

Minutes of meeting on 9 August 2006 at 3pm

Camden Council - Dave Stewart; CCC - Jean Dollimore and John Chamberlain

News about Camden Council Officers who work on cycling issue

Dave is now working only three days a week (Wed-Fri), sharing his job with Maria Georgiou. Dave is still to be our main contact and leads on all LCN+ schemes. He gave us the following news of his team:

Suhed Aklas has moved to Hackney

Joanna Alker is on maternity leave

Liam White is working on the E-W route (SSL east of Marchmont Street)

Rama Rao is working on Ampton Street and will work on Link 27

Maria Georgiou will work generally on LCN+

Yetunde Owoyemi will work on Link 28 and also Kentish Town.

Sam Longman deals with policy and non-LCN routes

Consultations to discuss

Gordon Square zebra crossing

Dave showed us the drawing (Wajid Majid has taken over from Damian Wadley). This shows a buffer area for cyclists wishing to cross between the two-way cycle track and Woburn Square. This is achieved by providing a green area adjacent to the cycle track as an eastern extension of the hatched area to the east of the crossing as was discussed at the last meeting.

North South Route

Euston Road crossing - cyclist fatality.

The incident is still under investigation but one problem that may well have contributed is that eastbound vehicles on Euston Road block the path of cyclists who then attempt to cross between the vehicles in the queue, which can move at any time. Vehicles should be made to remain behind the stop line when the signals change.

CCC reported that David Braine had said that the current safety study on the junction of Link 28 and Euston Road will take this fatality into account. CCC also stated that the problem leading to this fatality should be noted in the CRISP data sheets for Link 28.

Baynes Street. The improved road layout was already in place by our April meeting. CCC repeated their opinion that the discipline of the two lanes and the change in angle of the Give Way line is an improvement when traffic is moving slowly, but less so at other times. And drivers seem unaware of the presence of the southbound cyclists.

At the April meeting Dave told us that Suhed Aklas was implementing the recommendations in the JMP and Sustrans reports. No further progress has been made since Suhed Aklas has left, but Dave will allocate someone to work on Baynes Street. Dave said some 955 signs had been commissioned for the bollards and that TTS had been asked for corrected push button panels.

CCC Action: John will go to the site and check the signs already in place and list those needed - John has already done that and has reported to Dave.

SSL progress report

Ampton Street

Dave told us that negotiations with the Housing Department are progressing well: the cycle lane has been formalised and two options have been presented to them (one has a straight cycle track, the other a bendy one). Both options would include humps to slow cyclists down. It is up to the Housing Department to decide which they prefer as this is housing land. Dave also showed us the design for the raised junction of Ampton Street and Ampton Place.

Marchmont Street- Judd Street

- The island has been built at the junction with Marchmont St. and the cycle track kerb laid as far as Judd Street.
- Marchmont junction - meeting with TTS next week to get installation date for signals.
- Judd Street junction: will be opened with a temporary arrangement pending signal work by TTS. Until the signals are installed, the cycle track in the Marchmont - Judd section may be closed to westbound cyclists.
- Regents Square - Sidmouth Street: work on the cycle lane (on the south side) will start by next year, possibly sooner.

CRISP plans

Link 27 - CRISP report received 26th July.

- Dave says £100K has been allocated for work in 2006/7.
- Work has already started on the contraflow lane in Montague Place linking Gower Street to Malet Street.
- Jean reported on meeting at TfL to discuss details of crossing of Hampstead Road at junction of Mornington Crescent and Hartington Square.
- CCC presented Buchanans' drawings of the junction of Royal College Street and Kentish Town Road on which the LCN+ team had consulted CCC. We stated that we are pleased with the proposed new geometry of the junction but expressed our concern about the left turn only lane on the northbound approach on Kentish Town Road. Dave stated that the lane should be left+straight ahead and this would improve capacity.

CCC Action: CCC to select from CRISP report things that can be done quickly and pass suggestions to Dave.

Link 28 - (north - south route)

- An extra meeting of all CRIM stakeholders has been arranged (30th August) to work on the Data sheets for the final report. Dave says this is largely a cost issue. They aim to finish the CRISP report by the end of Sept.
- Dave says £100 allocated to this one as well for work in 2006/7. CCC mentioned the urgency of starting work in Agar Place.

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Link 26 - (route 50, Avenue Road, Swiss Cottage etc) + Link 31 (Kilburn High Road to Westminster)

- Dave said that JMP have been commissioned (Greg Hart). The questionnaire will be sent out very soon.
- CCC said that they will be represented by Meade McCloughan (but Jean will also participate - she will be away from Sept 6th for a month and may miss the questionnaire, which Meade will deal with).

Link 29 - (Barker Drive - Kings Cross - Islington)

Dave said CCS may do this CRISP and Camden will aim for an October date.

Routes 6/6a in Westminster. (links 235 and 242)

CCC will participate. Dave said Camden Council will send a representative.

Outstanding actions from Minutes of April Meeting

Gated cycle lane at junction of Clerkenwell Road and Farringdon Road (west side).

Action: Dave to find out why the lane has been left and to look into how to reduce the danger (carried over from Dec).

Royal College Street

Action: Dave to get someone to fill in the small pit outside no 91.

Incorrect lines still to be removed and new lines to be painted properly

Plender Street - Dave will check the flashing lights which are out of order

We went through the following audits of completed schemes

Highgate Road/Gordon House Road Junction

Brecknock Primary School SRS

Marchmont/Bernard Streets EIS

CCC reiterated their position that Bernard Street should have been made no entry with a cycle plug rather than one way.

Castlehaven & Hawley Rd Open Space

Rhyl & Marsden St Open Space

Mansfield & Gordon House Road LSS (includes Lamble St cycle feeder)

CCC noted that the entry to the cycle gap from Mansfield Road is tight and Dave agreed to check it. CCC can ask Tom Allen about the speed cameras.

Action: Dave to check cycle gap

Huntley St Clear Zone Walking Route

CCC noted that the cycle left turn exemption is missing

Purchase St Zebra Crossing

AOB

Jean gave Dave a copy of an article on the three Tiger crossings that are to be installed in Aylesbury. From *Surveyor* 27th April 2006.