

# BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

## Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 21 January 2014 at the Civic Centre

### Present:

|                       |                   |   |
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| John Harvey           | <b>PE</b>         | Chairman & Palace Estate RA               |
| Ken Gerry             | <b>BH</b>         | Biggin Hill RA                            |
| Christine Wearn       | <b>CS</b>         | Chislehurst Society                       |
| Dave Witherspoon      | <b>DR</b>         | Downe Residents Association               |
| Beryl Grimani-Harrold | <b>HV</b>         | Hayes Village Association                 |
| Tony Exeter           | <b>KM</b>         | Keston Mark and Bromley Common Village RA |
| Miriam Harries        | <b>KR</b>         | Knoll Residents Association               |
| Peter Skipp           | <b>LE</b>         | Links Estate Residents Association        |
| Derek Levoir          | <b>PL</b>         | Park Langley RA                           |
| John Pattenden        | <b>PW</b>         | Petts Wood Residents Association          |
| Brian Dunk            | <b>SR</b>         | Shortlands RA                             |
| Derek Cookson         | <b>SU</b>         | Sundridge RA                              |
| Ron March             | <b>SU</b>         | Sundridge RA                              |
| Val Currie            | <b>LBB</b>        | Road Safety Officer                       |
| Lisa Allen            | <b>LBB</b>        | Traffic Engineer                          |
| Laura Squires         | <b>LBB</b>        | Traffic Engineer                          |
| Steve de Boos         | <b>LBB</b>        | Road Safety Officer                       |
| Cath Linney           | <b>Met Police</b> |   |

### 1. Apologies:

Hilary Ryder (KE), John Watkins (LCRA), Peter Daintree (PA), Mike East (WW)

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Corrections were noted: Para 3 should read 'junction of Pickhurst Lane and Mead Way'. It should read 'Cherry Lodge Golf Club'  
Para 9 SR should read 'junction of St Mary's Avenue and Cumberland Road'

Minutes were signed off as a fair record

### 3. Matters arising from Minutes

Laura Squires **LBB** updated the panel on several issues:

Pickhurst Lane / Mead Way - traffic lights sequence will be reviewed April 2014

Logs Hill / Yester Road - double yellow lines are being considered, but it is difficult to find a site for a pedestrian crossing.

Chislehurst Road / Willett Way - interactive sign is working. A scrim test has been carried out, and the road should be re-surfaced before the end of the financial year.

**SU** Logs Hill - cars are parking very close to the mini-roundabout at junction with Sundridge Avenue. Asked about the possibility of having yellow lines in Logs Hill.

### 4. Accident statistics

**PF** Queried whether accidents at Elmers End / Anerley Road / Croydon Road are caused by traffic turning right, while pedestrians are crossing the road.

**KM** Asked how HGV grab lorries are categorised on accident statistics, are they 'Goods Vehicles' or 'Other'?

Junction of Keston Mark / Croydon Road is third for number of accidents, but first for number of casualties. Police Rep will look into this.

## 5. Police Officers Report

Traffic Police and local Borough Police have been working together on Operation Safeway prior to Christmas following a spate of cyclist deaths on London's roads.

Police targeted junctions which have high accident rates. Junctions in Bromley that were targeted were Widmore Road / Tweedy Road, Sevenoaks Road / Orpington High Street (war memorial) and Croydon Road / Anerley Hill. These junctions are also targeted on a regular basis by Bromley Police.

The Traffic Specials have been carrying out speed enforcement at Mead Way and also at Chislehurst Road at the junction with Willett Way. They did not find any offenders at the latter junction and believe issues at the location are caused by the wrong speed for the road conditions (0.48 friction co-efficient). The bend is well signed.

An 84 year old male pedestrian was knocked over by a car in Whitehorse Hill on 14th December 2013. He sustained fatal injuries.

An elderly female was knocked over crossing Crofton Road, Locksbottom on 21st January. She also unfortunately sustained fatal injuries.

Operation Cubo (vehicles seized for no insurance) continues on a regular basis in the borough.

## 6. Road Safety Officers Report

### Cycle Grants

TfL have recently offered three types of cycle grant for schools to go towards cycling activities including the following: bike breakfasts, cycle clubs, cycling event days/activities, cycle instructor training, cycle maintenance workshops, cycle rides, pool bike storage, Dr bike sessions, pool bikes, balance bikes etc.

The three types of grant included:

**Target Led:** Up to £3000 available to schools that TfL have carefully selected to address their particularly high car use statistics or congestion problems and encourage a modal shift away from the car.

**Demand Led:** Up to £3000 available to two schools that Bromley chose who have shown a particular commitment to cycling or willing to improve their cycling participation levels.

