

## **MINUTES OF SOUTHWARK CYCLE SECURITY MEETING**

**27 JULY 2006**

Attendees: Barry Mason (Co-ordinator), Colin Hartridge-Price (Secretary), plus other unrecorded from the Council and Local Police

The main issues from meeting where:

The Lock It stickers have been put on bike racks by Community Wardens and have been widely distributed. A check will be made for any racks that have been missed.

You made a comment that the police have not delivered on Immobilise and that you want a definitive statement on the action that will be taken to rectify this. The police do not seem to be using Immobilise and many do not even know about it. A letter will be sent to the Government Office for London, and the issue raised with the Police Borough Commander.

Bike theft in Southwark has been going up steadily since a drop in April. May and June were each up 33% on 2005. Bike theft in July 2005 was very high, but the July 2006 figure was up 15% on that. Thefts are occurring mainly along the River.

The increase in bike theft has resulted in the Partnership Operations Group taking an interest. This should result in bike theft receiving higher attention.

153 bikes were stolen in Southwark in a two week period. About one third from homes and two thirds from the street.

Providing bike parking is likely to become a requirement for new planning approvals.

The Business Improvement District (BID) is funded by local businesses. For the Riverside Ward about 230 businesses pay a total to BID of £600,000 per annum. Cycle security is very high on the BID agenda.

TfL has confirmed it is willing to pay for cycle racks on council land by London Bridge Station. Roger Stocker is taking this forward. Southwark Cyclists has been trying for the last three years to have bike racks installed outside Evans Cycles on London Bridge, for which Evans Cycles would be willing to pay. This is TfL land and the lack of progress by TfL is appalling.

Large TV screens are to be installed at about 30 locations in Southwark. These will mainly be inside buildings. Consideration could be given to using these screens to display the cycle security film that featured at the Reinventing the Bike Shed exhibition.