

## Minutes of Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting

March 18 2013. Primrose Hill Community centre

Present Helen Vecht (Chair), Angela Hobsbaum, John Chamberlain, Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, David Arditti, James Brander, Stefano Casalotti (minutes) and Katie Morris

### **Business meeting (6:30-7:30)**

Matter Arising from the previous meeting

The committee thanked George for purchasing a data projector using CCC's funds. It can take a USB stick thus not necessitating a laptop for simple slide presentations. It is small, very portable, uses LED light (lower energy consumption) Price £450.

Agenda items:

#### 1 Hampstead Summer Fair

Angela : The fair will be on 30 June with the closure of Heath Street. CCC has been asked to organise small rides. **Action:** John to speak Stephen Taylor about possible short local rides . Angela would coordinate the CCC stall

#### 3 Junctions Review

Jean: At a meeting between Camden Council and TfL, it was recognised that TfL review process could be improved by involving councils at an earlier stage, e.g. before and at the Design Review Group (DRG). TfL currently consult with LCC before the DRG but often go right to consultation before involving the local council. Swiss Cottage roundabout has been reviewed twice and it is being prioritised and Camden is involved. Camden will be designing two of the junctions for TfL (Camden Road/Royal College Street and Cobden junction)

#### 4 Planning for AGM.

Cllr Phil Jones (Camden Cabinet member for Sustainability) has been invited as a speaker. **Action:** Jean to contact Phil Jones to confirm his attendance Need to publicise event. **Action** Stefano to send email about his intention to step down from the role of joint coordinator and invite nominations.

#### 5 Brookfield Primary school

John and Angela visited the school, did a Dr bike. and talked to parents would like cycle training to be offered at an earlier age (before year 5) and would

also appreciate help in organising short rides.

#### 6) 20 mph Consultation

Angela continued in her efforts to encourage residents to respond to the 20mph consultation. Angela discussed it with several parents at Brookfield and on other occasions. In her conversation she encourages people to also look at the informative pages that Jean has put on our website.

#### Main Meeting (7:30-9:00)

We were joined by David Thomas and Ben Edmonds

#### 7) The Mayor's Cycling Strategy for London

Jean gave a presentation on the mayor's new cycling strategy. Here are some of the highlights and points of discussion.

- The position of Boris Johnson, Peter Henry were summarised
- Camden's Royal College street new plan is used as a positive example at the beginning of the strategy document
- David commented that although the committed money is not enough, the positive aspect of the strategy is that it is not about cycle promotion, but it is about providing space to enable cycling. The concept of segregation on the network of main roads is finally being accepted.
- Other positive comments about the strategy: improved junctions, higher grade super cycle highway
- The expansion of cycle hire was questioned, but cost benefit analysis considered positive.
- 'Quiet ways' (cycle routes through green spaces and quiet roads) were considered useful if permeability is also part of the scheme (i.e. maintaining direct lines of travel)
- HGV policy is included which reduces the need for the LCC campaign
- Overall it was felt that it was a promising plan. Jean was thanked for summarising the strategy which allowed the group to be more prepared for the April's meeting when Andrew Gilligan, the cycling commissioner for London will present the Mayor's Strategy.

#### 8) BikeWeek

Bike week 2013 will be 16-23 June

Camden events:

- Camden Peripherique ride will be on June 16
- Camden Cyclists breakfast June 19 (Ossulston Rd)
- Ice cream ride Sat 22 (**Action:** Need to identify coordinator)

#### 9) London green Fair

LGF will be held on 8-9 June in Regents park

**Action:** Stefano to liaise with LGF and LCC regarding stall

#### 10) Cycle parking

Suggestions are needed for location of on-carriageways bicycle parking.

**Action:** The following people will look for places:

Ben Edmonds - Highgate Road

John Chamberlain - Fortress Road

Stefano Casalotti - Haverstock and Rosslyn Hill

Meade McCloughan - West end Lane (Jean to ask him)

It was also suggested that more cycle hoops should be deployed .

#### 11) Next meeting

April 22 . Meade to chair.

Speaker : Andrew Gilligan, the new Cycling Commissioner for London

Action: publicise on CNJ

#### Summary of actions

Ref	Action	Responsibility
Mar 1.1	Contact Stephen Taylor about rides for Hampstead fair	John
Mar 4.1	Contact Phil Jones about attending Apri meeting	Jean
Mar 4.2	Email Yahoo group about resignation	Stefano
Mar 8.1	Ice cream ride: identify coordinator	Committee
Mar 9.1	London Green Fair: coordinate between LCC and LGF	Stefano
Mar 10.1	Identify on carriageway cycle parking in: Highgate Road Fortress Road Haverstock and Rosslyn Hill West End Lane	Ben John Stefano Meade