

Minutes of CCC Committee Meeting

16th June 2014

Present

Angela Hobsbaum (Chair), Jean Dollimore, John Chamberlain, Meade McCloughan, Helen Vecht, Stefano Casalotti, Steven Edwards, Ben Edmonds, George Coulouris, David Arditti, James Brander, Geoff Stilwell (Minutes).

1. Apologies

Meade apologised as he would have to leave early before the main meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting 19th May 2014

Approved

3. Matters Arising

From item **5.4**: George and John Hartley had attended a meeting of the **Crossing Kings Cross** group. George had commented on a report document produced by the group that it did not have an awareness of cycling issues. George reported that the report had been improved.

4. West End Project

A **public meeting** has been planned for Monday 30th June 2014 at the Indian YMCA, Fitzroy Square, 7-9pm. Phil Jones would introduce the project and John Futchter would speak in more detail.

George had booked a room with capacity for 40 people. The larger room would be too large and cost £250.

The event was advertised on Yahoo Groups and Cyclescape. Hope to attract Reps from Living Streets, LCC and other cycling lobbies.

David commented that the plans available on the website were not detailed enough to make considered judgement. Jean would ask for more detailed plans to be published.

An exhibition would be at The Building Centre on 19th June (10 am - 5pm) and 7th July (5-8pm)

5. Infrastructure Issues

- 5.1 George had initiated a **web tool** to allow us to keep track of projects. The **Category** column would be used for noting the status of the project. The committee would be given **Edit** rights and would be trusted not to delete.
- 5.2 **Swiss Cottage Meeting**: Jean and Angela had attended a meeting with TfL and Camden officers to discuss plans for Swiss Cottage gyratory and CS11 which is to run down Avenue Road. The plans showed a two-way east-west cycle crossing but failed to show how it would link in to the proposed Quietway through Swiss Cottage Market on the east side and down a ramp to Swiss Terrace on the west side. Five options were shown out of which CCC were asked to select 2 to progress further. Jean asked for criteria beyond those in the CCC proposal; Meade suggested that cycling infrastructure to support an east-west route from Adelaide to Hillgrove Road had priority over Finchley Road.
<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/info/transport-forum/CCC%20position%20on%20CS11%20and%20Swiss%20Cottage.pdf>

- 5.3 **Outer Circle:** At the same meeting, TfL reported that discussions about Outer Circle were proceeding with Royal Parks and other stakeholders.

6. Local Election Follow-up

- 6.1 Paul Braithwaite had given Jean approximately 20 email addresses he had acquired from people supporting the 'Asks' for the Canteloves ward. It was proposed that we get in touch with them inviting them to a meeting or to join us in some way. Angela & Steven would action this.
- 6.2 Steven reported that he would attend the LCC forum on 18th July.
- 6.3 Stephen would also ask Amy (LCC) for email addresses from that had 'Taken Action' in the Kilburn, West Hampstead and Fortune Green Wards.

7. Bike Week Events

- 7.1 Geoff had attended the **Swiss Cottage Library** this afternoon (16th June) and set up the display with CCC Posters and lists of bike week events plus some leaflets for taking away. Angela would attend tomorrow (Tues 17th)
- 7.2 Angela would be attending the **Regents Park** Dr Bike event Thurs 19th
- 7.3 **Cyclist Breakfast** was all in hand for Weds 18th.
- 7.4 John would man Dr Bike in **Holmes Road** Sat 21st (and Jean will join him).

8. Fairs/Festivals

- 8.1 **Queens Square:** It was thought that this would be a useful fair to attend to advertise the Clerkenwell Boulevard campaign.
- 8.2 **Somerstown:** James would run a Dr Bike session with Stefano possibly helping.
- 8.3 The **Bloomsbury** and **Jester** festivals were not thought to be sufficiently worthwhile. The **Kilburn** festival had been cancelled due to lack of funding.

9. Future Meetings and Chairs

Meeting	Chair	Topic...
July	John	
August	Meade	
September	Stefano	
October	Geoff	possibly at Sidings with Police
November	Helen	
December	?	Seasonal

Meade would be attending a meeting with the police soon and would try and re-book them for the October meeting at Sidings.

Angela asked that we think about topics/speakers for these meetings.

Main Meeting

Present: Those listed above (except Meade) plus Paul Braithwaite, Oliver Lewis, Alexandre Levashev, Anthea Zarifis, Simon & Luke Pearson.

Paul Braithwaite had not been re-elected as a councillor and was standing down as Camden's Cycling Champion.

He was thanked for his eight years of work and presented with a gift of a book of photographs and a bottle of wine from CCC.

Paul introduced the new Cycling Champion: Oliver Lewis, councillor in the Highgate Ward. He is a keen cyclist and an advocate of children cycling to school.

Ben Knowles – Cycling to School Officer

Ben spoke of his appointment to conduct a project over three years to increase the number of children cycling to school. The project would focus on two areas: Tufnell Park and Somerstown.

Somerstown is an area of deprivation where the need for more activity and exercise is important. Working with UCL, Ben is aiming for a more cycle-friendly area, more east-west routes where the mainline stations were a barrier and better ways of crossing main roads.

The 3 things Ben would provide for the children would be

- i. Skills
- ii. Arguments (for children to give to their parents)
- iii. Infrastructure

In Tufnell Park (TP) the Junction is the main issue with the area. A feasibility study had been actioned. As TP is on the border of Camden and Islington both boroughs would have to be involved.

A circular route around TP Junction was proposed that would join several schools including Ackland Burghley, Eleanor Palmer, Holloway, The Bridge, Tufnell Park & Yerbury Schools.

Questions were asked about the risks of children cycling to school especially at primary age. Ben stated that the health benefits far outweighed the risks. Statistically, an increase in cycling to school also resulted in an increase in walking to school. Part of the project was to risk assess and plan strategies and infrastructure to mitigate the risks.

Ben was working with a number of departments/agencies including the Design Team and the Smarter Travel Team. In schools he works with the head and a junior member of staff. Cycle parking in schools was an issue that also needed to be tackled.

Ben asked the meeting for volunteers to help with the training of children in school. The volunteers would not need to be qualified trainers but just experienced cyclists. They would be working with Ben and following his lead.