**Notes from meeting held on Saturday, 20th February 2021 via Zoom @ 3 pm**

1. **Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting** andintroductions were exchanged. There were no apologies for absence and in attendance were Terry (in the Chair), Jeff (Secretary & notes), Mark, Emma, Nicola, Andy, Patrick and Nick (latter part of the meeting).
2. **The notes from the previous meeting** (16th January 2021) were approved as an accurate record of proceedings and the following outstanding actions from that meeting were explained as:
   * + 1. Terry had contacted Sustrans and received information relating to street signing and an opportunity to attend a ‘virtual’ training session had been accepted.
       2. Jeff explained that the warning signage in Hornchurch Country Park had not yet been completed but now that the Council had put up a fence on either side of the ‘gap’, the signage would be fixed to it. **ACTION** Jeff to contact Parks Development Officer to gain approval.
       3. School Streets – no further progress as yet following Cycling Liaison Group meeting.
       4. Event planning – As Nick had not joined meeting yet, this item would be carried over to next meeting.
       5. Terry had circulated the Havering Cyclists ‘aspirations’ spreadsheet and this would be discussed and agreed during this meeting under item 7.
       6. Waterloo Estate cycle route – No updates from emails sent to relevant Council Officer – **ACTION** Terry to chase up.
       7. Flooding along NCN 136 in Hornchurch Country Park – Jeff reported that until the development on the St. Georges Hospital site had been completed, there was no funding available to move the route permanently.
3. **Cycling fatalities in Marsh Way**, South Hornchurch – Terry shared relevant information about who had been contacted in relation to these two tragic fatalities in Marsh Way. Inadequate responses had been received thus far. The Romford Recorder had been in touch and offered to cover the story if required to. Incidents had been reported to ‘Vision Zero’. **ACTION** Terry to continue to pursue.
4. **Dangerous shared cycling/pedestrian path** at A1306/A13 junction roundabouts on Havering/Thurrock border – Andy explained the issues around poor sighting experienced when trying to cross this dangerous junction and the cycling facilities are poorly placed. **ACTION** Terry to make enquiries about the trimming of hedges etc. at this junction.
5. **Cycle Buddies** – The risk assessment had been sent to Stewart Dring (LCC) but no reponse received as yet. **ACTION** Terry to contact Stewart, again.
6. **Active Travel Funding** – Terry reported the following progress was amounted to very little in real terms:
   * + 1. Dangerous ramp joint at Rainham Station on NCN 136 – a couple of warning signs had been installed but just fell down after a week or so.
       2. Narrow cycle lanes in Collier Row – poor response received from Council Officer.
       3. Missing speed humps – still no response from Council Officer.
       4. Rumble strips – still nothing done despite constant reminders.
       5. Marsh Way and Waterloo Road – already covered above but Council still showing lack of interest.

It was **AGREED** that Terry should now by-pass all Council Officers involved in all of the above and complain to Havering Council’s Cabinet member for Environment. **ACTION** Terry to write to Cllr. Osman Dervish.

1. **Havering Cyclists Aspirations/Priorities –** Terry’s spreadsheet was discussed and accepted as the final ‘aspirations’ for routes within Havering and beyond. Terry to add some road direction to some of the routes and Andy offered to upload to Google maps. **ACTION** Terry and Andy to liaise and progress.
2. **Councillor engagement** – There had been no Councillor meetings recently since our last meeting.
3. **New issues** arising from members:
   * + 1. Terry related to recent emails with Melissa Compton-Edwards of Healthy Streets [Healthy Streets - Transport for London (tfl.gov.uk)](https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/about-tfl/how-we-work/planning-for-the-future/healthy-streets) and it would seem that Havering Council still sit bottom of the league table of London Boroughs and are hellbent on doing nothing about it. <https://www.havering.gov.uk/downloads/file/3066/havering_lip3_transport_strategy>
       2. There had been recent contact with Sarah Stuchfield of <https://www.haveringchanging.org/> who would like to get people involved with the Arts in Havering. This project <https://www.lukejerram.com/lullaby/?fbclid=IwAR15uXXN_BgZuEPhXCWMn5nnbrCuRQTWZed06356bcUmxMelgUGKPak1YN0> would be centred on Harold Hill and Orchard Village in Rainham. Andy referred to the ancient ‘Cattle Bridge’ in Emerson Park near St. Andrews Park which would be an ideal place for some artwork. **ACTION** Terry to find out more.
       3. Terry reported on the ‘Local Groups Survey’ requested by the LCC and that him and Jeff had provided their thoughts. If anyone else wishes to contribute then contact Terry.
4. **Date of next meeting:** 20th March 2021 @ 15.00
5. **Other business**:
   * + 1. Jeff referred to a project being carried out at London Hospitals by the London Cycling Campaign called ‘bike checks’. He reported that he had put Havering Cyclists forward to participate and that there was potential funding available. Patrick indicated that Martin Day was intending to get Cycle Confident to do something similar. **ACTION** Jeff to contact Martin Day.
       2. Jeff reported back on progress in relation to ‘barriers’ preventing easy access to NCN 136 for anything other than ‘standard’ sized bikes. He had received some correspondence from Sustrans but there was still a lot to do to get started and this would be ‘ongoing’. Mark offered to create a spreadsheet from information received and Nicola offered her assistance. **ACTION** Jeff to continue to pursue and keep everyone informed.

**Meeting closed at 16.45**