

Welcome to Cross River Partnership's February Newsletter

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# Join us for 'A Clean Air Future' event THIS THURSDAY

The event will bring together London Councils, the London Environment Directors' Network, and the Association of Directors of Public Health London, as well as London's Business Improvement Districts and Local Authorities for an in-depth discussion on how the business community and local government can work together to improve air quality on our roads. A Clean Air Future will be held on Thursday 27th February, 2pm - 5pm, Lord Mayor's Parlour, 19th Floor, Westminster City Hall.

Register here



Air quality solutions launched as part of Clean Air Villages

The past month has been an exciting time for the <u>Clean Air Villages</u> team, with many of our village solutions launching and being utilised. Local businesses in Tooting

(London Borough of Wandsworth), Deptford (London Borough of Lewisham), Ladbroke Grove (Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea) and Shepard's Bush (London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham) each now have access to a cargobike scheme to transport their goods and services via a zero emissions delivery method. In Brixton (London Borough of Lambeth), the <u>shared electric van (EV)</u> is being used regularly, with users totting up 1,068 miles to date since its launch on 3rd December, 2019. That's the equivalent of driving to Paris and back, twice! We are hoping to have the same success with a new shared EV due to launch in Fulham... keep an eye out for more details on this!

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# London Borough of Hackney hosts School Streets workshop for HSE partners

The first workshop of the year for <u>Healthy Streets Everyday</u> (HSE) partners was the <u>London Borough of Hackney School Street Workshop</u> on 31st January 2020. Funded by the HSE programme, this event informed local authority officers of the key components of implementing a School Street in their borough, from selecting suitable schools, discussing methods of school selection and the considerations that should be made when implementing such a scheme.

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Vessels begin next phase in Clean Air Thames project

<u>Clean Air Thames</u> moves into its next phase with vessels, Driftwood II and GPS Anglia which belong to the <u>Port of London Authority (PLA)</u> and <u>GPS Marine</u> <u>Contractors</u> respectively. Driftwood 2 and GPS Anglia will undergo emissions monitoring for six weeks before being fitted with post-exhaust treatments. Following the retrofit, the vessels will undergo a second round of monitoring. The difference in emissions before and after the installation will be calculated to gauge the effectiveness of the exercise.

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#### The Future of Fleet Electrification at MOVE2020

The topic of fleet electrification was a feature of the recent MOVE 2020 conference at London's ExCel centre. CRP's Tom Linton-Smith was on a panel with <u>Innogy Ventures</u> and <u>Ingka Group</u> (IKEA) discussing the question 'Will fleets foster effective EV adoption?'. In the city freight sector, the panel agreed that this decade will see a significant transition, with the decisions taken by large fleet operators helping to shape the makeup of the new and second hand vehicle market as cities in particular move to improve air quality. Tom referred to our recent <u>Smart</u> <u>Electric Urban Logistics</u> project, which demonstrated the effectiveness of EVs in urban settings, and highlighted the need for cross-sector collaboration and planning to develop the most effective and sustainable infrastructure solutions.

## See how the day unfolded @MOVE2020



#### CRP Buddies meet to shape our vision for 2020/21

This month, CRP hosted a successful meeting with the whole CRP <u>buddies group</u> to shape our new vision for 2020/21. Being able to draw on the knowledge of CRP members past and present made for an extremely valuable discussion and moving forward we will implement the feedback into the CRP annual report / business plan, which is due to be launched in March at the CRP Board Meeting.

Follow us for updates on the Annaul Report / Business Plan launch



### Action on engine idling in Westminster

It's great to see <u>Westminster City Council</u> rolling out signage reminding drivers to switch off their engines as part of the <u>'Don't Be Idle' campaign</u>. CRP worked with the council on the concept and wording on a similar initiative as part of the <u>Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN)</u> project which ran from 2016 to 2019. Low Emission Neighbourhoods and other pilot projects are great ways to test new initiatives before wider rollout, and it's always a pleasure to see how our partners develop these interventions as they work to improve air quality. It's Tip number 1 in our list of <u>10 LEN Top Tips!</u>

#DontBeldle



# An Alzheimer's Society initiative

## **CRP** team become Dementia Friends

The CRP team have completed training provided by <u>Westminster City Council</u> to become <u>Dementia Friends</u> – someone that learns about the symptoms and causes of diseases associated with dementia, as well as ways of helping people that are living with the conditions. As part of the training, the team have made pledges, big and small, to take action in helping people in their communities who are living with dementia. Today, there are currently around 850,000 people with dementia in the UK. With an ageing population, this is projected to rise to 1.6 million by 2040. It is essential that every aspect of public realm design factors this into account, putting people first, and fostering care and support for all citizens.

Become a Dementia Friend



## We are now a London Living Wage accredited employer!

Great news! CRP is now officially a <u>London Living Wage employer</u>. In accordance with its accountable body, <u>Westminster City Council</u>, CRP pays all its employees, including apprentices, the London Living Wage or above. For further information, please contact <u>Carol Quamina</u>.



#### Heros contributing to net zero

As you can see, CRP and its partners are working away on a huge array of initiatives **tackling the climate emergency** – Heroes Contributing to Net Zero. Whether it's smart charging for electric vehicles, consolidating suppliers and deliveries, designing out polluting vehicular traffic, and making the case to businesses large and small, we're all committed to doing everything we can.

As ever, don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or one of the CRP team with any suggestions or comments: susannahwilks@crossriverpartnership.org

#### Contact us

# **Dates for your diary**

- <u>Clean Air Villages cargo bike launches</u> 1st - 29th February
- A Clean Air Future Business and Local Authority Collaboration
  27th February

- London National Park City Winter Gathering Event 29th February
- Shaping London LSE Festival 3rd March
- Zero Emission Fleet Series London LowCvp
  5th March
- International Women's Day 8th March
- <u>NHS Sustainability Day 2020</u>
  19th March
- London Climate Change Festival 23rd March - 16th May



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