

Annual Report and Business Plan

2022 - 2024

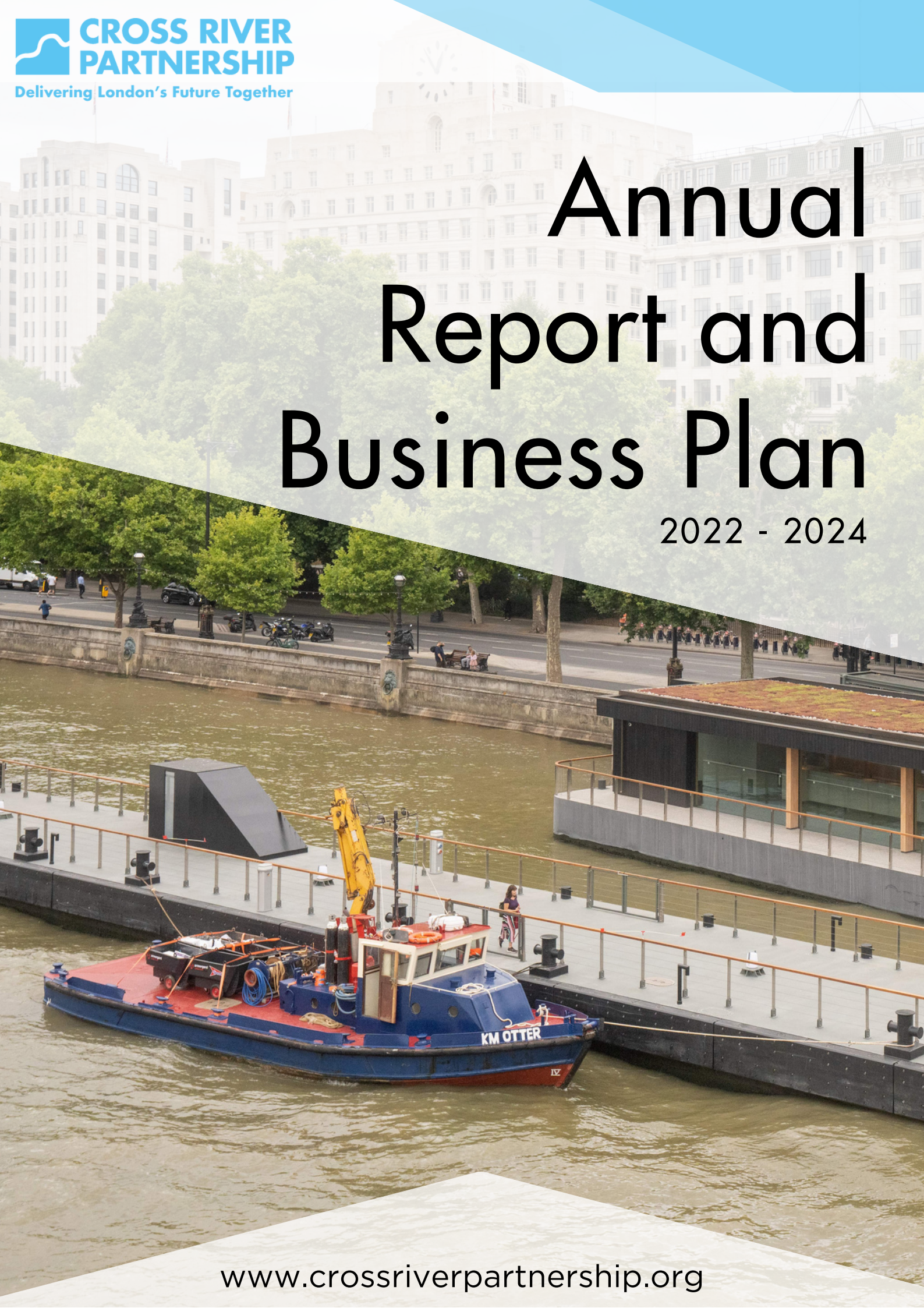


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1. Introduction

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Welcome to Cross River Partnership's (CRP's) Annual Report for 2022-23 and Business Plan for 2023-24.

CRP has come a long way since its beginning in 1994 and its early projects that literally crossed London's River Thames, for example the Millennium Bridge and the Golden Jubilee footbridges.

