**Notes from Havering Cyclists meeting held on Saturday, 21st November 2020 @ 3 pm.**

1. **Terry welcomed all to the meeting** and in attendance were; Terry, Nick, Emma, Mark, Andy & Jeff.
2. **There were no apologies for absence**.
3. **The previous meeting notes** from the meeting held on 17th October were accepted for accuracy.
4. **Outstanding action points from the last meeting:**
   1. Terry referred to his correspondence, sent to Havering Council’s Head of Highways, Traffic & Parking which said

“*Where the council intends to invest in significant public funds in maintenance works, our request is that any layouts designed for cycle traffic should be reviewed to test compliance with the advice given in Local Transport Note 1/20 - Cycle Infrastructure Design. We would further request that reasonable adjustments to layouts are made through maintenance works as many changes could be made without any statutory requirements for consultation.*

*Carriageway resurfacing where there are cycle lanes will be a common example of such works. We request that the layouts be reviewed to ensure that cycle lanes are at least 2 metres in width (1.5 metres as an absolute minimum) as set out in Section 6.4 of LTN1/20. This includes insetting zig-zag markings at controlled crossings (to continue cycle lanes), consideration of the removal of centre lines and hatched areas, and ensuring that cycle lanes are widened locally across side streets (Figure 6.20).*

*Our overarching position is that streets where cycle lanes have been provided in the past probably have traffic volumes which require cycle traffic to be protected as set out in Figure 4.1 of LTN1/20. However, we recognise that it takes time to plan and develop appropriate projects. The provision of cycle lanes which meet the requirements of LTN1/20 could provide a short-term improvement with no significant additional costs to maintenance budgets.”*

The following response had been received:

*“I have asked the team to look into this with the resurfacing team and come back to you on this”*

**ACTION** Terry to report back on any further correspondence on this subject at our next meeting.

* 1. **Gallows Corner:** Keith Prince AM had responded with “nothing new to report”.
  2. Meetings with Cranham Ward Councillors have taken place and will continue to do so and further meetings are being planned with Upminster Ward Councillors’ and a representative from Hornchurch RA Councillors’ on behalf of St. Andrews, Hacton & Elm Park Wards with the inclusion of Hylands Ward being an option.
  3. It was **AGREED** that the next Cycling Liaison Group meeting should be on the second Wednesday in January, 2021. **ACTION** Jeff to indicate our preference to the Council Officer responsible for CLG meetings.

1. **Correspondence**:

* Terry referred the meeting to his correspondence with the ‘Rom Yard’ development scheme and it was confirmed, by them that the alleyway between South Street and the current Retail Park, would continue to exist within the new development. **ACTION** Jeff to circulate website detail which is <http://www.romyard.com/>. Further discussion concluded that was just outline planning being sought with more detail to follow, in due course.
* Terry announced that the current planning application for the Lower Thames Crossing link from the M25 had been withdrawn and was under review by the LTC Company following advice given to them by Highways England. Mark commented that this was probably due to ‘dissatisfaction’ expressed by the Planning Inspectorate on the current application.
* There was no specific correspondence but reference was made to the recent Gallows Corner problems caused by roadworks and a RTC ‘fatality’ outside KFC on the A12 opposite the retail Park.

1. **Cycle Buddies**: Nick reported back on his deliberations with this London Cycling Campaign initiative which had proved reasonably successful, so far. He had taken a group of female cyclists out on a Tuesday and they were all now going out on their own, to explore other routes around Havering. Nick asked the meeting if anyone else would like to volunteer to be involved and Jeff said he would. **ACTION** Nick to send out more details to members of the Havering Cyclists Group.
2. **Gallows Corner**: See 4b, above.
3. **Active Travel Funding update incl. School Streets**: Terry reported that no news of a further meeting had been received. **ACTION** Terry to make enquiry to the Council facilitator. Terry also reported on his enquiry to the Project Manager for School Streets regarding enforcement on the recently ‘School Streets’ scheme which had been installed in four School areas. The following reply was received:

***“****Civil Enforcement Officers were on site for the first 2 weeks when the schemes went live to advise motorists and enforce parking restrictions around the schemes.*

*When any new scheme is introduced displacement is expected initially while motorists get used to the new restrictions. We are monitoring the traffic volumes and behaviours around the schemes during November. The evidence collected from this monitoring will be used as part of the assessment for the schemes”.*

Jeff commented that he had made an enquiry with the same Council Officer, about the **PSPO scheme** that had been in place at the James Oglethorpe School and was advised *“The Public Space Protection Order previously operating at the James Oglethorpe primary school has expired.  The cameras and signage have been removed”* Terry had observed that ‘traffic counters’ had been installed in roads around the Branfil Primary School which had recently had the ‘School Streets’ scheme activated.

1. **Event Planning:** Nick ‘shared’ his screen showing the event planner for 2021/2021. He agreed to share this with members present via email. **ACTION** Nick to send out spreadsheet. It was agreed that more rides and Dr. Bike sessions would take place from Easter 2021, if restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic were not preventing us doing so. The spreadsheet would continue to be ‘work in progress’.
2. **Membership contact:** Terry announced the following contact statists for the month of October:
3. Website 469
4. Facebook 321
5. Twitter 426
6. LCC followers 99
7. Followers on website 36
8. **Councillor engagement**: Nick & Terry reported back on a number of ‘interesting’ meetings with Local Councillors which would be ‘ongoing’.
9. **New issues arising from members:** Issues were raised on the following topics and discussion followed:

* ‘Aspirations for better cycling routes throughout Havering.
* Potential of creating a cycle route which could link Hall Lane, in Upminster using River Drive, to pick up Wingletye Lane and continue through Emerson Park.
* The ‘alleyway’ which linked Station Road in Upminster to the Drury Falls Estate.
* The ‘alleyway’ which linked St. Mary’s Lane, in Upminster, to Deyncourt Gardens and then on to Cranham which went underneath three railway lines.

All of the above were considered to be possible routes for the future notwithstanding the requirement for money to be spent by Havering Council, to improve their viability.

1. **Date of next meeting:** Saturday, 19th December @ 3 pm via Zoom.
2. **Other Business**: There was none.

**The meeting closed at 4.35 pm.**