

## Chair of Council Report by Councillor Teji Barnes

### London Road Safety Council Annual General Meeting 2019

Good morning to you all.

It is my privilege to read out my first Chair of council report after completing what can only be described as a very active and successful year.

After amalgamating our committees from four to three, our committee representatives increased and new members who are both Road Safety Officers and Elected Members have played an important part of decision making. They have played a pivotal part in progressing this Council to become a more recognised body for all aspects of road safety. Our new committee members have all worked together to discuss and implement changes while starting new projects and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work, particularly the two Chairs, Debbie Huckle and Alderman Alison Gowman.

Along with this we have held our training days for members: starting with our induction session in September 2018, where we had Bruce Walton from Agilysis to deliver MAST casualty data training, Ian Edwards presenting the E learning modules and Safer systems and Joe Stordy from TfL informing us all about the hot of the press 2017 casualty data.

We have had two Transport for London Vision Zero sessions presented by Simon Bradbury and his team including Stuart Reid and Cllr Keith Burrows which have raised the importance of changing the culture and fostering advocacy for The Mayor's initiative for our London boroughs. We thank them for their support.

We had The Road Safety Trust Facing the Future Conference held here in the winter which was again well supported. We had as many as ten speakers all delivering informative topics. The work that has gone into providing this information, (meeting boroughs and then showing the final data) has taken many hours of time and I would like to thank, Saul Jeavons, James Parker and especially Liz Knight for their uncompromising commitment.

Along with that our quarterly meetings have had to have the room extended as the footfall has grown so much which is very pleasing to see. During the quarterly meetings we have given time for our members to engage in new/innovative/thought provoking/current topics and training all around road safety for all.

In September Cycle Confident gave a presentation on the amazing work they do raising awareness of cycling and cycle training for schools, and families. In January, Rebecca Needham from ROSPA gave a presentation on Older Drivers and I gave a presentation on my reasons on extending the Theory test. In April we had David Maloney who spoke about the Junior Community Road Watch and straight after our R.S.O Lisa Mayo presented St Helens College and their Year 5, from Hillingdon on their school travel initiatives. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our grateful thanks to all our presenters and to the Corporation of London for their continued support in providing the council with accommodation at the Guildhall, in which to hold our meetings and training sessions.

We have also been going out to our boroughs to help in training them on engaging with motorcyclists, on site risk assessment and school crossing patrol training. Thank you, Chris King, for delivering this. Thanks also goes to Christine Fitzgerald for her invaluable input.

Our website has maintained a strong presence online thanks to Nick Rawlings, and Ed Seaman at Stennik. The site regularly receives interesting articles of various topics from all over the UK thanks to them. They have also helped us in creating our 2Wheels London website. I would like to give a special thanks to our Website, Sponsor Cycle Confident who have supported us for the last year and presented at the quarterly meeting and the conference.

Last but not least, I would like to mention our thanks to Fatima Ahmed and Carla Leowe for spending time bringing our accounts online so that we can keep up to date more effectively as I know this has not been an easy task. Finally, I am grateful for another chance to Chair this Council and maintain the profile we have worked hard to achieve.

Thank you.

Cllr Teji Barnes.