

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2012 at the Civic Centre,

Present:

John Harvey	PE Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Peter Duncan	CC Copers Cope RA
Tony McClarty	CS Chislehurst Society
Dave Witherspoon	DR Downe RA
Tony Exeter	KM Keston Mark & Bromley Common Village RA
Miriam Harries	KR Knoll Residents Association
Hilary Ryder	KV Keston Village Residents Association
Keith King, A.Wilson	CVW Little Chislewick enssociation
Peter Daintree	PA Park Avenue RA
Graham Pyefinch	PL Park Langley RA
John Pattenden	PW Petts Wood RA
Mike East	WW West Wickham RA
John Watkins	SPC St Paul's Cray East RA
John Eveson	CVW Cray Valley West RA
Lisa Allen	LBB Traffic Engineer
Val Currie	LBB Road Safety Officer
Margaret Bowyer	LBB Road Safety officer
Catherine Linney	Metropolitan Police

1. Apologies:

David Haslam **BH** Biggin Hill and District Residents Association, Beryl Grimani-Harrold **HV** Hayes Village Association, Peter Skipp **LE** Links Estate Residents Association, Brian Dunk **SR** Shortlands Residents Association

2. Minutes of Last Meeting`

(PLEASE NOTE: All panel minutes since Jan 2011 can now be viewed on the Bromley web site http://www.bromley.gov.uk/downloads/file/1269/road_safety_consultative_panel_minutes

3. Matters arising from Minutes

WW Mike East queried why, when road works on Orpington High Street had been completed for about a year that the accident rate had significantly increased.

CVW Keith King and A. Wilson requested that Cray Avenue and Sevenoaks Way be combined in the statistics as they comprise one long road. Val Currie **LBB** handed over statistics the **LBB** Road Safety team had prepared to combine these, but stated that TFL produce the statistics in a particular format and, therefore, they cannot be easily altered, but that specific requests for more detail can usually be provided by the Road Safety team, although it often involves much additional work with limited staffing resources to do it.

The Chairman stated that, as a meeting had been held between the **CVW** representatives and **Angus Culverwell, LBB** that this matter was being dealt with adequately outside the panel meetings.

Keith King stated at the meeting that Councillor Colin Smith had at some point given an undertaking that no road engineering works would be carried out within five miles of Chislehurst Bridge, until the bridge works had been completed and he further stated that road works had nevertheless taken place and, therefore, requested that Councillor Smith be asked why the undertaking he referred to had not been adhered to.

4. Accident statistics

Copies of the accident statistics had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

5. Police Officers report

Catherine Linney reported on two collisions - the first at Bournewood Road, Orpington. This involved a motorcycle stolen in a burglary being ridden into a tree. The rider was killed.

The second was in Station Road, Orpington outside the station. A car lost control at speed. The male driver was seriously injured.

Catherine also reported operation Cubo - a no insurance seizure operation during which fifteen cars were seized in Anerley Hill in May.

A road safety education operation had been planned in Sevenoaks Road with the Safer Neighbourhood team but this was superseded by the operation Cubo, so unfortunately had to be postponed.

Operation Cubo was scheduled to be set up Met wide on Thursday 21st June 2012.

6. Road Safety Officers Report

Road Safety Officers continue their work in schools, offering talks to children in years 2, 6,7,9,11,12 & 13. Priority groups are years 6 & 7 as they become more independent pedestrians, making the transition to senior school. Priority is also given to young drivers in years 12 & 13 via our Traffic Education courses.

'Driven by Consequences', a special, one day event will take place at Langley Park Boys School on the 20th June in partnership with our colleagues in the emergency services. The aim of the day is to encourage young drivers to take more responsibility for their actions when driving and to become more defensive drivers.

Road Safety Officers joined the **Hayes & Coney Hall Safer Neighbourhood Team**, along with the **West Wickham Safer Neighbourhood Team**, for an operation on Addington Road, close to Sparrow's Den, between 08.00 & 10.30 am, as follows:

21 vehicles were stopped in total:

- 18 for the non wearing of seat belts, plus 1 passenger
- 1 for using a mobile phone
- 3 vans were stopped for document checks

The Operation Cubo on Anerley Hill with the Met, which was primarily to implement the Chief Commissioner's objective to target drivers who do not have insurance, was also an opportunity to check the non wearing of seat belts, Road Safety Officers gave advice on child car seat fitting and also the benefits of attending a Complete Driver Course.

