



Notes from the 2020 AGM on Saturday 17th October at 3 pm via Zoom.

Agenda

1. Report from Officers

- i. Chairs report – Nick reported on the previous year and how it had developed for Havering Cyclists. He highlighted the ‘Slowbies’ group rides which had gone from strength to strength and the possibility of starting a ‘buddies’ group.
- ii. Treasurers report – see below.

**Havering Cycling Campaign (The Havering Borough Group Of The London Cycling Campaign)**

**1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020** (less than 51p rounded down: more than 50p rounded up)

<b><u>Received</u></b>							
Grant from LCC central		391					
	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>391</b>					
<b><u>Spent</u></b>							
Web site		82					
Room Hire		102					
Tools&Spares for Dr. Bike		24					
Stationery etc		44					
	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>252</b>					
	surplus/deficit	139					
	ACC FD BF	381					
	<b><u>ACC FD CF</u></b>	<b>520</b>					
	Cash at bank						
	deposi a/c	0					
	current a/c	520					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>520</b>					

2. Election of Officers

- i. The London Cycling Campaign constitution calls for 3 mandatory Officers who are Treasurer, Co-Ordinator and Secretary, as defined in the constitution.
- ii. Should there be more people wishing to join the management committee than other officers can be nominated and voted on, otherwise these will be undertaken as needed by members of the management committee or any co-opted members.

The London Cycling Campaign allows members to self-nominate, which they did and the following members were elected:

- a. Chair & Co-Ordinator – **Terry Hughes**
- b. Treasurer - **Bernie Curtis**
- c. Secretary - **Jeff Stafford**

Only LCC members can be part of the management committee but anyone is welcome to attend group meetings and contribute to our work and can be co-opted into the six non-mandatory roles if they wish. The following members self-nominated and were elected:

- d. Press Officer – vacancy
- e. Social Media Officer including Web support – **Terry Hughes**
- f. Rides and Events Co-Ordinator – **Nick Butler**
- g. Campaigns Co-Ordinator – vacancy
- h. Cycling Infrastructure Advisor – **Mark Philpotts**
- i. Community Engagement Officer – vacancy

### 3. The AGM closed at 3.25 pm and normal monthly business resumed.

**General meeting Notes** (meeting commenced at 3.30 pm)

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Nick welcomed all to the meeting and in attendance were Terry, Jeff, Emma, Mark and Nick plus guest speaker, Toby Hopkins. Apologies for absence had been received from Bernie.
2. **The previous meeting notes** were **AGREED** for accuracy except for one amendment, which Jeff changed in the notes that had been presented.
3. **Presentation by guest speaker, Toby Hopkins.**



**Cycle Buddies** Toby Hopkins from the LCC explained his role and the LCCs Cycle Buddies scheme which can be found at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sPAWVJ4Gej7NQQ4eBCWDI7kR5DxTLsiw?usp=sharing> and publicity material at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18KVS6zMS5I6DCa-SfvgE4e2Zri8utEXe?usp=sharing>. Please also see his presentation which is attached.

#### 4. Outstanding issues from last meeting:

- a. Nicolina (Havering Council) has promised to get the rumble strip corrective actions in the current work 'stack' but we won't hold our breath, just yet!
  - b. Daniel (Havering Council) has **agreed** to investigate the missing speed humps from Marshals Drive.
  - c. White Hart Lane cycle lane after resurfacing – Terry to look at the road re-surfacing schedule provided by Havering Council and let Nicolina know our views about appropriate cycle lanes that meet regulation standards.
  - d. Mark **agreed** to feedback ideas on the above subject and referred to Local Transport Note 1/20.
  - e. Terry referred to cycle lanes along the A127 and the pending upgrading of funding etc.
5. **Gallows Corner** – updates (if any) – Terry **AGREED** to contact Keith Prince AM and ask him for an update on the situation.
6. **Active Travel Funding update incl. School Streets** – Terry narrated the notes from the 'virtual' meeting that he and Jeff had attended with the Leader of Havering Council on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (below)

#### Notes from meeting with Cllr. Damian White, Daniel Douglas, Martin Day and Nicolina Cooper on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 11.30 am.

