

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at the Civic Centre,

Present:

John Harvey	PE Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Dave Witherspoon	DR Downe Residents Association
Beryl Grimani-Harold	HV Hayes Village
Tony Exeter	KM Keston Mark & Bromley Common Village RA
Miriam Harries	KR Knoll Residents Association
John Watkins	LCRA Little Chislewick RA
Peter Skipp	LE Links Estate
Graham Pyefinch	PL Park Langley RA
John Pattenden	PW Petts Wood RA
Brian Dunk	SR Shortlands RA
Mike East	WW West Wickham RA
Lisa Allen	LBB Traffic Engineer
Val Currie	LBB Road Safety Officer
Rosina Denton	LBB Road Safety Officer

Chairman Opened the Meeting at 7.30pm

1. Apologies:

Biggin Hill RA., Copers Cope RA, Chislehurst Society, Park Avenue RA, Penge Forum and Met. Police.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chairman went through the minutes, and they were signed off as a fair record, with thanks to our new minute taker

3. Matters arising from Minutes

DR asked if there was any news on the proposed safety posters for Downe. The idea has been approved by the Traffic department and the posters will now need to be designed. **DR** was also concerned about lack of support from local SNTs on road safety issues.

4. Accident statistics

KM raised issues on the Stats relating to Bromley Common, as stated at the last meeting came in last at no 23 with 13 accidents and Bromley Common had now gone up to number 16 with 23 accidents. The format in which the stats are presented do not allow us to analyse the information to ascertain if the increase is due to extra usage from the new housing development, Trinity Village. Also brought to notice was the rise in accidents at the Keston Mark crossing, was this also due to extra traffic from the new Leavesden Estate. There then followed a discussion on the possible effects that the Cherry Tree Golf Club Development will have on the Keston Mark Junction. The suggested lorry routes were A21/A232/A223 and A25/A223. It was decided to wait and see what actually developed.

(Post meeting estimates were received from Highways to suggest that there was expected to be 1 lorry movement every 9 minutes **each way** through the Keston Mark Junction.)

5. Police Officers report

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

- 10th March - Warren Ave - a 17 year old motorcyclist collided with a parked car having tried to negotiate road works and water leaking onto the road. Unfortunately fatal injuries were sustained when his helmet came off.
- 2nd April - Westerham Road - Chicken Farm bends - a 19 year old male driver lost control and left the road. A 20 year old female passenger sustained very serious head injuries.

- 10th April - Crystal Palace Park - two 125cc scooters were stolen. 16 year old boys were riding them at speed towards each other in the park without any safety clothing or helmets. They collided and one rider suffered serious head injuries.
- Operation CUBO – is ongoing.

6. Road Safety Officers Report:

Road Safety Poster sites for May – July

Hayes Lane Beckenham
 Southlands Road Bickley
 Oxhathw Crescent Bromley
 Pope Road Bromley,
 Tower Road Orpington
 St Mary's Avenue Shortlands
 Poverest Road St Mary Cray
 Chipperfield Road St Pauls Cray
 Crystal Palace Park Road Sydenham

New Posters

New 'Be Bright Be Seen' posters, as requested by Downe, have been agreed. Hopefully more info will be available for the next meeting.

New 20 mile an hour posters, for appropriate roads, have also been agreed.

LT Award

In March, the 10th annual London Transport Awards was held and hosted by Jeremy Vine. The London Transport Awards are about recognising excellence in transport, rewarding innovative, inspiring transport projects and progress for transport initiatives.

The London Borough of Bromley's 'Driven by Consequences' event won an award at the ceremony for the most innovative, thought provoking educational event for year 12 and 13 students. The Road Safety Team received a trophy, a certificate and London wide recognition for all the hard work put into creating such an inspiring event. As a result of this award, 'Driven by Consequences' has been nominated for a **National Transport Award!**

This award winning event will be held at both Langley Park School for Boys and Ravens Wood School this summer term.

New 6UP literature

The Road Safety Unit has updated its information for all year 6 pupils, and their parents, who are making the transition from primary to secondary school.

These new 'Z cards' have been sent to all schools in the borough for distribution to pupils and parents. The information contained in the 6 Up literature, gives helpful guidance regarding safer journeying to school, to both pupils and their parents.

