Cross River Partnership held an extremely successful and productive Lighting Consultation Event on 25th September 2019, attended by 50 delegates from London’s transport and public authorities, as well as designers, architects, engineers, and artists. Huge thanks to University of Westminster, Speirs and Major, the Illuminated River Foundation and the Greater London Authority for giving such insightful presentations. Also thank you to the City of London Corporation, Centre for London and Central for facilitating the three detailed discussion groups. Read more.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! Cross River Partnership celebrated a fantastic 25 years of Delivering London’s Future Together at our anniversary event on Wednesday 9th October, #CRP25. The celebrations took place at London’s Tate Modern, with spectacular views of CRP’s flagship project, the Millennium Bridge, now with artwork installed as part of the Illuminated River project! We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been a part of CRP’s journey past and present – partners, funders, supporters, staff, and the CRP board. Read more.
Following on from our successful collaboration with UPS and UK Power Network Services as part of the Smart Electric Urban Logistics project at the UPS Camden depot, CRP have joined with partners on a ground-breaking new project proposal seeking funding from Innovate UK. This project aims to show how depot-based vehicle fleets can be managed smartly to offer benefits to the local electricity network, helping to solve the upcoming challenges of both the energy and transport sectors. Read more.

CRP is currently working on a proposal to apply to the latest round of DEFRA’s Air Quality Grant. This collaborative grant application will bring together CRP partners, across London, from both the public and private sectors. The overall aims of the grant are to reduce congestion and pollution in Air Quality Focus Areas, through interventions and behaviour change schemes that will have a long-term impact. CRP is currently delivering the Clean Air Villages 2 project which is funded by an existing Defra Air Quality Grant. For further information, please contact CRP’s Kate Fenton.

CRP’s Tomos Joyce met with Wandsworth Council and community group, Tooting Healthy Streets, at Tooting Market in early October to discuss the Healthy Streets Everyday programme. Tooting Healthy Streets is made up of business owners, residents and parents who have come together to improve local community concerns that Tooting’s streets are polluted, traffic-dominated and unsafe for cycling and walking. The group, set up in under a year, have established a 4-point commitment plan to deliver active, safe, green and social streets and have already thought of creative ways to open up new and existing green spaces. As a part of the Healthy Streets Everyday programme we aim to collect information from community groups to help make their visions of healthy streets a reality. Read more.
It has been a busy two months for the Clean Air Villages project including launching the supplier directory in all 13 villages! Here are a few things happening in the areas: We started with attending the launch of the fancy new InStreatham BID cargo bike which will be for local businesses in the area to use for deliveries. Then we headed to Wandsworth attended a Tooting Town Centre meeting, bringing together businesses and a local cargo bike supplier. Read more.

The first Clean Air Thames Steering Group took place at Westminster City Hall last month (September 2019). CRP, the Port of London Authority and the Greater London Authority met to discuss the recent project launch at the Greening Inland Shipping Conference, and to agree on the next steps of the project. It was an engaging session. One key issue was how best to encourage London vessel operators to apply for funding. This included identifying relevant newsletters and social media groups. Read more.

Ladbroke Grove, home to the world-famous Portobello Road Market, as well as a wealth of independent shops, cafes and bars, is a vibrant and diverse neighbourhood. With poor air quality and high human exposure, the area was identified by the Greater London Authority as a pollution ‘hotspot’ within the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea. The Clean Air Villages 2 programme is working in collaboration with businesses and local authorities across 7 London
In partnership with UPS and UK Power Networks, CRP has been delivering the Innovate UK-funded Smart Electric Urban Logistics (SEUL) Project over the last 2.5 years. In accordance with the terms and conditions of grant funding, CRP is working with auditors to submit its Accountant’s Audit Report for all claims covering the entire project along with its final report by the submission due date of 31st October. Read more.

As part of Westminster City Council’s Apprenticeship Scheme, CRP’s Yasin Mahmood is currently studying for a City & Guilds Level 3 Business Administrator standard qualification being delivered in partnership with Westminster Adult Education Service (WAES). Yasin gives us an update on the past 16 months whilst he has been a part of the Cross River Partnership team. Read more.
Hi! My name is Chioma, CRP’s new Project Support Officer. I have really enjoyed my first month here at CRP, and over the past few weeks I have been supporting a wide range of projects across the organisation, and of course learning a lot along the way! In the short time I have been here, I have especially enjoyed getting to know the whole team and familiarising myself with the range of innovative programmes that CRP are working on. Read more.

Since becoming a mum, I have become even more anxious about the levels of air pollution we are exposed to in London and the impact this is having on public health. I am pleased to continue working with CRP on the Clean Air Villages (CAV) project which encourages both individual and collective action to improve air quality. It really helps reduce my daily concerns! If you’d like to know more about CAV, please contact me feryalawan@crossriverpartnership.org Read more.