

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2011 at the Civic Centre,
Bromley, starting at 7.30pm

Present:

Tony Exeter – (Chair) **KM** Keston Mark & Bromley Common Village RA
Dave Witherspoon **DR** Downe RA
Tony Bradley – **GS** Green Street Green Village Society
Peter Daintree **PA** Park Avenue RA
John Pattenden - **PW** Petts Wood RA
Brian Dunk **SR** Shortlands RA
Derek Cookson **SU** Sundridge RA
Keith King **SPC & OSPCt**
Mike East **WW** West Wickham RA
Lisa Allen - **LBB Traffic Engineer**
Derrick Holmes - **LBB Road Safety Officer**
Catherine Linney **Met Police**

Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30

Apologies:

David Haslam **BH** Beryl Grimani-Harrold **HV** Hilary Robson **KR** Peter Skipp **LE** Robert Armstrong **NB** Keith Heffer **OH** John Harvey **PE**. With Keith Heffer's apology came a declaration of resigning from the panel due to his retirement from his RA.

2 Minutes of meeting `17th May 2011

Were agreed and signed without amendments (Thanks to Hilary for excellent job)

3 Matters arising

SPC There is still no action on the overhanging vegetation obscuring the traffic lights at the Grays Farm Grove Park School. This has been inspected By Andrew Wright, and the conclusion was that there must be some form of uncertainty over ownership before action can be taken.

The question of ownership needs to be a priority so that the problem can be rectified

SR Commuter Parking in Park Hall Road is an ongoing issue

4. Accident Statistics

The statistics were presented and after discussion it was noted a number of slights were not reported. However the Police have a formula based on the number of reported accidents to give a broad picture on slights

5. Police Officer's Report

There have sadly been two fatal collisions in the borough at the end of May. An elderly male was killed crossing the road in Widmore Road. An elderly male was killed whilst out cycling in Layhams Road.

An enforcement campaign was carried out outside Ravensbourne School on 27th May in Partnership with Bromley Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Traffic Division, Bromley Council Parking enforcement and Bromley Council Road Safety Officers.

This was successful and will be carried out again in September.

Speed enforcement and education was carried out in Park Avenue BR2 (off the A21). This was done with the local Safer Neighbourhood Team, traffic division and Council Road Safety Officers. Parish Primary School pupils were also involved with speaking to drivers who were caught speeding. Fixed Penalty Notices were issued to the more serious offenders who were travelling at speeds of up to 56mph.

As a result of this, traffic survey equipment was installed at this location for two weeks. Speeds in Park Avenue were found to be high. Tony Exeter requested that the council look at some type of traffic calming. Due to the very low collision rate they are reluctant to spend any money here in the foreseeable future and stated that they will consider it when the road is resurfaced in the next few years.

Enforcement campaigns have been carried out at Stone Park Avenue and Sundridge Avenue.

An "Exchanging Places" cycle safety event is being planned for the autumn in partnership with Lewisham Borough.

6. Road Safety Officer's Report

Cycling Team

Cycling

Mode shift

The aim of mode shift is to get more people cycling confidently on the road and changing their mode of transport to more sustainable means like cycling, particularly for short journeys. More effort is now being concentrated on a slightly older age group.

Complete cycling course (CCC)

- This is a two day course that has been introduced into secondary schools across the borough and caters for 6 students per course. It takes the students (currently year 7 – 9) from Bikeability level 1 through to level 3. By the end of the course, students should be able to confidently tackle busy roads, roundabouts, traffic lights and multi lane junctions in order to make journeys on all types of road. The course also covers route planning using maps.
- Promotion for the CCC will take place in most secondary schools in the Borough in the first two weeks of September (12th – 23rd) using The Theatre in Education Group who are delivering a 1 hour production concentrating on sustainable travel, health and wellbeing. The project also links into the KS3 citizenship and PSHE curriculum.

