

## Notes of a Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting 14 June 2010

### **PRESENT**

Jean Dollimore (Chair), Anne Boston, James Brander (Members' Meeting only), Stefano Casalotti, Meade McCloughan, Helen Vecht, Alex McKinnell (Notes).

### **APOLOGIES**

John Chamberlain, Colleen McCauley.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 MAY 2010**

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### **MATTERS ARISING**

Henrietta Gooden had expressed an interest in joining the Committee following an e-mail circulated by Jean Dollimore.

Noted that the Marchmont Street festival was fixed for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Anne Boston and Meade McCloughan agreed to run a stall, ideally with a Dr Bike if one was available to volunteer his or her services.

### **SKY RIDE**

Noted that the Mayor of London's Sky Ride had been fixed for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The format appeared to be similar to that in 2009, with LCC organising a feeder ride from Swiss Cottage. Agreed to tell LCC that CCC was happy to help, and to ask how many marshals they needed.

### **MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF 2010**

It was agreed to cancel the July meeting.

Chairs for the remaining 2010 meetings were agreed as follows: -

August	Jean Dollimore
September	Stefano Casalotti
October	Anne Boston
November	Helen Vecht
December	John Chamberlain

It was agreed to ask Ken Worpole to be the speaker for the October meeting.

## **GREEN CRISP**

Camden Consulting Services (CCS) on behalf of London Borough of Camden had sought to propose a cycle route across Camden (East-West) which was an alternative to the Regent's Canal towpath. With their questionnaire they proposed five alternatives to the canal towpath route. See the map at:

<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/camden/crisps/green-crisp-2010/Questionnaire%20map.pdf>

As this would be far too complex for a Cycle Route Inspection Meeting (CRIM), LCC had commissioned a preliminary report, which was written by Rik Andrew and Jean Dollimore. See:

<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/camden/crisps/green-crisp-2010/Green%20CRISP%20Camden%20%28prelim%29%20June%202010.pdf>

Feedback was sought on this report, which recommended that this Cycle Route Implementation and Stakeholder Plan (CRISP) should focus on options B (Delancey Street-Pratt Street), C (Plender Street-Mornington Street) and the critical section around Camden Lock/Town, in that order, but also that the towpath access points should be upgraded, particularly at Kentish Town Road. The meeting agreed with the above and noted that options A, D and E (a) were circuitous, (b) would require significant engineering work to enable cyclists to get on and off the towpath and (c) the Camden Town section of option A is very congested and includes several impossible crossings. It was agreed that CCC would identify places where the towpath should be widened, and submit these to CCS.

## **MEMBERS' MEETING**

George Coulouris joined us.

## **BIKE CLUBS**

Frances Challoner, Bike Club Officer for London gave a presentation on Bike Clubs, a new cycling project for youth clubs. The project's objective was to promote cycling by 10 to 20 year olds and in particular to encourage children and young people to use cycling as a means of transport so that they could take part in activities after the school day, to make cycling part of young people's lives and to help them to discover the freedom which cycling brings. The project could help with framing constitutions for bike clubs and could help with matched funding (not for salaries), with a limit of £2,000 per club.

Frances indicated that she was on a six-month contract, but funding for her post was assured for two years.

Stefano said that he would fax Frances a copy of his schools contact list.

## **BIKE WEEK**

The Bike Week programme was: -

- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm – Dr Bike at West Hampstead Library – James Brander.
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010 11.00 am – Parks Ride from the Garden Café on the Inner Circle in Regent’s Park – James Brander.
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 from 8.00 am – Bicyclists’ Breakfast at Ossulton Street – Jane Boardman.
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 – 11.00 am to 3.00 pm – CCC stall in Fitzroy Square – James Brander.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010 10.00 for 10.30 – Camden Périphérique (All round Camden Bike Ride) from Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, NW1 – Paul Braithwaite. There would be a bike check from 9.30 am.

### **SUMMER RIDES**

George Coulouris introduced 3 possible options and 2 possible dates for his August Ride. It was agreed that the ride should be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August from Harlington to Bedford, calling at the Shuttleworth Collection (30 miles in all).

### **PLANNING WHAT TO DO NEXT**

Anne Boston raised Islington CC’s account in the June/July *London Cyclist* of getting more cyclists involved by sending out a questionnaire to all members asking about their local interests and then organising a ride round the borough to point out sites where council action was needed. It is expected that these people might become interested in helping with their own local area. Anne agreed to find out from Islington CC how they had organised their ‘Veloteer’ event.

There was discussion lead by Stefano on finding out a bit about what members want. Should we have more social activities? More rides? A speaker every other month?

These matters would be raised again at the next meeting (September).

### **NEXT MEETING**

Please note no meeting in July.

Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – Chair Jean Dollimore.