**Top Up:** A grant of £500 available to last year's recipients of cycle grants to further fund their cycling activities.

The following schools received cycle grants this year:

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| Highfield Junior School | £3,000 | Target |
| Poverest Primary        | £3,000 | Target |
| Wickham Court School    | £3,000 | Target |
| Raglan Primary School   | £2,770 | Demand |
| Bullers Wood            | £500   | Top Up |
| Leesons Primary         | £500   | Top Up |

### Featured report - Steve de Boos

Smart Movers 2013 - 14

This is a scheme for Primary schools in which children are rewarded for walking to school on a regular basis. It replaces the WoW scheme from Living Streets which has been discontinued in Bromley due to there being no funding available in the budget. Under the WoW scheme children were given a badge a month for walking to school on average once a week. These badges cost 17p each.

In 2012 LBB introduced Smart Movers, a branding unique to Bromley. Criteria from WOW were tweaked, with children able to use any type of sustainable transport (including cycling, scooters) ten times per month. Badges were replaced by the cheaper alternative of stickers. However, the stickers were less popular with children so uptake was less positive, and participation was reduced.

For 2013 - 14 the scheme will reintroduce badges which have been designed in house. Designing our own badges (5.2p each) and sourcing a manufacturer has saved £8496 per year.

Badges have themes unique and relevant to Bromley, for example: William Willett, David Bowie, Crofton Roman Villa, War of the Worlds, Charles Darwin, Biggin Hill Airport, Enid Blyton, the dinosaurs at Crystal Palace and Chislehurst Caves.

Three months in 37 schools are participating (10 more than last year). There has been positive feedback, and 15.7% more children are involved.

**Chair** asked if sponsorship had been considered for the scheme.

**SU** wondered whether Bromley Vocational College could be involved.

## **7. Engineers Report**

Nothing new to report as nearing end of financial year.

**HV** Pickhurst Lane pedestrian crossing - pavement approaching crossing is crumbling. No response to notification - Laura will follow up.

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

Raised issue of buses with entrances at the front, some people alight from bus and then cross the road in front of it. He wondered if it was possible to obtain statistics of resulting accidents from the bus companies.

Cath Linney said she would investigate and commented that it was about educating bus users. Val includes issue in school road safety programmes, particularly Y6, Y7 and Y9. In Y12 and Y13 programme it is included from the driver's perspective.

Could anything be done in situ, for example: Reminders in the bus by the exit.

Elmstead Lane - the proposed zebra crossing has not been implemented due to objections from residents via the ward councillors, although reasons are unknown.

**SU** Elmstead Lane - there are charges for parking at the Station. On Sunday and at times on other days cars are parked on both sides of the road, causing access problems for buses. It only takes one car parked on opposite side of road to others to cause problems. Sundridge Avenue - lights are not working well on traffic islands and temporary lights can cause confusion.

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

**PW** Petts Wood Road / Tudor Way - two mini-roundabouts are proposed apparently to address 6 personal injuries from accident statistics. Asked when these accidents occurred. Val will follow up.

**SR** Issue at junction of St Marys Avenue and Cumberland Road has been resolved. The Residents' Association was heavily involved advising on solutions.

**SU** Reported that LBB are taking a tough line with Dial-a-Ride buses on where dropping off passengers is permitted, giving parking penalties on occasion. Laura will enquire about this.

**PF** Lennard Road, where buses turn right, there is poor visibility from Parish Road. Hastings Lane junction into Alexandra Park - cars park right beside the junction causing problems for people crossing, especially mobility scooters and prams.

**DR** Positive comments re issues to do with cycling. It is good to see warning signs for cyclists on the back of buses. Observed one cyclist with no lights and dark clothing being pulled over by the police. Arrows for weekend cycle events are now being dated and removed within 48 hours.

**BH** Pleased to report that lorry movements to the landfill site have not resulted in any accidents on statistics. There had been a problem with lorries lining up to enter site, but they are now permitted to enter before 9:30 am, which has eased the situation.

**CS** Panel representative acts as Chislehurst Society Traffic Adviser and asked if there has been any analysis of information from self-reporting road traffic accident forms. Damage only does not need to be reported. Injuries or damage to fences - forms can be obtained at a Police Station.

Is it possible to have Google Maps displayed during meetings so we can all be clear about locations relating to discussions. Val said this will be possible.

**PF** Asked if Road Safety Officers would be able to attend the Penge Festival. Will provide dates and details for Val.

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

**Chair** raised vetoing of zebra crossing at Elmstead Lane.

#### **AOB**

**Chair** gave a vote of thanks to Lisa Allen for all her contributions to the Road Safety Consultative Panel. Laura Squires was welcomed in her place.

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

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 25 March at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre.