

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 17th September 2013 at the Civic Centre

Present:

John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Howard Clark	BH	Biggin Hill Residents Association
Dave Witherspoon	DR	Downe Residents Association
Tony Exeter	KM	Keston Mark and Bromley Common Village RA
Miriam Harries	KR	Knoll Residents Association
John Eveson	LCRA	Little Chislewick Residents Association
Peter Skipp	LE	Links Estate Residents Association
Derek Levoir	PL	Park Langley Residents Association
John Pattenden	PW	Petts Wood Residents Association
Brian Dunk	SR	Shortlands Residents Association
Derek Cookson	SU	Sundridge Residents Association
Ron March	SU	Sundridge Residents Association
Mike Earl	WW	West Wickham Residents Association
Lisa Allen	LBB	Traffic Engineer
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
John Wood		Bromley Cyclists (Guest speaker)
Paul Symonds	LBB	Assistant Director Highways and Transport

1. Apologies:

Hilary Ryder, Beryl Grimani-Harrold, Tony McClarty, Peter Daintree, Mike East, Cath Linney

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed

3. Matters arising from Minutes

KM

Has carried out further analysis of accident statistics for Bromley Common - 33 cars and 10 cycles were involved in accidents and 3 out of 40 accidents were caused by fatigue.

PL

Pothole has now been repaired.

Pickhurst Lane traffic lights - phasing will be reviewed at a later date. Initial indications are that revised phasing is making a difference and causing some traffic back up.

Junction of Chislehurst Road and Willett Way (resident attended last meeting) - there has been another accident since the last meeting, which demolished the wall of the property and damaged the house of the resident who had attended the previous meeting. It was reported in the News Shopper.

Lisa Allen reported that the Council are considering installing vehicle activated signs approaching the corner and are implementing 'Slow' road markings.

Clarification of sections of road from accident statistics:

Val Currie informed the panel that the numbers on the accident statistics refer to **sections** of roads.

Sevenoaks Way	6	Main Road to Leasons Hill
Cray Avenue	7	Lessons Hill to Poverest
Court Road	25	High Street to Spur Road

Pickhurst Lane pedestrian crossing - Lisa has tried to contact the relevant engineer, query ongoing.

4. Accident statistics

KM

Increasing number of accidents in Keston at Oakley Road may be caused by frustration at difficulty of exiting junction especially during rush hour.

Concern that accidents are likely to increase once development of golf course begins, due to significant associated lorry traffic.

PW

Queried whether accident statistics only include main roads.

Val Currie gave information about how statistics are compiled: an LBB officer contacts TfL each month, the criteria for reporting accidents are if the police have been involved, and the accident has caused personal injury.

Members of the panel are encouraged to report accidents they know of.

5. Police Officers Report

There has been an Operation Cubo every month with the most recent being last week.

There have been two fatal collisions in the borough since the last meeting. These both occurred on 31st August.

The first occurred at 0337hrs and involved only one car. The vehicle turned right from Holmesdale Road into Masons Hill. The driver lost control and hit a wall. He sustained fatal injuries.

The second occurred at 1010hrs at the junction with Chelsfield Road and Edmund Road. Two cyclists were believed to have been cycling in Edmund Road towards the junction at the same time as an elderly male was about to cross the road. The male stepped out in front of the cyclists, who thought he had seen them, they were travelling at low speed but the second cyclist collided with the male. Both the cyclist and the male sustained what appeared at the time to be minor injuries. They were both treated for their injuries. The male pedestrian took a turn for the worse and died in hospital the next day.

6. Road Safety Officers Report

New posters

These are still in the design stage, as all the road safety posters that are displayed around the borough are being updated.

SCP's

33 schools currently have SCPs. We will be contacting schools shortly to ask if they wish to continue in 2014/15. The deadline for signing contracts is the end of October.

Alexandra Infant	Alexandra Junior	Biggin Hill Primary
Bishop Challoner	Blenheim Primary School	Churchfields
Crofton Infant School	Crofton Junior School	Darrick Wood Junior
Farnborough	Green Street Green	Harris Primary, Kent House (Formerly Royston)
Hayes Primary	Hawes Down	Highfield Infant / Junior
Marian Vian	Midfield Primary	Leesons Primary School
Oak Lodge	Oaklands Primary	Parish Primary
Perry Hall	Poverest	Raglan
Scotts Park	St Christopher's	St George's CE Primary School
St Mark's CE Primary School X2	Stewart Fleming	Unicorn
Valley Primary	Warren Road	

Scootsure

This is a course for Year 3 pupils who would like to improve their 'scootering' skills. The course is being finalised now and will be offered to schools soon. It is a morning course and is playground based.

Featured report - John Wood, Bromley Cyclists

Bromley Cyclists is the local group of the London Cycling Campaign.

In 2012 all the Mayoral candidates signed up to the policies and requests of London Cycling Campaign with the slogan 'Love London, go Dutch'

The Mayor of London has a vision for cycling in London, and is 'making the right noises'. There is also a Parliamentary working party for cycling which has issued a report entitled Get Britain Cycling, which has been debated in Parliament.

