



## Notes from the meeting held on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom @ 3 pm

1. **Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting** and apologies for absence were received from Andy & Patrick. In attendance were Terry (in the Chair), Jeff (Secretary & notes), Nick, Emma, Nicola, Sean, Mark & Sun Fung.
2. **The previous meeting notes** were accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings and Terry reported back on outstanding actions from that meeting which were:
  - a. The issues with the new crossing associated with Waterloo will be included in the CLG feedback under agenda item 3.
  - b. The resolution to the Marsh Way incidents are ongoing.
  - c. The double roundabout at the Purfleet junction on the A1306 will be reported to the Council. **ACTION** Terry to pursue.
  - d. Forrestry UK have been challenged again about the poor installation of the 'kissing gates' where Berwick Glades meets Bonnett's Wood on Berwick Pond Road. **ACTION** Terry to report back when he receives a reply from Forrestry UK.
  - e. The 'Buddies' launch will take place soon but 2 'customers' have already been 'buddied' by Jeff & Nick. More detail under item 4 of this agenda.
  - f. Nick asked if the events calendar could be shown on Havering Cyclists website. **ACTION** Terry to edit website to show events planned for this year.
  - g. Andy has created a WhatsApp group for Havering Cyclists which is now operational so anyone wishing to be included needs to contact Andy.
  - h. Group 'aspirations' to be circulated again, **ACTION** Terry to send out to all. Nick is planning to ride one of the routes mentioned with Alison, this week.
  - i. **LCCs London Mayoral Campaign.** The campaign was launched this week and already we have two pledges from the mayoral candidates for the Greens and the Lib Dems – you can read their statements on the homepage for the campaign [here](#) on the spanking new website (more on that below). Do encourage your networks to email the mayoral candidates which they can do [here](#).
  - j. The potential of Havering's [Business Improvement Districts](#) (BIDs) had been looked at for the raising of funding for cycling facilities but no further news as yet. Nicola informed the meeting that there had been a stall in Romford Market recently. **ACTION** Jeff to pursue.
3. **Feedback from CLG** – with update on remedial actions.

### **Draft notes from CLG dated 14 April 2021**

**Daniel on Finance and LIP update:** As mentioned before we had £753K of LIP funding to last until 31/3/21 after which funding was very uncertain.

DfT constraints on spending have tightened so that no budget at all can be carried over past the cut-off date. TfL asked LBH to submit draft bid for 21/22 which included School Travel funding and Bikeability.

Feedback from TfL this week is that funding (£250K) is available but only for the next 6 weeks and any projects would have to complete by 18/5.

Separate funding for Bikeability is planned but there are no details yet.

It was not possible to arrange funding in time for the residential cycle lockers proposed for Harold Hill.

Following the leader's discussion on Gear Change a Havering Walking and Cycling strategy is to be produced.

**Martin on training:** Approval is being sought for a framework agreement based on another borough's agreement which would see the contract remain with Cycle Confident.

**James on communications issues and outstanding remedial works:**

Terry explained the difficulties he had had in obtaining updates on the outstanding issues requesting them firstly from Nicolina, then James and then the Traffic and Parking group mailbox. Finally, Terry had contacted Cllr Dervish who had promised updates from the relevant officers. The person handling the Traffic and Parking mailbox had said that she is responsible to place the enquiries with the relevant team and then expects them to respond. James was under the impression that the group communications team would be responding and was surprised that no information was being provided and assured the meeting that the issues were being addressed. James will investigate where the communication is breaking down. The faulty ramp in Rainham has a temporary ramp in place but James said that the permanent repair will be a major piece of work which may take some time to implement.

James will chase up the missing speed humps in Marshals Drive.

James will chase up the rumble strips still in need of correction.

Regarding the two cyclist deaths at Marsh Way, in advance of the inquests, an inspection has been made and possible measures are being considered. Terry pointed out that the northernmost section of Marsh Way has two traffic lanes in each direction while the two southbound lanes are fed by a single lane from the traffic lights at New Road and in view of this, Terry suggested that one lane could be considered for reallocation as a two-way cycle lane between New Road and the toucan crossing at the A13 roundabout.

