

# BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

## Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at the Civic Centre,

### Present:

John Harvey	<b>PE</b> Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Tony McClarty	<b>CS</b> Chislehurst Society
Dave Witherspoon	<b>DR</b> Downe Residents Association
Tony Exeter	<b>KM</b> Keston Mark & Bromley Common Village RA
Peter Daintree	<b>PA</b> Park Avenue RA
Graham Pyefinch	<b>PL</b> Park Langley RA
John Pattenden	<b>PW</b> Petts Wood RA
Brian Dunk	<b>SR</b> Shortlands RA
Derek Cookson/R March	<b>SU</b> Sundridge RA
Mike East	<b>WW</b> West Wickham RA
Lisa Allen	<b>LBB</b> Traffic Engineer
Val Currie	<b>LBB</b> Road Safety Officer

### 1. Apologies:

Biggin Hill RA., Hayes Village RA Keston Village RA Knoll RA Liniks Estate RA and Met. Police.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting`

Signed off as a fair record

### 3. Matters arising from Minutes

It was reported that accident stats may be available at the next meeting. There would appear to have been some technical glitch that has caused the hold up

### 4. Accident statistics

There were none available due to a computer crash. The Chair asked if a hard copy could be available, then copies can be taken. **PA** asked under what authority TfL worked as they seemed to be a law unto themselves. If anyone had a considered complaint, the only way to reasonably expect some form of response was through our elected GLA representative The chair was asked if the question of TfL authority could be put to the Portfolio Holder

### 5. Police Officers Report

Catherine Linney had not been able to attend the meeting, but had sent in the following report:

An update on the collision at Dunkery Road which occurred on the day of the previous meeting.

A female pedestrian was knocked down and killed when she stepped out in front of a bus from behind a parked car.

This is within a 20mph zone. The bus was travelling under 20mph.

There was a serious collision in Chislehurst Road, Bromley on 15th October. A male was knocked off his bicycle when a car hit him from behind. The car then made off without stopping. The cyclist suffered serious injuries.

The car has been traced and a man arrested and interviewed.

On Saturday 10th November at 17.09hrs a male driving a Subaru Impreza lost control in Woodbastwick Road, Penge. The vehicle hit a tree, trapping the front seat passenger. A male who was believed to be the driver was arrested. The passenger is in a critical condition in hospital. No other vehicles were involved.

Operation CUBO (seizures for no insurance) is continuing in all boroughs once a month. Bromley had a number of locations in October including Anerley Hill and Sevenoaks Way.

The Traffic Specials have been enforcing speed at Heathfield Road(Keston), Oakley Road (Bromley Common) and Tower Road (Orpington).

I have been approached by a Mr Colin Buscombe of the Hayesford Park Residents Association enquiring about Roadwatch (speeding initiative with both Safer Neighbourhood Team and residents working together). Would the rep for Hayesford Park like to ask their ward panel and residents association if they would like to set up a road watch scheme?

If anyone else is interested in setting up a Roadwatch scheme, we now have trainers available to train members of the public in the use of laser speed detection devices. Please email me - [catherine.linney@met.police.uk](mailto:catherine.linney@met.police.uk)

## Road Safety Officers Report

### Education in schools

- Be Safe Be Seen Campaign. (Sherpa Management providing low cost reflective and fluorescent jackets to primary school children.
- RSOs distributing reflective and fluorescent stickers or flashing reflectors to Year 6 children following school visits.
- WW2 Road Safety lesson re-vamped for Year 6. Very well received at St Mary's RC, Beckenham. (Ask if you want more details)
- Excellent feedback from Year 6 parent. Her daughter was so enthusiastic about discussion re seat belts/air bags that she has persuaded her grandfather to wear his belt. (He never did before)
- RSU have written to newsagents re paper boys/girls being visible whether on foot or on a bicycle.

### Cycling in schools

- The primary schools team have delivered Bikeability levels 1 and 2 to 140 children so far this academic year covering 12 schools
- The secondary school team have delivered the Complete Cycling Course, which takes pupils to level 3 Bikeability, to 25 pupils over 4 schools in the borough, Glebe, Langley Boys, Langley Girls and The Ravensbourne.

**Interschool Cycling Competitions:** 2 have taken place at Norman Park in partnership with British cycling and The School Games Organisers. This was a really enjoyable and successful event. In the **Primary School** competition there were 60 students across 6 schools and the result of the competition was:

**1<sup>st</sup>: Pickhurst, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Blenheim, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Keston**

The **Secondary School** competition had 40 students compete from 6 schools. The result of the competition was:

**1<sup>st</sup>: Langley Park Boys, 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Ravensbourne, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bickley Park**

### **Cycling in the workplace**

The secondary cycle team delivered cycle training at The Royal Bethlem Hospital to staff who would like to start commuting to work by bike. A promotion day was held, with the smoothie bike and the Dr. Bike service. 6 members of staff completed their training. The staff thoroughly enjoyed the training and found it very useful. Below are comments from one trainee.