2022-23 was a difficult year for humankind, with wars raging and natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, landslides and wildfires causing havoc, too.

CRP and its partners have continued to play their small part in trying to both pre-empt and alleviate some of the worst effects of the climate crisis in which we find ourselves. From supporting sustainable freight, to cleaning up London's air, to pioneering river freight trials, to encouraging more walking and cycling,

CRP's projects are all focused on improving the lives of those living, working and visiting - "[Delivering London's Future Together](#)".

All of CRP's projects are only possible because of the support of our partners, from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

CRP's partner body continues to grow and all of these partners are represented on CRP's Board, which is Co-Chaired by Keith Bottomley, Deputy Policy Chairman at the [City of London Corporation](#), and Simon Pitkeathley, Chief Executive, [Camden Town Unlimited](#) and [Euston Town Business Improvement Districts \(BIDs\)](#).



Simon Pitkeathley, CRP Co-Chair



Keith Bottomley, CRP Co-Chair

A huge thank you to all of CRP's partners! And a particularly special thank you to CRP's accountable body Westminster City Council.

The CRP team refreshed the CRP Vision at their Away Day in January 2023:

"To make London a better place to live, work and visit".

This captures the ambition of what we want to deliver with our partners this coming year and beyond.

We are looking forward to successfully completing our Clean Air Logistics for London (CALL) and Clean Air Freight (CAF) programmes, as well as various consultancy style commissions on directing communities to Clean Air Routes, and Analysing Data to support proactive placekeeping across London's neighbourhoods.

Most exciting of all is CRP's latest partnership programme, Smarter Greener Logistics (SGL), funded by central government department Defra, which will kick off in Summer 2023 and continue for 18 months - watch this space!

If you have any ideas for further collaborations, please get in touch!



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Susannah Wilks, CRP Director



London Light Freight River Trial Press Launch with CRP and Partners

Climate Action

CRP is helping partners across London to deliver impact via their climate goals

From tackling carbon emissions, to building local green economies, to making sustainable spaces, partnership is key to delivering the transition to net zero. CRP is pleased to have worked with a variety of public, private and non-profit organisations this year, to deliver change across the climate sector.

CRP's guide and the advice and contacts within it, including the PLA, will help businesses thinking of using the tidal Thames with their first steps towards river freight. James Trimmer, Director of Planning and Environment, Port of London Authority

We are hugely proud to be working with Cross River Partnership. We look forward to playing a part in reducing congestion, removing emissions and creating a safer delivery environment for all stakeholders within Westminster. Kevin Savage, Chief Operating Officer, Delivery Mates

The more polluting freight vehicles we can take off the road, the better for our residents and their children who grow up breathing some of the dirtiest air in the country. I look forward to further initiatives with the Cross River Partnership.

Councillor Adam Hug,
Leader of Westminster City Council



London Light Freight River Trial Press Launch - CRP and Partners at Bankside Pier

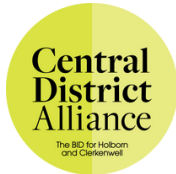


London Light Freight River Trial Video Testimonials

Partners



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LONDON & PARTNERS



City of Westminster



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA



CRP Team



2. CRP's Mission and Vision

CRP's Mission is to collaboratively deliver solutions that make London fairer, greener and safer.



CRP's Vision is to make London a better place to live, work and visit.

3. Project highlights

2022 - 2023

Clean Air Villages 4 (CAV4)

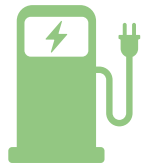
The CAV4 programme worked with 26 project partners to deliver ambitious Freight Solutions for a clean air business recovery from COVID-19, working with project partners in Greater London Authority air quality focus areas ('villages'). The project was delivered from April 2021 to June 2022.

Resources

- [CAV4 Final Report](#)
- [River Freight Pilot Case Study](#)
- [Transport Emissions Calculator](#)
- [Business Cargo Bike Guide](#)
- [Sustainable Steps](#)
- [ULEZ Resources](#)
- [Getting Started with River Freight: A Guide for Businesses](#)
- [Walking Freight Feasibility Study](#)



122
Meetings



21
EV switch
dongles



15
Online events



3
Freight feasibility
studies



1
Last mile
consolidation
centre rail



15
Case studies,
toolkits & guidance
documents



1
River freight trial



1
River monitoring
study



4
Cargo bike trials



21
External events



20

businesses delivered to via
the CAV4 River Freight
trial in Summer 2022

Estimated emissions savings:

3,220g NO_x

260g PM_{2.5}

480g PM₁₀

3,618kg CO₂





2022 - 2023 Project highlights

Electric Vehicle Fleet-Centred Local Energy Systems (EFLES)

This project was a collaboration with UPS, Lunar Energy (formerly Moixa) and UK Power Network Services to deliver an artificial intelligence pilot that optimises the existing EV infrastructure of an organisation's fleet.

Funded by Innovate UK, EFLES enables fleet managers to:

- Charge their vans when power is cheapest for them
 - Participate in revenue-generating flexibility services that help balance the local grid and manage onsite generation from solar panels and energy storage
 - Further reduce expenses by sharing their infrastructure with rapid charger operators
- CRP and partners presented the project through a variety of platforms including one podcast, four articles, four conferences, and two webinars.

Resources

- [EFLES Project Postcard](#)
- [Making the Switch: A Guide for Vehicle Owners](#)
- [Electric Vehicle Rapid Charging Hubs: Guidance for Local Authorities and Landowners](#)



Click to hear more about EFLES



2022 - 2023 Project highlights

Clean Air Thames

Working with the Greater London Authority, Port of London Authority (PLA) and the City of London Corporation. Clean Air Thames was a project funded by the Mayor's Air Quality Fund to improve exhaust emissions from vessels operating on the Thames within Greater London.

By retrofitting two vessels, GPS Marine's GPS Anglia and the PLA's Driftwood II, the project aimed to:

- Encourage vessel operators to green their vessels when they may not have previously considered doing so
- Reduce marine emissions of pollutants including nitrogen oxides, sulphates oxides, particulate matter and volatile organic compounds
- Serve as a case study for various stakeholders considering the challenges and benefits of greening vessels on our rivers.

CRP presented the project at various events including 2 trade group association meetings, and 3 events.

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Project highlights

Healthy Streets Everyday

CRP's Healthy Streets Everyday project aimed at empowering boroughs, businesses and communities across London to deliver pedestrian-priority healthy streets, increase walking rates and reduce emissions and exposure to toxic air. This was delivered via six key workstreams:



As part of Healthy Streets Everyday (HSE), improvements were carried out at more than 12 locations across 11 boroughs to make streets more pedestrian friendly and improve air quality. New traffic regulations were achieved at more than 40 locations across 6 boroughs, including school streets, lunchtime streets and low traffic neighbourhoods.

Over 250 vehicle-free street events took place across 16 boroughs. Guidance has also been created on several key themes, including greening, monitoring and accessibility. This has ranged from public-facing case studies and workshops to more detailed best-practice documents and seminars for borough transport and air quality officers.

Communications materials have been created to build public awareness, support and action for healthy streets and cleaner air. This has included a dedicated HSE website and several social media campaigns.

Resources

- [Meaningful Monitoring: Providing the Path to Positive Change](#)
- [Global Streetscape Responses to COVID-19](#)
- [Making School Streets Healthier: Learning from Temporary and Emergency Closures](#)
- [Mobility Justice and Transport Inclusivity](#)
- [Greening out the Grey: The Value of Green Infrastructure for People and Places](#)

2022 - 2023

Project highlights

Clean Air Freight

Clean Air Freight (CAF) is an [Impact on Urban Health](#)-funded project helping the freight sector to deliver clean air as part of the [Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation](#).

The project will minimise the harmful emissions from freight within the [London Borough of Lambeth](#) and the [London Borough of Southwark](#).

CRP commissioned [Steer](#) to conduct a feasibility study into rail freight - '[On track for sustainable logistics: Integrating Rail Freight into London's deliveries](#)'. This study was published in March 2023, with potential next steps and outcomes looking at how to integrate parcel-as-passenger services into Lambeth and Southwark.

CRP has signed up 8 businesses to the Brixton micro-logistics hub trial which allows businesses to redirect deliveries to a storage facility off-site, before deliveries come by cargo bike in consolidated journeys.