Terry described three issues with the new Toucan crossing at Waterloo Road:

There is a steep ramp across the central reservation which is a challenge for wheelchair users, the Western pavement is obstructed with posts and there is a dropped kerb missing at the junction with Union Road to connect to the cycle path. James said the work was difficult because of land ownership issues but he would try to resolve them.

James confirmed that the process surrounding the reinstatement of narrow cycle lanes is now in hand so that after White Hart Lane and Collier Row Road, we should not see any more facilities reinstated that do not conform to LTN 1/20. James is trying to identify a path for the re-routing of LCN12 around the Waterloo Estate during the redevelopment. Nick pointed out that other more constricted sites in other boroughs had managed to maintain rights of way and questioned why it would not be possible here. James will work with his colleagues to identify possible options.

#### **James on Chicanes (or horizontal deflections):**

Terry reminded the meeting of that Philip Coghlan had previously fought against these measures in Havering Atte Bower as they created risks for cyclists and said that some harrowing helmet cam footage had been placed on social media taken at one of these chicanes where a large van decides not to stop for a cyclist who has right of way the cyclist's prompt action saves him from a serious collision. More of these devices have been placed at North Ockenden and they place cyclists in danger in the event that the oncoming traffic fails to yield to the cyclists right of way. Terry asked that no more be deployed. James undertook to investigate if a way could be found to modify them to remove the risk.

#### **Clare and Malcolm on Beam Parkway:**

Some work is continuing but due to the 6-week funding cut-off, no contracts can be let at this time.

On the Westernmost end of the scheme, two options were shared. Option 1 as preferred with an informal crossing and a longer section of segregated path and Option 2 with more shared path and a controlled crossing further to the east. The view of the cyclists present was that the road is too busy for an informal crossing and so we would like either Option 1 with an added controlled crossing or Option 2 with the path widened. **ACTION** Terry to contact Malcolm to obtain informative plans of scheme.

#### **Clare on Liveable Neighbourhoods:**

The project is still paused but design work is still being developed.

4. **Cycle Buddies** progress update – Two people have signed up to scheme and had one outing so far with Jeff & Nick. Jeff advised that his 'client' actually lived at Barking Riverside so in our correspondence with BHR Hospital Trust and NELF Trust, we need to emphasise that our intentions were meant for Havering residents only but depending on where someone lived outside Havering, we might consider helping if not too far. Sean asked if someone he had recently trained could be assisted even though they lived in Brentwood and the answer was YES. **ACTION** Terry to contact Sean and get some details.
5. **Event Planning** – It was **AGREED** that a litter picking event along Ingrebourne Way (NCN 136) would be good using the Cargo Bike and some Dr. Bike sessions should be arranged in Hornchurch Country Park. **ACTION** Nick to send out an email with some suggested dates

6. **Membership contacts** for March 2021.

Facebook	360
Twitter	482
Website visits	538
Website enquiries	38

7. **Community Engagement** – Terry reported that he had had a rather negative response from Cllr. Ray Morgon recently with regard to cycle routes in Hornchurch but intended to make contact with Cllr. Gillian Ford in Cranham to encourage Cranham & Upminster Councillors to support routes in that area.

8. **Havering Cyclists Aspirations/Priorities** – Nick to recirculate spreadsheet of ‘aspirations & priorities’ to everyone. **ACTION** Nick to email group.

9. **New issues** arising from members:

Emma raised the issue of Police actions when an accident involved a collision between cycle and motorised vehicle and proposed that a Freedom of Information request was raised. **ACTION** Mark to supply the ‘how to’ information to Terry.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 15th May 2021 @ 15.00

11. **Other business:**

Jeff asked everyone if they would like to meet, in person, when Covid restrictions were relaxed a bit more, at the Depot in Hornchurch Country Park but still on a Saturday afternoon. It was **AGREED** that the June meeting would be considered for such a purpose.

**Meeting closed at 16.55.**