It was also a training event for new police officers.

Eight cars were seized and two arrests were made.

Road Safety Officers spoke to drivers who were not wearing their seat belt and checked that children's car seats were fitted correctly.

Further operations were planned including for 21st June, Sevenoaks Road with Orpington SNT.

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)

To acknowledge the fantastic work that has been carried out by many of the JRSO's this year, a top team event was arranged at the London Transport Museum on 27th June, including presentation of trophies to the winning school team and 3 runners up and a talk was to be given by museum staff.

The winning school was Darrick Wood and the three runners up were Warren Road, Leasons and Grays Farm.

Two students from Bromley Schools have also received a Highly Commended in this year's Sunshine award. This award was set up in the memory of a Road Safety Officer from another borough who died suddenly at the end of last year. The students were from Leasons and Warren Road. They were invited to receive their awards at City Hall on 15th June. This was a London Wide scheme.

Five schools have signed up to next year's senior school 'Ambassadors' scheme, they are:

Kemnal
Langley Boys
Newstead
Beaverwood
Ravens Wood

A job description and application forms have been sent to the schools. Students nominated by their teachers will be invited to a meeting in September to discuss their role and to receive the resources they may need to fulfil their role

Cycling Team

Cyclist of the Year was taking place on 23rd June in Norman Park – this was by invitation only, celebrating the best of Bromley's young cyclists.

Mode Shift Team

We ran our first 'Get back on your bike course' at the Adult Education Centre, in April. The course was for adults who would like to get cycling again, but lacked the confidence to do so. It was a real success. Our next was in June and 8 people had booked by then.

We also organised a bike ride for Langley Park Girls School for pupils and parents, in May. The Route 21 ride started at school and culminated in a picnic in Greenwich Park. There was a fantastic turnout of 50 people.

Training has also been provided to Year 7 & 8 pupils in Secondary Schools in the borough.

Poster sites

In July, posters will be moved to:

- Anerley Park Road
- Anglesea Road
- Barnfield Wood Road
- Bourne Vale
- Churchfields Road
- Elwill Way
- Grove Park Road
- Southover

Lisa Allen stated that a list of schemes that will be worked on during 2012/13 will be presented at next meeting, including relevant Engineers contact details, ie, direct telephone number and email address.

7. Chairman's report

The Chairman had no major issues to report, but reiterated the intention to promote the concept of safe cycling routes in the Borough, specifically identifying key "arterial" cycling routes where cyclists and motorists can be fully segregated. In particular, the need to identify more footways where dual pedestrian and cyclist usage can be safely introduced was highlighted.

8. Matters raised by members

Tony McClarty (CS) asked whether the possibility should be considered of asking a representative from TFL to attend one the panel meetings.

Tony Exeter, KM, and **Peter Daintree, PA** asked if there would be a possibility for some adults to be invited to attend some safety training sessions given to schools and or whether a training video could be available for adults to view. **Val Currie LBB** replied that there would not be the room or staff availability for adults to attend sessions, but would look into the availability of a suitable road safety training video for viewing by adults.

Peter Daintree, PA, reported that the footway on Court Road between Hewitts and Spur road which had been designated for dual pedestrian and cyclist use had been arranged in such a way that cyclist felt that they had priority and this was causing conflict with pedestrians.

Hilary Ryder, KV reported that Fox Hill was being used as a speed run cut through, especially late at night and that this was presenting a hazard.

Dave Witherspoon, DR, asked whether it would be possible to permit local buses only outside Darwin House and Darwin school.

Dave Witherspoon, DR also reported trees which obstructed the traffic lights at the Chislehurst war memorial. (NOTE: A CS representative subsequently trimmed some foliage back at this location).

Peter Duncan CC, queried the current situation regarding a mini roundabout at Southend Road, Brackley Road junction. It was reported by **Lisa Allen, LBB**, that the mini roundabout and zebra crossing had now been installed.

9. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

It was agreed that the issue raised by Keith King regarding an alleged undertaking by Councillor Colin Smith regarding road works during building of the Chislehurst Road Bridge should be raised with the Portfolio Holder. *(See final item under 3. "Matters Arising")*

10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 11th September 2012, at 7pm in the Civic Centre.