

Wandsworth Healthy Streets Forum
Minutes

Wednesday 30 June 2021

7pm – 9pm

	<p>Attendees: Cllr Locker (Cabinet Member of Strategic Planning and Transportation), Cllr Rigby (Active Travel Speaker), Paul Chadwick (Director of Environment and Community Services), Nick O'Donnell (Assistant Director for Traffic and Engineering), Jeni Jackson (Assistant Director for Planning and Transport), David Tidley (Transport Strategy Team Manager), Margo Turner (Principal Transport Planner), Rebecca Howarth (Transport Strategy Programme Coordinator), Steve Diamond (Head of Employment and Enterprise Strategy), Gary Hipple (Head of School Support Services and Traded Services), Davide Pascarella (Principal Air Quality Officer), Jason Andrews (EH Pollution Manager (Air Quality)), Lorinda Freint (Business and Enterprise Manager), Jabed Rahman (Public Health Lead), Riccardo Composto (Tooting Healthy Streets), Lillias Gillies (Wandsworth Older People's Forum), John Hallmark, Toby Hopkins (Wandsworth Cycling Campaign), Margaret Brett (Southfields Grid Residents Association), Andrew Macmillan (Wandsworth Living Streets)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr McDermott, The 10,000, Community Transport, Enable, Met Police, Youth Council, RNIB, Share Community Wandsworth Access Association, Wandsworth Environmental Forum, Wandsworth Friends of Earth, Wandsworth Chamber</p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p><u>Introductions</u> Cllr Locker introduced himself as chairman of the meeting in Cllr McDermott's absence.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Overall purpose of the meeting</u> To share progress on healthy street related projects and invite feedback from local groups</p>	
3.	<p><u>Walking and Cycling Strategy – presented by Margo Turner</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stakeholder working group has been established to help develop the new strategy and a data survey is currently being organised. Officers are also liaising with Public Health and Housing and Regeneration to align aims so far as possible. • Margo Turner talked through the structure of the strategy and key dates. The strategy will go to the Strategic Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15th September 2021. A formal consultation will follow lasting for between 4 to 6 weeks. • John Hallmark commented that dropped kerbs should be addressed in the strategy and flagged that vehicle crossovers were particularly hazardous. • Riccardo Composto asked how progress would be measured and how areas in the borough would be prioritised. Margo Turner said that the council broadly pursues two types of programmes: corridor programmes that are area specific and infrastructure projects that are borough wide, e.g. bike hangars. The location of corridor programme is dependent on 	

	<p>funding, but a balance between infrastructure projects and scheme programmes would be sought through the strategy. It was also noted that the strategy could include lobbying TfL for funding on certain corridor programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toby Hopkins said that the data survey could include the question whether subsidising bike hangar costs would increase demand. • Action to include with minutes a copy of the letter which is sent to residents regarding trailing electric charging cables. Attendees to submit comments on this letter. • Lillias Gillies recommended more tree planting between Balham and Tooting Bec. 	RH
4.	<p><u>Youth Council - presented by Cllr Locker)</u> Cllr Locker fed back that he and Cllr McDermott met with the Youth Council recently to gather feedback and ideas from its members. Feedback included support for extending a bike hire scheme, improving cycle hoop provision and other cycling provision and training. Feedback on eScooters was mixed. A follow up meeting is planned with the Youth Council.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Al fresco schemes – presented by Nick O'Donnell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers are exploring options, through surveys and feedback, to make permanent the schemes at Old York Road and Northcote Road and a weekend scheme in Balham. It was clarified that 'permanent' meant permanent infrastructure to support the schemes. • Lorinda Freint commented that the schemes have been generally well received by businesses and residents and led to a 30% increase in trade. • Stewards are employed to staff the al fresco schemes following advice from the Counter Terrorism department. The stewards deal with anti-social behaviour, motorcyclists and generally make people feel safer when using the space. Last year the council funded this staffing cost but going forwards officers are looking at an arrangement where businesses pay. • Cllr Rigby asked if planters could be added to parking bays in Earlsfield as have been done in Lacy Road and Putney Bridge Road. Lorinda Freint highlighted the safety risks of these schemes and the need for surveys to be done. • Riccardo Composto asked why Tooting has not been considered for al fresco schemes given the vibrant dining culture in the area. Lorinda Freint said that businesses and local residents had been consulted, but it was concluded that the majority did not want al fresco dining and associated traffic measures and without their support the scheme cannot progress. Riccardo commented that Tooting Healthy Streets could assist messaging with businesses and residents. • Toby Hopkins commented that cycling infrastructure, e.g. cycle hoops should not be removed through these schemes noting that cycle hoop(s) have been removed near to The Alma Pub. 	
6.	<p><u>School Streets – presented by Rebecca Howarth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation covered the approach, aims and timelines of the existing School Streets and future School Streets in the borough. Rebecca Howarth noted the contributions local groups had in the last phase to supporting schools during the initial weeks of implementation. She invited local groups to get in contact at schoolstreets@wandsworth.gov.uk if they would like to support the scheme. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the council has chosen to employ Sustrans to deliver activities that support behaviour change and feedback of these activities has been very positive. • Riccardo Composto commented that Sellincourt may need further support. Rebecca Howarth to follow up. 	RH
7.	<p><u>Air Quality Action Plan (Jason Andrews)</u> Jason Andrews talked through the 5-year action plan being developed for Air Quality. He said that the plan would be live documents that are intended to be continually referred to, changed and encouraged to evolve. He invited feedback on how the plan can be improved. The plan is going to a 12-week consultation period.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Use of data to inform approach (Nick O'Donnell)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decent sets of data are often lacking to guide strategies more precisely. • Historically traffic counters have been used for a week a year in locations, but officers have started to use a camera on Queenstown Road which captures cycling, walking and car use 24/7 365 days a year. Another camera is currently being trialled in Putney which includes air quality monitoring and officers would like to install one on Garratt Lane. 	
9.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action to check signs on Queenstown Road • Riccardo Composto asked how roads are classified as local distributor roads and the tolerances that are assigned to this classification. Nick O'Donnell said that the council's traffic management policy doesn't class roads as local distributor roads and instead uses the categorisation of A roads, B roads and C roads • Car Free Day – officers are waiting for a steer from TfL as TfL normally organises a London wide programme for councils to follow. DT to follow up with TfL. • Speeding eScooters were raised as an issue in parks, commons and along the Thames Path. • Toddlers on bicycles and scooters was raised as an issue for older people by Liliias Gillies. • It was noted that work on the Thames Path was causing delays to cyclists. • It was noted that ultimately approaches should be taken that focus on encouraging everyone moving around the borough to have consideration for others regardless of their mode of travel. All attendees are invited to give feedback on signage that better encourages considerate behaviour. • Parking for moped delivery drivers was raised as a topic for a future meeting. 	<p>NOD</p> <p>DT</p> <p>ALL</p>