Welcome to Cross River Partnership's Fortnightly Update

#BlackLivesMatter
CRP was honoured to support Westminster City Council’s staff virtual 8.46 minutes of silence for racial justice at 16.55 on 9th June 2020. CRP is fully committed to working with its partners, funders, suppliers and staff to tackle racial equality, on a continual basis.

Please contact CRP’s Director Susannah Wilks if you would like to talk about this further.

CRP's LiveShares
Change is in the air and Cross River Partnership is helping to keep you informed. Our LiveShare sessions bring together industry experts to present, explain and discuss the many changes that are currently underway in London, whilst allowing you to have your say through our interactive platform.

The first LiveShare of the series went live on Wednesday 10th June, made possible by support from Defra and the Mayor of London, informing the 66 viewers of the new active travel opportunities that have arisen in London due to COVID-19. During the session we were joined by active travel and sustainability specialists from Transport for London and Sustrans who provided their expertise on the current changes to the active travel network. Click here to view the full LiveShare session!

For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager Tomos Joyce.
Getting Around London

This week, Londoners will once more be able to visit shops and places of worship, and may find it tricky to move around while maintaining physical distancing. CRP’s Clean Air Route Finder is a useful journey planner for active travellers, mainly pedestrians and cyclists, with the additional benefit of highlighting the average amount of air pollution along a given route.

CRP has years of experience of making active travel a healthy, pleasant experience for Londoners. Previous reports include:

- Walkable London: Best Practice Guide for a Walkable City
- Clean Air Walking Routes: Monitoring Reports

For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager, Sefinat Otaru.

London Transition Board and London Recovery Board

Two new boards have been established to oversee London’s recovery from the pandemic.

The London Recovery Board, which has already met, will be co-chaired by the Mayor of London and the Chair of London Councils, and will focus on the longer-term economic and social recovery. The City of London Corporation’s Catherine McGuinness is one of the many eminent individuals sitting on this Board.

The London Transition Board, co-chaired by the Mayor of London and the Communities Secretary, will look at transition out of lockdown into the next phase. CRP’s Board Co-Chair Simon Pitkeathley is sitting on this Board.

CRP is fully committed to supporting both of these Boards to lead London out of its initial lockdown safely and sustainably.
Clean Air Villages 3 (CAV3) Launch

On Friday 5th June, World Environment Day, CAV3 officially launched! CRP is delighted that the launch featured in Air Quality News, the UK's air quality and emissions news and information site. Edie, who report on sustainability, energy and the environment, have also featured the project launch in their Sustainability Success Stories of the Week! CRP has funding from Defra’s Air Quality Grant to deliver the CAV3 project, with additional match funding, with Westminster City Council as the leading partner. For further information, please contact CRP CAV3 Project Manager Kate Fenton.

See here for the full article in Air Quality News

Healthy Streets Everyday Programme Update

CRP’s Healthy Streets Everyday (HSE) project is rapidly and proactively helping the 17 Borough, landowner and BID partners to make lasting and transformative change to streets throughout London, in full alignment with TfL’s Streetspace programme, and adding extra benefits to London’s COVID-19 response.

As part of our Steering Group Meeting in May this year, we facilitated a round table discussion to share information and ideas on partner Streetspace plans. It was great to hear about the wide range of initiatives being carried out across London, with examples including road closures in Hackney, School Streets in Richmond Upon Thames and Pocket Parks in the Northbank BID. For further information, please contact HSE Project Manager Fiona Coulb.

Read more here
CLSTRP Enabling Last Mile Cycling Logistics Report

A report from our Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership (CLSTRP) project has recently been published, offering initiatives and recommendations for local authorities to support the uptake of zero emission and cycle logistics in support of a green recovery in London, and other cities emerging from lockdown. While we cannot be sure of what will change and how, we know that two priorities will remain the same:

1. Decarbonisation of our supply chains still needs to occur
2. London's air quality must improve rapidly compared to pre-lockdown levels

The report has been greatly received and publicised by Green Fleet, CITI, Commercial Fleet and Smart Transport. For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager Tom Linton-Smith.

EV Fleet-centred Local Energy System – plotting a course for a green recovery

With thoughts turning to recovery and how to build back better, CRP is pleased to be engaged in projects that will support a transition to a cleaner future. Our EV Fleet Centred Local Energy System (EFLES) project, part of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund’s Prospering from the Energy Revolution challenge, is helping to unlock the challenges of electrifying vehicle fleets through an integrated smart charging and energy resource management platform, based in Camden.

Last month we launched this 12 month partnership project with UK Power Networks Services, UPS and Moixa. We are now busy gathering data for the project and also looking across the other projects in the challenge as we work towards a greener, more resilient future for energy and transport. For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager Tom Linton-Smith.

Read more about EFLES here
CRP Main Funder Update
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CRP in collaboration with Defra, the funder of its Clean Air Villages 3 (CAV3) project, has managed to secure a more flexible approach to project delivery. The CRP team is actively working with project partners and local communities to identify suitable sustainable solutions to improve air quality which can be implemented post-lockdown. For further information, please contact CRP Operations Manager Carol Quamina.

Love Your Lungs Week
From 22nd to 28th June, the UK’s lung health awareness week is taking place, which is all the more important this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, together with the fact that the UK has the 4th highest mortality rate from lung disease in Europe. Reduction in air pollution increases lung health, and according to the British Lung Foundation, two million people in the UK with respiratory conditions such as asthma have experienced reduced symptoms due to cleaner air during the coronavirus lockdown. CRP are proud to run projects which positively impact on lung health through the reduction of air pollution. Clean Air Villages 3 activities are estimated to reduce emissions by 86.7kg of NOx, and 24,171kg of CO2.

For further information, please contact CRP’s Communications & Business Development Manager Joshua West.

See the British Lung Foundation website for more details

Saving the Night
Across London, lighting plays a crucial role in social, cultural, and environmental capacities, from cultivating new civic spaces such as the Illuminated River Project, to
its potential impacts on mental health and wellbeing, and the need for new energy-saving lighting infrastructure. Good lighting in London is essential for a busy, twenty-four-hour city. Millions of people use London’s streets, open spaces and transport networks after dark.

On 18th June at an online event, join expert speakers Stephen Bayley, Mark Major (Speirs + Major), Don Slater (London School of Economics), Mathew Frith (London Wildlife Trust) and Alex Lifschutz (Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands), to discuss creating a more coherent night-time experience of London. More information here.

**Dates for the Diary:**

- CRP Mini Podcast - London coming out of Lockdown. Listen here.
- 2nd July. LiveShare: High Streets Emerging from Lockdown. CRP.