

## AGM

### *That time of year again, but will CCC continue?*

Croydon Cycling Campaign's AGM will precede our regular monthly meeting on Wednesday 11th October. See the Diary Dates section below for further details.

Please come along and support your local group, bringing your LCC membership card so that you can vote. As usual the AGM will involve electing a new Management Committee (chair, secretary and treasurer), approving the accounts, and debating and voting on any motions.

Nominations for management committee positions will be taken at the meeting. Draft motions must be received in writing by Sunday 1st October (email to [jeremy@croydon-lcc.org.uk](mailto:jeremy@croydon-lcc.org.uk) or post to CCC c/o 20 Harrisons Rise, CR0 4LA), and will be available on CCC's website from Wednesday 4th October.

With the recent departure of Ruth Chapple, an absence of new volunteers, and reluctance among longer standing volunteers to continue filling management committee roles indefinitely, it's quite possible that CCC will not have a management committee after the AGM (*unless new people come forward*). If so then CCC will become a dormant group under supervision of LCC head office.

## Campaigning news

### *It's nearly all bad.*

The first **Cycle Forum** under the new administration (in July) didn't go too well. First up, environment transport officer Derek Stidder informed us that the planned Croydon town centre cycle routes (probably the only part of LCN+ likely to make a significant difference in our borough) have been delayed, and will now need to be approved a second time by the Council due to the change of administration. Councillor Chris Wright will be taking that process forward.

Later in the meeting, the new chair Councillor Richard Chatterjee theorised that it might sometimes be necessary to increase speed limits, since drivers' lives could be imperilled by the stress of driving slowly.

Elsewhere, the British Motorcyclists Federation (BMF) has been making headway with its campaign to permit **motorcycles (PTWs) in bus lanes**. It is backed by Croydon's Road User Forum, even though DfT data shows clearly

that PTW use is twice as dangerous to pedal cyclists as car use, and even more disproportionately hazardous to pedestrians. In the Road User Forum minutes of July, the BMF is now claiming that the preliminary trials have been a success, are supported by DfT officials, and "it is hoped" will now be rolled out across London. BMF reports have a history of misleading, but we've flagged this to LCC and are pursuing the matter with Jenny Jones, the Mayor's Road Safety Ambassador.

**Detailed plans for Mitcham Road** have been received. They are uninspiring, and breach even minimum quality standards in places. However, Brett Duncan, LCN+ manager for our part of London and someone who told us previously that LCN+ facilities must not inconvenience drivers, insists they proceed as-is. Other LCC groups have experienced similar problems.

**One small piece of good news:** despite the Conservatives' election stance against speed humps, it seems speed tables at least are still okay. New tables were installed in early September in George Street near East Croydon, the site of many serious collisions. As a result, traffic now appears to be sticking to the 20mph speed limit, where previously it often exceeded 40mph.

*Jeremy Rickard*

## Diary dates

### CCC meetings

**2nd Wednesday of the month, from 7.45pm.**

Our venue is: Croydon Unison Social Club, Chatsworth Hall, Chatsworth Road, Croydon CR0 1HE. Meetings are fairly informal, and new faces especially welcome. *Upcoming meeting dates: 11th October, 8th November.*

### Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday, October 11th, starting at 7.45pm.**

The AGM will precede the regular CCC meeting. The venue is the same (Chatsworth Hall, address above). Please bring your LCC membership card for voting.

### Croydon Green Drinks

**3rd Tuesday of the month, from 6pm.**

Not a CCC event but some of us sometimes make it along. Venue is: The Green Dragon, 60 High Street, Croydon CR0 1NA. Look for the comfy sofas and the house plant, or call Richard on his mobile (07989 358842) if you can't spot the right group!

*Upcoming meeting dates: 17th October, 21st November.*