

Bromley Borough Road Safety Consultative Panel

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 19th March 2019 at the Civic Centre

Present:

Michaela Groves	BH	Biggin Hill RA
James Rowe	BR	Beadon Road
Beryl Grimani-Harold	HV	Hayes Village RA
Val Bryant	KM	Keston Mark
Andrew Bickford	KM	Keston Mark
John Watkins	OSPC	Old St. Pauls Cray RA
Peter Daintree	PA	Park Avenue RA
John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Brendan Donegan	SR	Shortlands RA
Ron March	SU	Sundridge RA
David Hanrahan	SU	Sundridge RA
Zoe Telford	WB	West Beckenham
Mike East	WW	West Wickham
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
Laura Warner	LBB	Traffic Engineer
Angus Culverwell	LBB	Head of Traffic & Parking

1 Apologies: Jane Morley **PF**, Miriam Harries **KR**

Welcome: Brendan Donegan, Val Bryant and Andrew Bickford

As Angus Culverwell has another meeting scheduled he made his presentation first so he could attend it.

The presentation by Angus Culverwell dealt with schemes that are in the pipe line with an emphasis on cyclists and making walking a more acceptable option to get to the station, thereby reducing the number of cars on the road, plus making car journeys more reliable and all journeys safer. This is funded by Transport for London to reduce the number of cars on the roads.

Shortlands

Red Lodge Road/ Station Rd

Croydon road / Elmers End Road at Anerley

Clarence Road / Southlands road/ Page Heath Lane (This is not for vehicles, the enhancement is for cyclists and pedestrians)

Kings Hall /Kent House

Manor Road / Wickham Road

Warren Road / Court Road modified to Lozenge shape roundabout

Loop Road

Homesdale Road

Biggin Hill Museum

There are 8 new bike hangers locations not yet firmed up and an electric bike scheme.

2 Minutes of Last meeting

Minutes signed, as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

None

4 Police officer's report

None

5 Road Safety Officers Report

Police Stops:

Southend Road 27th Feb 19

32 vehicles were stopped including:

3 mobile phone

2 no seatbelt

1 riding on L plates

2 arrests, one male for drug driving, possession of knife and cannabis.

One male for 15 stolen credit cards, works as a postman, all stolen whilst on his postal round!

Croydon road 13th Feb'19

42 vehicles stopped.

2 mobile phones words of advice.

1 motorbike advice given

1 offence no seatbelt.

1 offence mobile phone.

2 offence No Insurance.

1 no MOT.

3 negative searches

1 arrest ,Drug driving, pointed blade, possession of a offensive item.

Southend Road 11th Feb'19

47 Vehicles stopped and drivers names checked.

3 passenger name checks

2 no insurance.

1 PG9 not road worthy.

9 motor bike information given out.

3 no seatbelt tickets.

5 Seatbelts words of advice.

1 mobile phone.

Driver of BMW was charged with not having a licence or insurance.

Grove Park Road Mottingham 13th Dec'18

37 cars were stopped randomly, including::

12 seatbelts

1 mobile phone

1 no brake lights

Sevenoaks Way 15th Nov'18

23 stops at this location. (There were also additional officers in the same area in cars, stopping people for speeding and insurance issues. There were a number of cars that were impounded.)

16 no seatbelts (including one 88-year-old woman!)

2 mobiles/sat-navs, one ticket issued.

1 headlights not working

1 no insurance.

1 driving with an expired licence! (He hadn't realised his licence expired when he'd turned 70.)

Car Seat Centre booklets, given as some of the non-seatbelt-wearing drivers also had car seats (with and without children in them) in their cars.

Bromley Town Centre and Penge High Street 19th Nov'18

This operation concentrated on cyclists and motorcyclists.

In the afternoon an hour was spent in Bromley High Street speaking to cyclists who hadn't dismounted and were riding their bicycles through the paved area and at the junction of Widmore Road and Kentish Way speaking to riders who didn't dismount when using the crossing.

The evening was spent at Penge High Street speaking to delivery motorcycle riders, where we were able to speak to their various delivery riders, for many of whom English was their second language, so it was a bit of a challenge! 9 bikers were spoken to, primarily suggesting brighter clothing and further appropriate on-road training.

Possible New Road Safety Poster locations from May'19:

Mayfield Avenue
Yester Road
Ashfield Lane
Lower Camden
Walden Road
Park Road
St. Pauls Wood Hill
Midfield Way
Chesham Avenue

CYCLING

COY

6th July'19 in Norman Park

Escorted Rides & Commute by bike:

Our Instructors can plan a suitable route and accompany you on your first journey

6 Traffic Engineers Report

Report given as above by Angus Culverwell, Assistant Director of Traffic & Parking

7. Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that any changes requested to roads and markings adjacent to schools must be included in school travel plans before consideration for implementation.

Bullers Wood Boys School is to move in September 2019 from the temporary accommodation at Bromley South to the new location at St Hugh's field and appropriate traffic control changes are to be made, including a new traffic light controlled pedestrian cross in Bickley Road.

8 Matters Raised by members

WB Junction of Upper Elmers End Road and Goddard Road also Shirley Crescent with parking on the pavement..

PA mentioned that St Olaves mounted a camera on a lamppost to observe the use of the student car park. Originally this was thought to be related to a planning proposal for floodlights and all weather hockey pitches. The local residents association found that this was not legal according to the Information Commissioner Office.

Reference was made to a law about Idling car engines but the question is who is an authorised person to monitor this.

It was stated that local authorities have the power to issue £20 fixed penalties for emission offences and stationary idling under The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002).

SR Bullers Wood School is next to a BMW garage. What practical action was being taken for safety on Bickley Road.

Dealerships are parking cars in streets because there is no room on the forecourts. Cars are parked for days and even weeks causing congestion. It is thought that the private contract purchasing scheme could be the cause for rise in the number of such cars. What can be done?

KM Residents of Lakeside drive, Rowan Walk have a problem with hospital workers parking on both sides of the road making it difficult to navigate. Possible solution is for yellow line with restricted parking for 1 hour in the day. Maybe KM could approach her councillor with that proposal?

Finally yet another school which may be built, will seek to use the A21, making 3 in all.

BR Bromley south junction is not seen to be useful to cyclists the cycle route is not too good. Letchworth drive shops crossing the road is unsafe as it has become a rat run what can be done to discourage this?

BH Pot holes in King Henrys Drive border with Croydon. The chairman urged those with problems to use "Fix my street" and reminded everybody that only pothole of at least 20mm deep on main roads and at least 30mm deep on side roads are the triggers for action.

PE suggested the use of Nextbase.com as a resource. Dashcam.com can provide similar services. Perhaps someone has more info on this as one of these use You Tube as the service provider.

The question of cars with only 1 headlight working or working incorrectly came up, this is an MOT failure but with so many is it a symptom of lack driver awareness or laziness or belief the car knows best? It is a safety issue whatever the cause.

9 Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder

There were no matters for referral to the Portfolio Holder

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm

Date of the next meeting: 7.30 pm Tuesday, 29th October 2019