

DRAFT notes from meeting held on Saturday, 20th June 2020
via Google Meet (Hangouts) @ 3 pm

1. **Welcome and introductions.** Nick opened the meeting and welcomed new members **Anita** (from North East London Foundation Trust - NELFT) and Lydie (from Extinction Rebellion - XR) to their first meeting. **Anita** described her role as the Travel Co-ordinator for NELFT in the Boroughs of Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Barking & Dagenham & Havering Part of her remit involved staff travel to the CEME complex in Rainham, encouraging staff to travel there by foot, bicycle and public transport. Lydie described her role as a member of XR in Havering which involved lobbying the Council to improve facilities for cycling and walking in the Borough. **We AGREED to support this letter, when formed. ACTION Havering Cyclists to liaise with other local cycling groups to encourage them to join in.** She also explained their recent actions regarding encouraging the Elected Council Members to spend the £100,000.000 promised by Government in London, via TFL to provide emergency cycling facilities for key workers and others during and after the Covid-19 crisis. They were now concentrating on a joint letter from all interested parties, to the Council, involving cycling and walking groups and environmental groups to add strength to the argument and encourage the Council, via its Leader, to get the planning done and apply for this funding. Terry **AGREED** to send Alison's contact details to Lydie after the meeting had ended.
Also in attendance were Nick (In the Chair), Jeff (Notes), Terry (Havering LCC Co-ordinator), Emma and Mark.
2. **Approval of previous meeting notes.** The notes from the meeting held on 20th May were **AGREED** as a true and accurate record.
3. **Outstanding action points from last meeting.**
 - a. Terry confirmed that he had spoken to Musood (Havering Council) regarding road hump removal in Ravensbourne Gardens and Marshalls Drive. Ravensbourne had been replaced with speed cushion, but Marshalls had not been replaced. The rumble strip modifications in many locations was still ongoing including proposal to install some at Havering-atte-Bower.
 - b. Terry also reported that 20 mph schemes had been agreed in three school locations.
4. **Correspondence.** None

5. **Membership contact.** Terry commented that there had been a marked increase in people following us on the website, Facebook and twitter. Although not all contacts were positive, he tried to always answer in a constructive way. Mark suggested pointing some in the direction of the “Cycling Fallacies” website <https://cyclingfallacies.com/en/>
6. **Councillor engagement.** There had been a small response from Local Councillors’ to our many emails but Cllrs. Dervish & White had not really made any efforts to respond. One positive email copied to us by Cllr. Ford (Cranham) which had been answered by the Council Leader, but it still lacked any clarity, from him. Terry reported on recent dialogue with Keith Prince AM regarding Gallows Corner. Mark had supplied a drawing to Jeff via email recently which included some ideas for Gallows Corner. **ACTION** Jeff to email to all group members and then any ideas could be sent to Keith Prince AM.
7. **New issues arising from members.** Jeff reported that he had replied to an email asking about “ride” events in Havering to which he had provided details of all groups in Havering (all on our website) and details of Nick’s “slowbies” group that went out normally on Friday’s.
8. **Date of next meeting.** Saturday, 18th July @ 3 pm via Google Meets (Hangouts)
9. Other Business:
 - a. Terry asked if everyone could respond to his “widen my path” email that he had recently sent and suggested we could make a group submission when ready.
 - b. Nick asked if Terry could supply him with the Havering Cycling Charter again.
ACTION Terry to email to Nick.
 - c. Mark explained that he was battling with Havering Council regarding the cycling infrastructure document that he knows exists and he is currently working on a design for the South St./Victoria Road/Havana Close junction close to Romford Station.
 - d. Nick asked if anyone could provide him with a map where the advisory cycle route links the Romford Town Centre ring road to Park Lane as there was inadequate signage provided.
 - e. Jeff gave feedback on his recent attendance at the Lower Thames Crossing meeting (LTC Sub-Regional NMU).

Meeting closed at 16.30