CRP has presented at 3 external events on the Brixton Micro logistics hub, contacted 188 businesses since April 2022, and conducted monthly in-person visits to Brixton to engage with businesses. In April 2023, CRP will fund a delivery locker to support businesses in Brixton, and produce a map showing cargo bike hub provision across London, with a focus on Southwark and Lambeth.



Monitoring and Data Analysis

CRP has been supporting South Bank BID with evidence-based decision-making in the public realm.

This has included detailed analysis of pedestrian footfall, cycle counts and motor vehicle traffic volumes across the BID area.

The original five sensors were extended until the end of March 2023, whilst four more sensors were added to the network. CRP are now analysing data for 9 sensors across the BID area.

36 quarterly reports, one per sensor per quarter, have been delivered throughout 2022/23 to South Bank BID on time. In addition to this, CRP has continually explored and developed the data analysis services to expand the services available to potential clients.

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Project highlights

Clean Air Logistics for London

Clean Air Logistics for London (CALL) is a £1 million Defra-funded project led by Westminster City Council in collaboration with 10 project partners. The project aims to move more freight into London via river rather than road, supported by zero emission delivery methods in Central London.



The project is being delivered in 5 workstreams: Pier Adaptions & Facilities, Vessels, EV Charging & Infrastructure, River Trials & Onward Journeys, Micro Hub Development & Transport Analysis and Communications & Media.

In partnership with London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, we have installed two bays for cargo bikes, to form Chelsea Harbour Sustainable Deliveries Hub. The London Light Freight River Trial has completed 4 weeks of deliveries from Dartford International Ferry Terminal to

Bankside Pier via Trinity Buoy Wharf. Cargo bikes and electric vehicles were used to transport goods to their final destinations in London Boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth, Tower Hamlets, City of London Corporation, Wandsworth, Islington, Camden, Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea.

Resources:

- [London Light Freight River Trial](#)
- [Request for Proposal: Operating a Logistics Hub Trial in Westminster](#)
- [River Freight Pilot Case Study: Summer 2022](#)

“ Cross River Partnership made the London Light Freight River Trial journey feel seamless. They are a brilliant team to be working with. ”

Aaron Powell, Fleet Director,
Speedy Services



2023 - 2024

4. Goals and Future Opportunities

CRP and its partners will deliver outcomes including the following during 2023 - 2024.

Smarter Greener Logistics

- Mini freight hubs installed
- Kerbside management schemes implemented
- Installation of Click & Collect Parcel Lockers
- Shared EV & cargo bike delivery schemes implemented

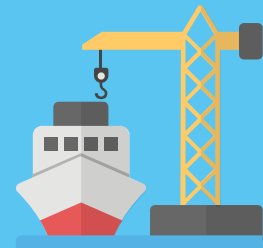


Clean Air Freight

- Complete and submit final evaluation report to Impact on Urban Health
- Disseminate lessons learnt across Southwark and Lambeth, as well as learnings across the whole of London

Clean Air Logistics for London

- Retrofit an inland vessel to reduce noxious emissions
- Implement shared electric vans & charge points in Lambeth, and share knowledge across other CRP partners
- Implement Clean Air Logistics online river tool
- Deliver logistics hub micro space



South Bank BID Street Use Monitoring

- Provide detailed transport mode analysis to shape place making, policies & practices through creative reports
- Promote CRP's data analysis services nationally with social media campaigns, meetings & in-person events

