

Notes from meeting of 19/05/2008

Held in The Spread Eagle, Katharine Street, Croydon

Present:

Austen Cooper (chair)
Jeremy Rickard
Jim Bush
Liz Mincer

1. Notes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21/04/2008 were approved.

2. Bike Week 2008

Liz gave an update on the funding situation. Bike Week grants are not available from TfL, except for a small number of specific purposes that do not cover normal Bike Week events. Liz has sent event cost estimates to Luke Arthur, and the Council has stepped in with a grant of £2,000. This will cover a smaller number of events. Liz is continuing to look for other Bike Week funding.

Mark Dawson has also been contacted. He is willing to organise Croydon Bike Week; however, it seems unlikely that sufficient funds will be available.

A discussion followed about how the £2,000 grant would be best allocated.

Austen to contact GLA member Steve O'Connell about TfL's failure to fund Bike Week effectively.

3. LCN+

Town centre routes

Despite the end of the 2007/08 financial year there appears to have been no obvious progress on the east-west town centre route. This is causing concern, especially since the route implementation has already been delayed from 2006/07.

Concerns were also expressed over the continued lack of progress on the north-south route, and also the Jubilee Bridge route towards Mitcham.

Jeremy to contact Derek Stidder to find out what is happening about the east-west, north-south and Jubilee Bridge routes.

A232 cycle lane

Action from March: Austen to contact TfL (Rose Ades at CCE) to clarify what is happening.

A21 CRIM

It was agreed to drop this item, since it relates to Bromley.

4. One-way streets

Upper Norwood gyratory

Jeremy has received no reply from Boris Johnson concerning his views over the future of Upper Norwood.

A reply was received from the Crystal Palace Campaign suggesting that they are no longer campaigning against the one-way system.

5. Local issues

Walking and Cycling Strategy

Action from April: All to send comments to Austen, for him to send coordinated response to Clive Whittle.

Barriers to tricycles

Action from April: Austen and Jim to draft new letter to Council.

Borough Spending Plan

Jeremy has received no reply from Councillor Chris Wright concerning continued Croydon's failure to apply for BSP funds for cycling infrastructure.

Jeremy to chase for a reply.

Sustrans Connect2

Jim reported that, following discussion with Tom Sharland of Sustrans, the Croydon to Wimbledon tram-side cycle route project is considered outside the scope of the Wandle Valley Regional Park and TfL is unwilling to fund the signing.

Jim described a link from Wandle Park to Addiscombe Linear Park, proposed in a Connect2 meeting he had just come from. The link would go via West Croydon, Bedford Park and a new footbridge across the railway near East Croydon.

6. Website and newsletter

Jeremy has made minor updates to the website.

7. Any Other Business

Cycling for All

Concerns were raised over plans by Wheels for Wellbeing to move some cycles to Lambeth, as the cycles were purchased by Croydon organisations and individuals for the benefit of people in Croydon. Liz suggested that if they were moved at all, it should be to Sutton, since current users at the Arena do not come from Lambeth but do come from Sutton; a move to Sutton would therefore help reduce numbers at oversubscribed Croydon sessions.

It was agreed that CCC would not wish for cycles it had funded to leave Croydon.

LCC grant

Grant forms have now been sent out. Jim has up-to-date accounts and is applying for the grant.

Jim to give update on progress.

Next meeting: Monday 16th June, 7.45pm