

Minutes of a CCC Meeting 8 March 2010

Present

Anne Boston (Chair), Jean Dollimore, Stefano Casalotti, Helen Vecht, John Chamberlain, Dominic Tinley (Members' meeting only), Alex McKinnell (Notes).

Apologies

Jane Boardman, Richard Fletcher, Meade McCloughan, Colleen Macaulay, James Brander.

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Jean Dollimore had exchanged e-mails with Alison Dines of ICAG (Islington Cyclist Action Group). It was agreed that we should participate. She mentioned that a cyclist had reported difficulties crossing from Tufnel Park Road into Fortress Road and highlighted the particular difficulty and danger of turning right from Dartmouth Hill into Fortress Road.

Transition Belsize Hustings

This would be at St Stephens Church at the Lyndhurst Road/Roslyn Hill junction at 7.30 on Wednesday 14 April 2010. The format was that at least two films (a film supplied by Transition Belsize and the film of the visit of the All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group to the Netherlands in April 2009 supplied by Camden Cyclists) would be shown, and the candidates for the Northern Constituency would then be asked how the contents of the films fitted in with their world view and that of their parties.

Stefano Casalotti will agree final details with Alexis Rowell, including: -

- A table at the back advertising the Camden Cycling Campaign; and
- Getting the film to Alexis.

Anne Boston would edit the CCC draft Manifesto, shortening and reducing the number of points.

AGM Speaker

Suggestions were Jeremy Corbyn, Ken Worpole, Tom Bogdanovitch, Christian Wolmar or Josie Drew.

Agreed to approach first Ken Worpole failing whom Jeremy Corbyn.

Temporary Floating Pontoon on Regents Canal by Kings Cross

John Chamberlain noted that during repairs to the towing path traffic (pedestrians and cyclists) had been diverted over pontoons secured adjacent to the works. He suggested that BWB be approached with a view to the pontoons being left permanently following the completion of the works, to afford a widened towing path at that point. After discussion it was agreed that we approach BWB.

Regents Park – Broad walk

It was noted that the extended trial of cycling on the Broad walk had ended. It was not known what the final outcome was.

Summer Fairs

Camley Street Fair will be on 24/25 April 2010. Stefano Casalotti has offered to give a presentation about cycling on 25 April 2010. We will also offer a stall and a Dr Bike. Stefano to contact Phil Paulo to make arrangements.

Primrose Hill 12 June 2010.

We would like to participate in other fairs, e.g. Marchmont Street and Inkerman Road.

Bikefest Arrangements and Cost (6 June 2010)

Stefano Casalotti indicated that this year money for the Green Fair was tight, and that consequently each participant (of which Bikefest was one) would have to finance itself if it were to go ahead. The main Bikefest expenses were bike parking and fencing. Bike shops were not interested in contributing. What was needed was a grant of between £1,000 and £2,000. Other suggestions were a grant from LCC, or a tax on motor vehicle movements. Stefano Casalotti would pursue all of these.

Members Meeting

We were joined by Greg Carson, George Coulouris, Charlie Kiss and Simon Pearson.

The arrangements for the Transition Belsize Hustings were outlined. Greg Carson offered to put time in to the meeting with Alexis Rowell to finalise details. Stefano Casalotti would contact Alexis Rowell to set this up with Greg Carson and any one else interested.

Ian Clarke and Owen King of the London Traffic Free Neighbourhoods Project gave a presentation on the work of the project. The project was exploring what had to be done to make the area bounded by Euston Road, Woburn Place, Guilford Street and Grays Inn Road free from motor vehicle traffic, with residents no longer having cars parked outside their accommodation. A similar development in Freiburg in Bavaria was quoted. The meeting thought that the aims of the project were laudable, if fraught with obstacles.

Gosia Karosko gave details of a BSc project she was participating in which sought to compare cyclists' saddle heights with back pain experienced, and to determine whether there was any link between them. She handed out forms for use by any members wishing to participate.

Next Meeting

No meeting in April 2010 (Transition Belsize Hustings instead). The next meeting would be on Monday 10 May 2010 at Primrose Hill Community Association, 29 Hopkinson's Place, London NW1 8TN. Business Meeting at 6.30 followed, by the AGM at 7.30. Chair Dominic Tinley.