HGV awareness / bus driver partnership

- **HGV- Allied Bakery** – working with them to help raise awareness to cyclists regarding where they should be positioning themselves when sharing the road with an HGV. Allied Bakery supplied 2 vehicles and drivers to come

along to various events we run and allow people to sit in the cab of the lorry to check the blind spots. Most recently they attended the cyclist of the year event at Norman Park (25th June) which was a great success.

- **Metro Bus** – after receiving complaints about the way some bus drivers were overtaking cyclists, some members of the cycle team spent a day at the bus garage in Green Street Green. The purpose of this day was to build a good relationship between cyclists and bus drivers, so each could have an understanding of the others difficulties.

Biking Borough

London Borough of Bromley has been awarded funding from TfL to become a Biking Borough. Over the coming weeks a series of event will take place to promote cycling in the borough. The Dr. Bike free bike service will be available along with bike security marking from the police. HGV awareness campaigning for cyclists will continue and a series of bike maintenance courses will be running.

Road Safety Education Team

The Junior Road Safety Officers Top Team Award went to Darrick Wood Juniors. Second place went to Stewart Fleming Primary and third place was shared between Crofton Juniors and Farnborough Primary.

The Top team award is an annual award given to the JRSO team who produce outstanding work throughout the year.

DR Asked if there was such a thing as a legal bike. A discussion ensued on cycling habits particularly by clubs. The M Police said that any club misuse was reported to the clubs who had their own policing methods to ensure the good name of the club

7. Traffic Engineer's Report

Lisa Allen handed out a list of projects across the Borough agreed for 2011/2012

PA stated that there are no "No Parking" Signs in Park Avenue Engineers promised to look into this

DR said that New Road Hill Downe had been CLOSED without prior notification Engineers to investigate.

SR brought to the attention of the panel the objectionable emails received over the works in Kingswood Road.

8. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's report

9. Matters raised by Members

DR Brought to the attention of the meeting, that a section of Bridleway at the end of Birdhouse Lane Downe had been tarmaced over. As this was a Bridleway and part of the Cudham Circular Walk , was this legal, who had given permission without consultation? This was perceived to be a very serious situation and a letter was handed over explaining a hit and run incident that had taken place, due to speeding traffic, which should not be there. **This was considered to be serious enough to be brought to the attention of the Portfolio Holder**

Also that the recently painted yellow lines in the village have now turned white

PW In Petts Wood Station Square at the entrance to the two car parks at the side of Iceland; without prior notification the road priorities had been changed making it much more dangerous for pedestrians. This had been an issue which the Council was aware of. However again we may be in a situation of land ownership before pedestrian safety can be further enhanced.

SU Had grave concerns of the siting of an Ice Cream Van on Logs Hill which was considered to be a Road Safety Hazard. Also brought forward the large pot holes and was given a Green Card to deal with the issue

GS had grave concerns over speed of traffic through Green Street Green Village from the roundabout on the A21 up to Waitrose, The M Police promised a speed survey..

SPC Is still waiting for the 30mph advisory posters. However during discussion it transpired that this could refer to what is called Street Illuminated Signs in Sevenoaks Way. He had received an email from the Chair to say that they were going up in August , but needed to know when. **The question of non functioning street lights on the Sevenoaks Way was going to be taken up with the Portfolio Holder**

10. Matters for the Portfolio Holder

a. Who had given for permission for the tarmacing of the bridleway at the end of Birdhouse Lane and was this legal? (A hit-and-run incident had occurred there due to a speeding motorist since this was done).

b. Non functioning street lights on the Sevenoaks Way

Meeting closed at 20.35

Next meeting (& AGM) 7.30 pm Tuesday 13 September 2011 at the Civic Centre

Future meeting date: 15 November 2011

Post Meeting Note:

To help with minute preparation, please can all those making reports please type into a word document before sending onto the minute taker by email.

Also anyone with a predestined question please bring this in typewritten form to again help the minute taker