**Readout from Meeting of 23 March 2024**

We rode from the Atherton Centre on the Romford Road to Here East checking out some developments in the Atherton Low Traffic Neighbourhood and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

At the subsequent meeting we discussed:

* The **finances** of the group. A budget for 2024/5 will be prepared by the Treasurer and the Committee for presentation to the Annual Meeting. The signatories of the account had now been updated and those requiring reimbursement and those needing to buy items weere urged to sort this out before the end of the month.
* Ideas were developing on **outreach.** We agreed to consult LCC HQ with a view to purchasing some publicity material for use at Fix Your Ride and the Green Fair. We discussed how we could get more impact from our information e.g. by using information boads, links from QR codes, providing lists of FYR events and forthcoming rides.
* We discussed arrangements for our **Annual** **Meeting** which will be held in the David Sheppard Room at Canning Town Library on 30th April between 7.30 and 9.30pm. Light refreshments will be served.
* Our March **Fix** **Your** **Ride** stall dealt with 11 bikes and secured £62 in donations. April’s FYR will be on 13 April and we will offer FYR at the Green Fair on 6 May. Other future similar events include the Woodgrange School Fair on 29 June and the Forest Gate Festival on 6 July.
* We discussed our future activities in our partnership with the children’s cycle club of the charity **Ambition**, **Aspire** **Achieve**. If you would like to help either with maintenance of the bikes or with rides please get in touch.
* Our **upcoming** **rides** include a Newham Ride on 7 April and an Essex Lanes ride on 27 April. We discussed the desirability of putting on some family rides and working in partnership/co-ordination with other local groups. We are waiting for details of the LCC London Loves Cycling Weekend on 27 & 28 April Arrangements need to be finalise for our contribution to the Freecycle event on 26 May
* On **infrastructure** formal responses have been submitted on the planned developments on the Romford Road and in East Village.

Please contact us through this site if you would like further information.