The Mayor of London is establishing four 'Mini-Hollands' in outer London which would aspire to Dutch standards for cycling. Boroughs were invited to bid for funding.

Although Bromley did not bid to be involved in the Mayor's project, LBB are bidding for other funding streams.

The aims are:

- a borough wide safe cycling network (separate from motor traffic where it causes a danger)
- linked cycling hubs with corridors of access
- every household to have access to these hubs and corridors

Wish 1

Bromley town centre within 1.5 miles of a line from Bromley North to Bromley South - detailed plans about potential routes to give cycle access to the centre of Bromley

Wish 2

Bromley Common should be opened up to cyclists and that the perimeter can be safely accessed - this area includes schools, churches and local shops.

KM

New housing development on Bromley Common has cycle paths - queried how this would link in with cycling corridors.

Commented that there are potential gains for encouraging pupils to cycle to school.

Chair

It would be useful to identify more wide pavements across the Borough, where there can be dual use for cyclists and pedestrians.

KM

In Green Lane, the cycle lane is outside the parked cars and accidents can happen when drivers open their car doors without due care. A comment was made that if car doors are opened with the wrong hand you have to look behind.

If cyclists had to wear helmets and high visibility jackets it would improve safety.

John Wood commented that we should be wary of compulsion and that it was better to set a good example by our own practice and agreed that more publicity emphasis on this issue would be beneficial.

DR

Family groups of cyclists have been observed with children wearing helmets but parents without. On some roads e.g. Farnborough Hill, cyclists have been seen not using the cycle path.

John Wood said that cyclists can legally use the highway but in some places it is difficult to locate cycle lanes.

KM

Noted that from Holmesdale Road to Crown Lane Spur, if you cycle along the left hand side cycle lane it crosses a large number of roads, so cyclists have to be very aware of traffic turning left into the side roads.

7. Engineers Report

Lisa Allen gave a reminder about the information of works given out at the last meeting along with relevant contacts.

There will be drop-in consultation sessions about the routes of the 61, 273 and 661 buses on Monday 7 October at Leasons Primary School from 17:00 until 20:00 and Wednesday 9 October at Poverest Adult Education Centre from 10:00 until 13:00

8. Chairman's Report

John Harvey informed the panel that he was scheduled to meet Councillor Smith the following week and safer cycling routes plus 20mph speed limits on non-priority roads would be included in subjects raised. He hopes that these issues will be given more priority. John will report back at the next meeting.

9. Matters raised by members

SU

Asked if there had been any response to the correspondence about Logs Hill. Val has passed the emails on to Malcolm Harris, but no feedback as yet. She requested that people deal directly with the contacts listed on the details of works (from the last meeting). The question was raised again about residents putting up mirrors: The DfT refused permission for mirrors in Worlds End Lane. It was suggested that parking by the junction is an issue and asked about the possibility of installing double yellow lines.

DR

Thanked for the installation of posters advising cyclists about wearing something bright. Raised the issue of orange arrows being placed on road signs etc. to indicate routes for organised cycle rides. Some remain in place long after the rides have been completed. If the locations can be emailed to Lisa, she will forward them on to the relevant officer at the council.

SR

Thanked Val for organising Snappy Feet, and told the panel that Highfield Infants School was delighted to have won the prize of a camera. Now that Westmoreland Road car park has been demolished contractors have been parking their vehicles inconsiderately.

There are road safety issues associated with the proposed Harris School - parking for the school will exacerbate problems. Complaints and concerns are likely to be raised at the meeting with local residents.

PL

Asked when there would be a review of the traffic light phasing at Pickhurst Lane & Mead Way junction. Lisa Allen advised contacting Ismiel Alobeid to enquire, but commented that it is usual to let things settle for a few months.

Val Currie informed the panel that posters are advisory and are moved to different parts of the Borough on roughly a three monthly rota. The posters are being redesigned but the present ones will continue to be used until the new ones are ready. Panel members can request posters for particular areas and they will be added to the rota.

KM

Asked whether there were plans for yellow lines opposite Ravenswood school. Lisa Allen said it has been discussed and she will follow it up.

Macdonalds on Bromley Common have applied for permission for a 'drive thru'. There is concern that this is beside a pelican crossing and there are implications for road safety. Lisa has provided the name of the contact for this:

Nojan Rastani, Highways Development Management Section – Email: nojan.rastani@bromley.gov.uk, Tel: 020 8313 4524.

PW

Asked if the road surface at the junction of Willett Way and Chislehurst Road has been checked. Lisa Allen will find out if a skid test can be carried out.

Chair

The traffic lights which were by Westmoreland Road Car Park (junction of Westmoreland Road and Simpsons Road) are no longer required due to the demolition of the car park and they are causing unnecessary hold ups as the phasing has been left unchanged and he asked whether their continued use was justified or whether the phasing could be reviewed or the lights be temporarily decommissioned.

10. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

No matters were raised for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

11. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12 November at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre.