**Notes from the meeting held on Saturday, 16th January 2021 via Zoom @ 3 pm**

**AGENDA**

1. **Terry welcomed all to the meeting** and in attendance were Terry, Jeff, Andy, Sean, Emma, Judith, Mark & Nick.
2. The **notes from the previous meeting** were **AGREED** for accuracy.
3. **Outstanding action points**
   1. The rumble strips issue was raised at the CLG meeting on 15th January and Terry has sent another list of locations to James, the Council Officer responsible for implementation of work required.
   2. The Rainham railway crossing ramp defect on NCN 136/13 was raised again at the CLG on 15th January.
   3. LTN 1/20 was raised again at the CLG on 15th January and is now being dealt with by the Council Highways dept.
   4. Terry explained the proposed Bike Loan Scheme which was based on a scheme run by Kingston LBC and has sent the document which explains the scheme to Martin Day of Havering Council.
   5. The Cycle Buddies idea has been ‘risk assessed’.
   6. Daniel Douglas announced at the CLG, on 15th January, that there was no more ‘Active Travel’ funding available, at the moment.
   7. Terry shared a spreadsheet explaining useful cycle routes in Havering and asked those present for their views and any other routes that might be useful.
   8. Terry explained that he had not yet had a chance to ask SUSTRANS for some more NCN 136 signs in various spots. **ACTION** Terry to contact SUSTRANS.
   9. Terry & Jeff explained the need for some ‘warning’ signs in Hornchurch Country Park along NCN 136. **ACTION** Jeff to seek permission from the Council Parks Officer to display them.
4. **Report from CLG meeting with Council officers:**

* Terry reported on the LIP presentation by Daniel Douglas at the CLG which included £1.9M for cycle training etc., £50,000 spent on Active Travel signage and the introduction of three, ‘school streets’. Cycle training had been paused but the intention is to re-instate it from March if Covid lockdown has been relaxed but, the contract with Cycle Confident has not been renewed, yet! It was also revealed that funding for ‘secure cycle parking’ at Council Flat estates was now available but the work needs to be done or at least started by the end of March, this year.
* ‘School Streets’ scheme is to be reviewed by the Council in June but these are temporary schemes that have to be made permanent after 18 months. There followed a discussion about ‘school streets’ and reference to PSPOs which were discontinued. **ACTION** CLG delegates to keep a watchful eye on future developments.
* Terry updated the meeting with regard to the meeting of the Council Cabinet, to discuss the documents presented to the Council Leader by him and Jeff in September, 2020. We await feedback from that meeting and/or another meeting with the Leader. It was noted that Travel England are monitoring all Councils to see what they are doing about ‘Active Travel’.

1. **Cycle Buddies** – Nick explained the principle of how ‘cycle buddies’ would work and assurances were given that it would not interfere with the excellent cycle training provided by Cycle Confident, on behalf of Havering Council.
2. **Active Travel Funding update** – see item 4, above.
3. **Event Planning** – Event planning is difficult at the moment but it was still hoped that a ride could be organised for ‘car free’ day/week in June. It was hoped however that a ‘litter pick’ could be organised on various sections of the NCN 136. Dates to be decided in due course. **ACTION** Nick to investigate the possibilities and report back in February after broadcasting on Havering Cyclists Facebook page, in case anyone has particular spots along the route that they believe needs a ‘tidy up’.
4. Membership contact:

* Facebook 344
* Twitter 434
* Website 36
* Visits 286

1. **Councillor engagement** – There has been no further meetings with Councillors’ since last month’s meeting.
2. **Havering Cyclists Aspirations/Priorities** – Terry had circulated a ‘routes’ spreadsheet but would send it out again, with an explanation included and ask the meeting for further input when they received it. **ACTION** Terry to redistribute spreadsheet. A couple of good websites which contained routes were mentioned which were the Bike Citizens app and Waymarked Trails.
3. **New issues arising from members:**

* Nick mentioned the alley which gave access through the retail park into Queen’s Hospital
* There was a discussion about actions which should be taken when a road has 500 vehicles per. hour using it and Mark mention a ‘Freedom of Information’ request he had registered with Havering Council with regard to Carlton Road in Romford.
* Terry and Mark referred to works on the Waterloo Estate in Romford which would interfere with a London Cycle Network route. This had been raised with a Council Officer at the CLG on 15th January and feedback was expected. ACTION Terry or Jeff to chase up with Council Officer before our next meeting.
* Andy mentioned the constant flooding along the NCN 136 in Hornchurch Country Park. It was explained that the path needed to be permanently re-routed and improved with adequate signage installed. **ACTION** Jeff to follow up with Havering Parks and SUSTRANS.
* Sean referred to the ridiculous barriers preventing Cargo Bikes and such like being able to join routes through parks and particularly onto the NCN 136. It was It was **AGREED** that Havering Cyclists should campaign to get all of these removed but some were not the Council’s responsibility. **ACTION** Jeff to find out exactly how many barriers there were and who needs to be made responsible for their removal.

1. **Date of next meeting** – **20th February 2021**
2. **Other Business** – There was none.

**Meeting closed at 16.47**