*"Thank you! I really did enjoy the session, I feel very inspired and motivated to start cycling. I was even looking at bikes during my lunch break"*

### **Bike Maintenance**

There have been two courses, both to full capacity (8 per course). Everyone who attended the course would recommend it to someone else. This course always gets very high praise, for example

*"Just a quick message to thank you for the bike maintenance course last Thursday. It has given me a great deal of confidence and was extremely worthwhile and great value for money. It was nice to meet up with like-minded people. I have told several friends who are now keen to participate. My friends and I agree that everyone who rides a bike should go on one of these courses." Sheila Cocking*

### **Biking Borough:**

There have been 4 events since the start of September. 2 were at the launch of the outdoor gyms in Bromley. This was a good opportunity to persuade those interested in outdoor exercise to consider taking up cycling. The 2 other events were held at Bromley South station, with the police bike marking, Dr. Bike fixing bikes and general cycle promotion. At the final event, particular attention was given to 'Be safe, be seen', encouraging cyclists to wear appropriate reflective clothing and to have lights on their bikes in the evenings.

#### **• Police Stops**

Two RSO's joined Biggin Hill, Hayes & Coney Hall and Bromley Town & Keston SNT's from 3.30-5.00pm, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October for very chilly Police Stops.

This took place on the A233, Main Road near the Airport at Biggin Hill. A number of drivers were spoken to, including:

- 1 Excess Speed
- 2 Mobile Phones
- 4 Not wearing seatbelt
- 2 Front lights faulty
- 1 Brake light faulty
- \*2 Suspicion of drugs\*
- 2 General checks
- \*1 five day old baby in a child seat that was incorrectly routed\*
- \*1 four year old on an adult seat belt\*

#### **• Complete Driving Course**

A very successful Complete Driving Course took place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, with 15 in attendance and 10 having an observed drive on Sunday morning. The course was very well received and we have had very positive feedback so far.

The I.A.M had 8 new members join, the best result ever.

The oldest person who drove was 91 and he amazed the observer at how good he was. Another attendee, who was very shaky on his feet, was also very capable behind the wheel. It just goes to show that you can't always judge a book by its cover!

A Road Safety Officer joined a member of the Glades Customer Services Team, in the Glades, on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> & Wed 13<sup>th</sup> November to promote the legal and safe use of mobility scooters and promoted the Complete Driving Course.

- **Poster sites from January 2013**

Barnhill Avenue  
Bourne Vale  
Bourne Way  
Lennard Road  
Page Heath Lane  
Queensway  
Sunningvale Avenue  
Sweeps Lane  
Walden Avenue  
Widmore Road

## **7. Engineers Report**

Chislehurst Bridge is re-opening on Friday 16 November in the afternoon, following an opening ceremony by the Mayor.

Bus routes - TfL have taken the decision to revert the 61 service back to its original route across Chislehurst Bridge from the start of December 2012. London Buses' Directors took the decision that the high frequency route needed to be reverted back, as soon as possible. Consultation is not due to be undertaken on this service/route.

The 273 (and 661 schools service) will remain on the diversion whilst a full consultation takes place, which is due to start at the end of November / beginning December 2012.

## **8. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported on a meeting he had had with Traffic Engineer, Ismiel Alobeid, at the junction between Elmstead Lane, Whitehorse Hill and William Barefoot Drive. The purpose of the meeting was to review options to overcome traffic hold-ups caused by vehicles turning right at traffic lights out of William Barefoot Drive, blocking traffic heading for Bromley. A proposal for possible works was agreed at the meeting.

As the junction involves Bromley and Greenwich Boroughs and also Transport for London, much negotiation was necessary before any works could go ahead.

The Chairman had also made proposals to Engineers regarding the junction of Wendover Road and Masons Hill, where left turning vehicles often mount the pavement to get past right turning traffic.

Reference was also made to the situation at the Waldo Road recycling centre and it had recently been agreed at a meeting with a site manager there that traffic backed up into Holmesdale Road had largely been eliminated by the introduction of the additional containers.

The Chairman referred to the increasing spread of schemes throughout London for 20 mile/h recommended speeds on non-priority roads and expressed the personal view that these will in the coming years probably become the norm.

The growth of protected safe cycle routes in London was being monitored with interest, with especial reference to initiatives and support by the Mayor of London.

## **9. Matters raised by members**

**DR** Complimented The Road Safety Unit, having seen the 'Bikeability' project in progress. He also explained how he had tracked down the Red Pennant promoter and the red pennants have now stopped.

**KM.** Asked for a contact with regard to a planning proposal for a McDonalds on the A21 to have a drive through, as the residents thought this would have an adverse effect on traffic at that juncture. The name given for help was Duncan Gray.

**PA** In Goddington Lane a new driveway had been constructed with a low brick wall coming to the kerb edge and this was thought to be a road safety hazard. Lisa Allen said she would send someone out to look at the situation for an assessment.

**SU.** Due to council budget constraints and cut backs it was felt that sweeping of leaves was not being carried out enough and left dangerous areas with wet leaves on the roads. Also could the cut off boundaries be looked at, as there are corners and or junctions where just a few yards either side were left more dangerous than before the sweepers swept. Could there be some extra aid at the crossing near Chislehurst Library.

**WW** Commented on the "Light and be Seen Campaign". Asked about the accident on Wickham Court Road and was told that it was not speed related, but due to some other factor.

There then ensued a discussion on take away delivery drivers on mopeds and cars. Road Safety do carry out periodic checks on these activities, and reminded every one that a business driving insurance is required for this occupation.

**PL.** If any checks are made on the authenticity of driving instructors, because it was felt that some instructors seem to choose inappropriate sites for teaching such items as parallel parking. It was suggested that if any one felt that the instructed were being a definite hazard then perhaps the Driving Standards Agency should be contacted with details.

#### **10. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.**

Question to the Portfolio Holder. From where does TfL get its authority?

#### **11. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013, at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre.