Programme Manager for Walking and Cycling updated members of the forum on how the cycling strategy was progressing by presenting the list of projects. This included the following:

- Wandle Park, Park Hill Rec. and Lloyd Park – new and improved cycle and pedestrian facilities have been constructed
- Creating a cycle track across the frontage of the Fairfield Halls / Croydon College on Park Lane to link to College Road is now underway
- The construction of the contraflow cycle route between Bedford Park and Poplar Walk is being arranged for the summer. The precise start date is currently being confirmed with network management colleagues.
- Implementing a cycle route from Ampere Way to Therapia Lane on the eastern side of the highway is planned for 2020
- Introduce parallel cycling crossing near the Zebra crossing towards Surrey Street is planned for 2020

The Cycle Strategy identifies barriers to increasing the numbers of people cycling in the borough include safety, availability and topography. Increased use of e-bikes (including hire bikes) as well as cycle infrastructure has been identified as part of the potential solution.

Members of the forum **NOTED** this verbal report.

19/19 **Cycling to schools**

The Head of Transport presented maps to the Cycle Forum, showing the location of schools in Croydon and the level of cycle skills required to cycle on

each of the borough's roads. This analysis shows that whilst many roads are considered safe to cycle, many cycle trips to schools involve busier roads where people needed to be more confident and skilled to cycle on.

The Chair requested to see a full report of this at the next forum meeting in September 2019.

Members of the forum **NOTED** this verbal report.

20/19 **Lime E-Bikes**

The Transport Strategy Manager informed members of the forum of the recent success of the lime E-Bike scheme using a slide presentation.

The Council had heard positive feedback of the supplier from other local authorities and areas in Europe and wanted to make sure Lime had provided their bikes before Summer 2019.

In response to questions members of the forum heard that bike suppliers could operate with or without the Council's approval and that information about bike locations and charges could be found using the Lime E-Bike app. Bikes could also be ridden outside the borough and would be returned to the base unit by Lime. In regards to price it was said that the Lime E-Bikes were expensive but a reduced charge was being negotiated so they could be more affordable for residents.

Members of the forum were informed that any issues regarding abandoned bicycles and cluttered shelter belts would be dealt with within in two hours upon being notified by residents.

Members of the forum **NOTED** this verbal report.

21/19 **Liveable Neighbourhoods Bid**

The Transport Strategy Manager informed members of the forum that a walkabout of the LN area was being organized so members of the forum could see what changes are proposed and provide feedback / ideas. Wednesday 26th June 2019 was proposed and details would be confirmed outside of the meeting.

22/19 **Local Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3) Update**

The Head of Transport informed members of the forum that the statutory process for the LIP3 had been completed which outlines the steps to deliver the objectives of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.

Members of the forum were informed of a number of projects. This included £20,000 for a freight reduction strategy, £35,000 for construction vehicle monitoring and enforcement, and proposals for a demand led bus service. In addition approximately £500,000 / year is being allocated for improving cycle infrastructure (further money is being provided from the council's growth zone and from section 106 funding).

In relation to cycling training, training is being held in schools and outside of for the general public. The benefit working with schools as part of engaging with the local community has been considerable and the LIP has been designed to further this approach.

In response to questions members heard that the healthy schools and Liveable Neighbourhood schemes would receive funding from outside of the LIP fund.

Councillor Simon Brew left the meeting at 7.07pm.

23/19 **Cycling Instructor Training**

Gerardo Guercio informed members of the form that following the renewal of Cycling Instructor's Training Contract, the cycling group now needed more instructors to lead and teach residents. Members were encouraged to volunteer or recommend someone who would be interested in taking a role.

24/19 **Update on Cycling Groups**

Wheels for Wellbeing – It was said that because of the school exam season, there would be no cycling sessions on Tuesday or Friday at Croydon Arena until July 2019. Sessions for the next Tuesdays would be held in Herne Hill However Saturdays were unaffected and would continue to be held in Croydon Arena.

25/19 **Any Other Business**

Members of the forum heard that the 5th Croydon Annual Interfaith Ride was taking place on Sunday 9th June 2019 at 10am. The ride was planned to start from Croydon Arena and end at Park Hill Park with a free picnic. The invitation to attend was opened to members.

Members were also informed about the Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) passenger benefit fund. The GTR had set aside £15 million for stakeholders who were affected by the delays following changes made to the timetable in May 2018.

In regards to the bridge strengthening work being done on the Addiscombe Railway Park, the Programme Manager for Walking and Cycling stated that

feasibility work had been undertaken to examine the potential for a shallower gradient for the ramp up from the Railway Park onto Blackhorse Lane. Officers would be able to provide further information to the forum on this study at a later Cycle Forum meeting.

26/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 24 September 2019.

27/19 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

This was not required.

The meeting ended at 7.18 pm

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