KM asked if any specialised advice was given to young drivers in the schools about safer back street parking, as around Keston Mark, parking too close to junction mouths was becoming a bit of a nuisance. This was echoed by **HV**. Nothing special was brought forward, but along with many other issues, this really was down to the sensibility of the driver.

7. Update on the Complete Driving Course

Road Safety Officer Rosina Denton gave us a full update on the benefits of the Complete Driving course. This is an informal course, in that there is no test to pass at the end. It is by implication a refresher course to bring experienced drivers up to date with the Highway Code and modern methods of driving, at the same time helping to keep in touch with the younger generation. At the end of the course there is the option to have an observed drive with a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

Also brought to the attention of the meeting, was the relatively new idea of insurance companies offering a 'Black Box' to young drivers, in order to assess their individual risk.

Rosina also gave information regarding two courses, a Complete Driving Course on 3rd July at the Widmore Centre and a Parking with Confidence Course, also at the Widmore Centre, on 10th July. Flyers regarding these courses were handed out for distribution.

8. Engineers Report:

- **SR** - Durham Avenue junction Cumberland Road, Shortlands – An Engineer visited site and reported that there had been 1 personal injury accident in the 3 year period ending November 2012 and it appears that vegetation affecting site lines was the cause for this. For minor remedial measures at this location, there are currently yellow backed advanced Give Way signs; therefore, there is scope to change the Give Way signs at the junction to also be on hi-vis yellow backed boards. Also one of the Junction Ahead warning signs is slightly obscured by overhanging vegetation, which could be trimmed back.
- **SU** – Romney Drive junction Sundridge Avenue – An Engineer has responded to the SU representative but Lisa was unable to confirm whether they had received the email as they had sent apologies for this meeting.

LCRA asked for information on planned carriageway and footway resurfacing schemes and **KR** asked about reporting pot holes: The link below provides access to these pieces of information:

http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200083/roads_highways_and_pavements

The allocation of schemes to Engineers is currently being undertaken, for this financial year (2013/14) and Lisa will distribute a list of schemes with the Engineers contact details, in the usual format, at the next meeting in June 2013.

SR raised concerns about parking on the junction Shortlands Rd/Church Rd

PL brought to the attention of the meeting a large pothole on the service road to the shops in Park Langley

PW if the new parking regulations were going in. The council is trying to appease as many people as possible and the scheme is ongoing.

9. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the ongoing gas renewal and repair works in Homesdale Road. It is understood that central funding for the mains repairs have stopped and the contractors had been carrying on with the work at their own expense. As the works had overrun, the Council had been trying to collect penalty fees for overdue works. The contractors had said if these penalties were imposed, then they would consider stopping all works and then returning only to carry out emergency repairs when they arose, which would be paid for and without any penalties. It is understood that an extension was allowed for the works to avoid penalties being imposed.

The Chairman queried what the current situation was regarding testing of drivers for drug influence and it was understood that the target is for selected police stations to have suitable drug analysing equipment. It is understood that a problem at present is that conclusive drug testing has to wait until a doctor is available to test and this can be many hours later, by which time impairment effects may have worn off. Suitable portable equipment is also being developed and when ready, the aim is to have this available for roadside checks, in a similar way to the use of the breathalyser.

It was reported that statistics indicate 1 in 5 young drivers stopped because of driving impairment behaviour are found to be under the influence of drugs.

It was understood that the traffic lights at the junction of William Barefoot Drive/Elmstead Lane are to be re phased and the effects of this will be reviewed.

10. Matters raised by members

KR Are there any guidelines regards the size of potholes, their importance and when they get repaired? There is a rolling program in force. However the Council cannot be aware of every pothole. Either try fixmystreet.com or phone the Customer Service Centre at the Council.

KM. Between the Crown Roundabout and Holy Trinity Church on Bromley Common there appeared to be some confusing signage regarding where you can or cannot cycle.

PL Asked when was the street signage 'declutter' program to start. We were informed that this is almost under way and is happening along the A224 through the Crays

DR Advised the meeting that Bromley now had 4 CCTV cars

SR Was still appalled at driver misbehaviour outside schools in the afternoons. This was echoed by other members. Asked if there was any program for pruning overhanging foliage, as there are now more instances of high sided vehicles who have to come out to the centre of the carriageway to avoid damage to their vehicles. The Tesco's Garage in Westmoreland Road is best avoided at most times when they are selling cut price fuel.

11. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

None

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 18 June 2013, at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre.

Meeting closed at 20.45