Notes from meeting held on Saturday, 15th August 2020

via Zoom @ 3 pm

1. **Terry welcomed all to the meeting** in the absence of Nick.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Nick. In attendance were Terry, Jeff, Emma, Mark, Lotte, Lisa, Lydie, Keane & Steve.
3. The previous meeting notes were **AGREED** for accuracy.
4. **Outstanding action points:**
   1. Terry has sent a letter to Cllr. White but received no reply, as yet.
   2. No further correspondence has been received from Keith Prince AM with regard to Gallows Corner.
   3. The guidance note & letter for local Councillors is still pending.
5. **Correspondence:**
   1. Some of the ‘rumble strips’ have been done but not many. **ACTION** Terry to contact Musood, again.
   2. Mark reported that ‘Better Streets for Havering’ had made contact. They can be found at <https://betterstreetsforhavering.wordpress.com> or on Twitter at @haveringstreets.
   3. Colleagues from Havering XR reported that they had received a reply from Cllr. White which was a load of drivel, all of which had been heard before but nothing new!
6. **Gallows Corner Update:** See 4b, above.
7. **Active Travel Funding update incl. School Streets and Protest Ride:** Terry read out email from Cllr. White which contained no mention of any infrastructure improvements. Discussion followed regarding what we should campaign for in way of signage for ‘quiet routes’ supported by closure of some roads, where appropriate. Terry had suggested a route for the protest ride to the Town Hall and Jeff agreed to ride it, with GPS tracking and pass on to Havering XR, to publish to those wishing to attend. **ACTION** Jeff to ride route next week. It was **AGREED** that the ride would take place on Saturday, 22nd August and would set off from Harrow Lodge Park, meet at 11,45 for a 12 midday start. Havering Cyclists to purchase a banner for the occasion, one that could be used for future occasions and not one-off use. **ACTION** Terry to design and circulate to all for agreement.
8. **Lower Thames Crossing Update:** Terry reported back on the last meeting he had attended. It was discouraging that the cycles lanes along the A127 were not recognised by LTC people as ‘official’ and they have planned to build a pedestrian bridge that would be no use to cycles. More campaigning on this subject to follow, in due course.
9. **Membership contact:** Figures for previous month were, Facebook, 285, LCC, 94, Website, 36 plus 742 hits on website for July and 388 on Twitter.
10. **Councillor engagement:** Terry & Nick had met with Cranham ward Councillors regarding improvements required for the Ingrebourne Way (NCN 136) including a ‘spur’ to link with the A127 cycle paths plus discussion on the Drury Falls alleyway which links to Upminster Station. The meeting was very positive and it was hoped that ongoing dialogue will ensue.
11. **New issues arising from members:** Emma reported that the speed cushions had still not been replaced in Havering Drive. **ACTION** Terry to contact Musood, again. It had been reported that the new Highway Code was out for consultation. Also, a document named ‘Gear Change’ was being circulated which included a very strong preface from the PM. It was AGREED that Havering Cyclists should consider doing a Dr. Bike in Hornchurch Country Park ASAP. **ACTION** Jeff & Terry to organise.
12. **Date of next meeting: 19th September 2020 3 pm via Zoom**
13. **Other Business:** Steve (Havering XR) asked everyone to participate in the De-Carbonisation Consultation which was available on the Web.

**Meeting closed at 4.20 pm**