Draft/ **Newham Cyclists Annual Report 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020**

**Officers**

Co-ordinator – Arnold Ridout

Deputy Co-ordinator - Kerena Fussel

Treasurer – Bill Bremner

Rides Co-ordinator – Steve Smith

Infrastructure Rep – Olawale Ajibola

Deputy Infrastructure Rep – Chris Kershaw

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Rep – Jonathan Rothwell

**Headlines**

* A shift in communications from Yahoo to Groups.IO smoothly accomplished. By enabling subscription direct from the website we have attracted a good size participation.
* Newham Cyclists playing a key role in the Newham Climate Change Collective
* Newham coming increasingly into the radar of TfL (Custom House Liveable Neighbourhood, Stratford to Ilford corridor, and implementing Zero Vision along Romford Rd – a mixed blessing as bus priority leading to bad schemes along the Barking Rd.
* Three campaigns with significant impact (a) in favour of charges for on-street parking permits, (b) to support the restriction of rat running via Browning Rd bridge; and (c) in protest against crime and anti-social behaviour on the Greenway.
* Generally a greater engagement with Councillors on campaigns, on infrastructure consultations and with our Councillor Ride to look at Waltham Forest cycle infrastructure and Liveable neighbourhoods.
* An increase in early consultation by Newham Council officers at the development stage of projects.
* Continued partnership with Aspire Ambition Achieve and Bike from Boleyn and working with Stratford Original.
* Full and successful ride programme.

However….

* Limited impact from consultation responses from Newham and an underlying issue with slow implementation/enforcement.
* LLDC and Olympic park remains a real concern;
* There is a danger from TfL giving disproportionate priority to buses.
* LCC Cycle Audit Programme started, but subsequently put on hold.

**Rides**

The regular ride calendar implemented:

14 April – River Ride

28 April – Nature Ride

4 May – Bike from Boleyn

25 May – AAA Ride

26 May – Newham Ride

2 June –Cake Mountain Ride

9 June- Councillor Ride in Waltham Forest

16 June – Newham Ride

29 June – Brewery Ride

6 July – AAA Ride

7 July Canterbury Circuit Ride I

14 July – Rainham Ride

21 July – Canterbury Circuit Ride II

3 August – Freecycle Feeder Ride

17 August – Greenwich Park Funday Ride

15 September –Essex Lanes Ride

29 September –Newham Ride

17 November – Newham Heritage Ride

1 December –Christmas Lights Ride

12 January – Greensted Ride

23 February – Secret nuclear Bunker

24 February –Greenway Protest Ride

**Activities**

* Monthly Fix your ride stall attracts steady business and donations help the finances of the group.
* Lots of fixing and bike discussion at the Forest Gate Festival, 6 July
* Fixing sessions at AAA each week before the ride.
* Two sessions at Stratford with the Business District organisation – Stratford Original – to celebrate the opening of the Town Centre improvements on 13 June and Car Free Day on 22 September. These included Dr Bike, a PedalMe bike taxi and a cycle smoothie maker.
* Newham Cyclists had volunteered to update TfL’s Cycle Data (for which LCC had been given a contract). Training given and work started but project put on hold pending migration to Open Street Map.

**Infrastructure**

Not so many formal consultations this year as last.

There has been an increase in early consultation by Newham Council Officers on the development of projects which gives a greater opportunity to affect the outcome, although in practice the influence is limited. Thus unsatisfactory schemes continue to be implemented e.g. Greengate St/Barking Rd, Crossrail improvements at Maryland, Forest Gate and Manor Park.

Regular and useful catch up meeting have continued to take place with Officers from the Highways and Sustainable Transport team. The outcomes have been published on the website.

Bold = opposed schemes

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| 3 April | Romford Rd Bus Priority Scheme | * Bus lane 24 hrs * Mandatory cycle lanes * 20mph * Restrictions on parking and loading and enforcement  (Response – no change) |
| 9 April | Draft LIP | * Poor schemes to date, insufficient cycle infrastructure proposals, understating commuter potential, lack of enforcement * End free on street parking permits * Ensure bus schemes do not hamper active travel. * Commit to Liveable neighbourhoods   (No response) |
| 31 April | **Stratford Waterfront** LLDC Planning Committee | Oral objection on grounds of poor cycle infrastructure in and around scheme.  (Scheme approved against vote of Councillor members of Committee) |
| 26 June | **MSG Sphere** | Objection to motor vehicle generation lack of cycle parking, lack of improvement to surrounding roads. Our objections used by LCC. |
| July | School Streets (online) | * Supporting concept as a step towards liveable neighbourhood * Enforcement * Good signage * Monitor displacement   (Scheme implemented) |
| 14 August | Browning Rd 20mph speed limit | Supported |
| 30 August | Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Plan | Need to stop through traffic, develop the existing desire line for cycling, and develop a cycle parking strategy.  (Acknowledged by LLDC) |
| 16 September | Provided suggestion for cycle parking in response to Cycle Parking Implementation Plan |  |
| Sept | School Street Pilots | Support and warn of displacement |
| [2 October | Keogh Road | Opposed temporary one way without a contraflow[ |
| 14 October | Response to Draft Air Quality Plan | Need for more action to cut air pollution including greater enforcement. |
| 30 October | Deanery Rd | * Tighten junction * Copenhagen Pavement * 20 mph on Romford Rd. |
| 15 November | South Leytonstone Liveable Neighbourhood | Detailed response based on 5 “cells” and use of Number plate Recognition Cameras. |
|  | Capel Rd (Online) | * Support consistent 20mph * Suggest point closure. |
| 16 December  (on-line) | Royal Docks Corridor | Support for principle of scheme but   * need to sort out Canning Town and * reduce the side access to north Woolwich Rd * use Copenhagen pavements |
| 28 January | **Odessa Road** | Objection to elements inconsistent with Liveable neighbourhood. Copenhagen Pavements |
| 31 January | **MSG Sphere** | Update on previous objections which were not addressed by changes to the scheme. |
| 26 February | Lichfield Avenue | * 20mph * Site specific suggestions |
| 6 March | 2 traffic orders generally increasing parking charges | Support. |
| 22 March | Consultation response on “Air Quality Update to Parking Policies and Procedures” | Support principle of payment for first parking permit based on environmental standards. Call for better enforcement of parking law.  (Acknowledged and welcomed by Councillor Asser) |