



Notes from meeting held on Saturday, 18th July 2020

1. The **Chair welcomed all to the meeting** and everyone introduced themselves.
2. The **previous meeting notes** were **AGREED** as an accurate account of proceedings at that meeting.
3. Terry explained the **outstanding action points** from the last meeting which were:
 - a. The open letter to the Council in conjunction with Havering XR
 - b. The current situation regarding Gallows Corner and the response from Keith Prince AM from Havering & Redbridge
 - c. A copy of the Cycling Charter had been forwarded to Nick
 - d. There was a new point of contact at Havering Barking & Redbridge Hospitals Trust whose name was Elizabeth Platt and she was the Trust's Travel Co-ordinator
4. **Correspondence** – Terry referred to a number of LCC emails plus an album of cycling history belonging to one of our members if anyone wished to view it.
5. **Government Active Travel Funding** including result of voting at Council meeting on 8th July – It was reported that the Council Meeting was farcical and the Motion on Cycling provision in Havering was amended by the Administration and carried by the majority of Councillors present. This was disappointing to say the least! It was **AGREED** that Terry would send a follow-up letter to the council leader copied to all councillors.
6. **Gallows Corner** – Mark **AGREED** to redraw his plan regarding how Gallows Corner could be improved for both cyclists and pedestrians and would include a more friendly route into Romford Town Centre using Eastern Road and South Street.
7. **Membership contact** – Terry referred to many responses from interested parties from Facebook and Website in the past month. Facebook account now had 265 followers, Twitter had 365 and there were 96 on the Website.

8. **Councillor engagement** – Nick & Terry had been in touch with the Cranham & Upminster Ward Councillors' and planned to meet them soon to discuss possible changes to NCN 136 on its route from Upminster Station to the A127 and beyond.

It was **AGREED** that a “protest” ride would take place on Saturday, 22nd August from Harrow Lodge Park to the Town Hall regarding the lack of enthusiasm shown by the Council regarding provision of adequate cycling facilities in the Borough. This would be done in conjunction with Havering XR.

9. **New issues arising from members** – Feedback from the “Slowbies” Group was good, roughly 4 or 5 going out each Friday and Nick reported that he had enquired with the LCC, about a scheme called “Bike Buddies” and would report back at the next meeting.

10. **Date of next meeting** – Saturday, 15th August 2020.

11. **Other Business** – Terry reported that we were still awaiting some progress on the removal of sections of “rumble strips” throughout the Borough. Musood to be contacted again.