

Notes of a CCC Meeting on 18 February 2013

PRESENT

Jean Dollimore (Chair), James Brander, Angela Hobsbaum, Geoff Stilwell, Helen Vecht, Alex McKinnell (Notes).

Also George Coulouris.

APOLOGIES

John Chamberlain, Stefano Casalotti, Meade McCloughan (present for Members Meeting).

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 JANUARY 2013

OK.

MATTERS ARISING

- Cllr Phil Jones, Cabinet Member for Sustainability, told Stefano Casalotti that Camden is not yet ready to commit to making a pledge at the HGV event on 21 March 2013;
- George Coulouris had investigated projectors that were available. The one that most suited our needs was a portable and light projector with an output of 500 lumens and a cost of about £450. Agreed to proceed with purchase subject to clearance from Meade McCloughan. Meade agreed later in the meeting;
- Jean Dollimore had prepared a list of priority streets to be made two ways for cycling and had ranked these. The canal alternative route via Pratt Street – Delancey Street was at the top of the list because it also helps with the lack of permeability eastbound across Camden Town and canal improvements were flavour of the month and that there was therefore a good prospect of obtaining money for them. This item also includes a ‘Camden Lock bypass route’ and some requests for ramp access. It was argued that ramp access was not of such high priority as other items lower in the list, which would reallocate road space to cyclists. On the other hand our schemes should sometimes benefit other people (e.g. pedestrians and people with prams and push chairs). After discussion Jean agreed to note that “ramp access is of not of such high priority as most of the on-road measures below, but we would welcome their implementation, particularly though Section 106 funding”.

For the suggested cycle route south of the Euston Road the only feasible route made use of Woburn Place, currently pedestrianised with cafés and outside tables, not really suitable for cycling. Should we accept “Cyclists Dismount” signs on this section? On balance it was agreed that we should.

CANAL ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

Jean Dollimore and Angela Hobsbaum reported on a further meeting with Rosie Tharp and Brian Deegan.

LOVE LONDON GO DUTCH ASSESSMENT MATRIX

George Coulouris tabled a draft Go Dutch assessment matrix prepared by the LCC Policy Group. LCC head office needed agreement about what Go Dutch meant on the ground, and the matrix was a scheme to do this. The 10 principles originally enumerated had each been expanded, and each expanded principle had columns with grades (either numerical (1 – 3) or traffic light (red, yellow or green)) indicating the extent to which a proposed scheme met the expanded Go Dutch criteria. Local groups could use the matrix. George sought feedback. One point made was that the draft did not seem to indicate the extent to which cyclists were kept clear of door zones. Comments to George please.

George agreed to use the draft matrix to see how the proposed Royal College Street scheme met Go Dutch principles.

SCHOOLS

No further progress yet.

Noted that at Brookfield Primary School a parent would like some cycling event to happen. John Chamberlain had agreed to hold a Dr Bike.

SIDINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Geoff Stilwell reported on a meeting with Richard Riddle regarding cycle training at the Sidings. There was pressure for cycle training for children in the school holidays, and also for returning adults. April 2013 had been designated cycling month. The problem was that the Sidings had no bikes for pupils to use. It was suggested that these might be borrowed from the Castlehaven Road Centre.

Geoff Stilwell reported on a cycle training level 1 course he had attended.

CHAIRS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Agreed as follows: -

15 April 2013	Meade McCloughan,
20 May 2013 (AGM)	George Coulouris,
17 June 2013	Angela Hobsbaum,
15 July 2013	Geoff Stilwell,
19 August 2013	Alexandre Santacreu.

MEMBERS MEETING

Ben Edmonds and Paul Braithwaite joined us.

20 MPH CONSULTATION

Angela Hobsbaum distributed copies of Camden's consultation document. To be considered responses had to be back with Camden by 25 March 2013.

HGV's

Charlie Lloyd, LCC's Campaign Officer gave a presentation on reducing the dangers from HGV's.

Afterwards Charlie took questions from the meeting.

Jean thanked him heartily on behalf of the meeting, with a round of applause.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 18 March 2013 at Primrose Hill Community Centre, 29 Hopkinson's Place
NW1 8TN – Chair Helen Vecht.