*Terry and Jeff attended on behalf of Havering Cyclists.*

*Jeff welcomed everybody and made introductions.*

*Terry started by saying that National and Regional transport policy is all supporting a push to encourage more cycling but they are leaving it to local councils to implement what can be sometimes, controversial measures. But, Havering Cyclists as a group in Havering representing the London Cycling Campaign, can help Havering Council to achieve some improvements to the current lack of cycling infrastructure*

- *Terry then drew the meeting's attention to two documents.*

*The Government's new transport strategy "Gear Change" (2020), which presents quite a reversal of thinking for Havering in that it insists cycling measures need to be developed and they will be funded if they are bold and of high quality but, any failing this test will not be funded. Further to that a new body, Active Travel England, will be auditing and grading local authorities on their performance in this area. **Like a carrot and stick approach** 😊*

*Meanwhile, TfL's "Strategic Cycling Analysis" (2017) sets out target cycle routes across London (including Havering), which are to be provided mostly following main roads.*

- a. [The Strategic Cycling Analysis and ...](#)
- b. [Gear Change](#)

Cllr White made the point that any such measures need to have local support and this was agreed.

**ACTION** Daniel to prepare a summary of these two documents for Cllr White, to be presented to a future Cabinet meeting of Havering Council.

**ACTION** Cllr. White to arrange for a further meeting with Havering Cyclists, to discuss the implications of these documents and determine the way forward in early November

- **School Streets**

Nicolina reported that three of the thirteen schools had progressed to implementation. The remaining schools had attracted negative responses to consultation with up to 80% of respondents in opposition. The four schools which had **PSPOs** in place will need to have their orders reinstated as they have now expired and these are in progress. **This issue is being dealt with currently by Havering Council's Legal Department.**

**ACTION** Martin (or Daniel) agreed to speak to Jay and offer the schools with cycle parking issues some temporary barriers.

Jeff referred to Branfil School which had plenty of cycle parking but the school would not let pupils bring in their bikes due to the Covid-19 restrictions and changes to egress and ingress, currently being adopted by the school.

- **White Hart Lane cycle tracks**

Terry referred to the CLG previously agreeing that inadequate facilities such as inappropriately narrow cycle lanes, would be left to fade away and not be maintained.

Nicolina agreed that this could be done and asked that Havering Cyclists provide a list of such facilities.

**ACTION** Terry to provide a list of roads where inadequate cycle lanes should not be replaced.

- **Missing traffic calming after roads have been resurfaced**

Nicolina explained that the reason that the speed table in Ravenscourt Grove had been changed to speed cushions was to accommodate an extension to a resident's 'drop kerb' which had been installed preventing a reinstatement of the original speed restrictions in that area.

On the incorrectly installed rumble strips, Nicolina reported that she is looking to review the job list and aims to have the offending rumble strips remedied by March 2020.

**ACTION** Daniel to investigate the missing speed cushions in Marshalls Drive.

- **Romford Cycle Facilities**

*The Liveable Neighbourhoods Scheme and the Beam Valley Scheme have been put on hold due to TfL's budget issues.*

*Jeff requested that the CLG meetings be reinstated ASAP (virtually for the moment) and Daniel and Martin agreed that this could happen.*

**ACTION** Havering Cyclists to send a list of topics to be covered by CLG in the future to Martin and Daniel.

**The meeting closed at 12.15 pm**

7. **Event Planning** – No events planned at the moment due to the Covid situation. It was hoped that a 'litter pick' could be achieved along NCN 136 sometime in the future using the Cargo Bike.
8. **Membership contact:** Terry quoted the following statistics relating to contacts this month:

i. LCC	97
ii. Website	36
iii. Visitors to Havering Cyclists website	425
iv. Twitter followers	419
v. Facebook visitors	303
9. **Councillor engagement:** Nick & Terry detailed their recent meeting with Cranham Ward Councillors & Sustrans representatives with regard to improvements to NCN 136. They considered the meeting which included a visit to parts of NCN 136, to be encouraging. Sustrans have agreed to follow up changes to NCN 136 and report back on their findings **ACTION** Nick & Terry to meet again with Cllr. Ford and the other RA councillors to discuss the how we might improve cycle facilities in each ward including the possibility of enhancing signage and establishing 'Quietways' for cycling.
10. **New issues arising from members:** None
11. **Items for Cycling Liaison Group agenda:** It was **AGREED** that a CLG meeting be requested with the priority to be relative to cycle paths that run alongside the A12 & A127 in Havering. Preferred dates to be 2 pm on 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November or 1<sup>st</sup> December. **ACTION** Jeff to contact Martin Day to organise.
12. **Date of next meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020
13. **Other Business:** None

**Meeting closed at 17.06**