EC BID Collaboration

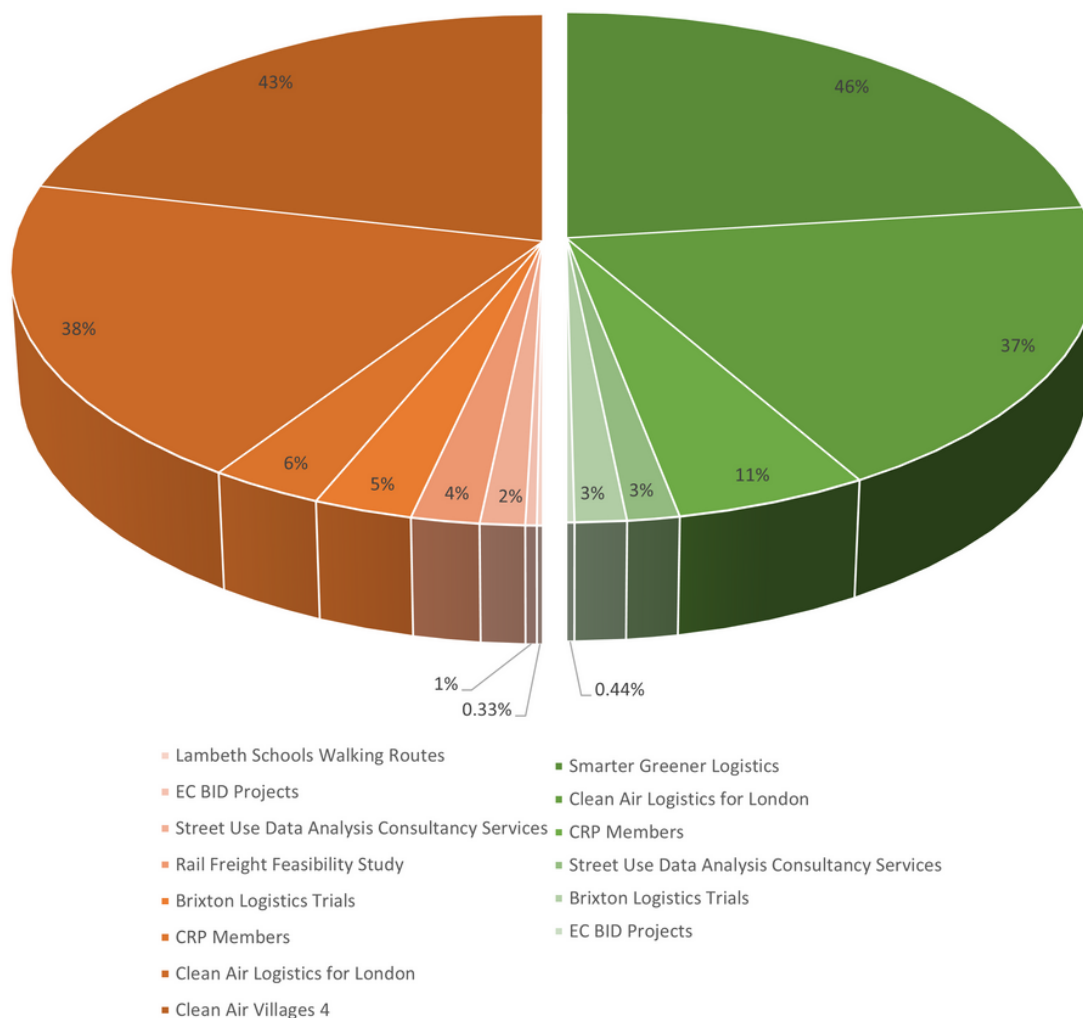
- Collaborate with EC BID on strategic communications
- Deliver social media campaign across 3 months
- Complete walking map of EC BID area



6. Financial Statement

Projects	Delivery Expenditure (£) 2022/23	CRP Delivery Expenditure (£) 2022/23	Total Delivery Expenditure (£) 2022/23	Delivery budget (£) 2023/24	CRP Delivery Budget (£) 2023/24	Total Budget income (£) 2023/24
Brixton Logistics Trials	42,504	40,875	83,379	20,796	18,625	39,421
Clean Air Logistics for London	357,192	233,139	590,331	424,631	97,976	522,607
Clean Air Villages 4	476,464	180,677	657,141	-	-	-
CRP Members	-	95,000	95,000	-	148,000	148,000
EC BID Projects	-	9,500	9,500	-	6,125	6,125
Lambeth Schools Walking Routes	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Rail Freight Feasibility Study	50,000	7,500	57,500	-	-	-
Street Use Data Analysis Consultancy Services	-	37,579	37,579	-	40,000	40,000
Smarter Greener Logistics	-	-	-	280,825	363,762	644,587
Total	926,160	609,270	1,535,430	726,252	674,488	1,400,740

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Distribution of 2022/23 total delivery expenditure ○ vs 2023/24 total budget income ○

Thank you for your continued support for Cross River Partnership



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