

# Minutes of Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting. 10 May 2003.

Present: Daniel Glaser (chair), James Brander, Stefano Casalotti, David Arditti, Paul Gannon, Jean Dollimore (minutes). Apologies: Jane Boardman, Paul Gasson.

## 1. Reassignment of tasks

In order to lighten Paul Gasson's work load, committee members have agreed to take on the following tasks:

*Consultations* are divided among four people:

- Jane to be responsible for Hampstead and Belsize
- James to have Camden Town and Kentish Town
- Stefano to have West Hampstead and King's Cross area
- Daniel to look after Bloomsbury and Fitzrovia

Paul will receive all the documents and scan them, in then forward each one to the person responsible.

*News:* Jean is taking on news production for the mailing list and web site and the Borough news.

*Meetings:* ask Paul to forward messages to Daniel who will be responsible for getting one of us to attend. These meetings are mainly ad-hoc and may include CPEG, LCN+, Borough Cycling Officers Group, London Government Association (ALG) and Sceptre, most of which are usually attended by Paul Gannon.

## 2. Kings Cross cycle arrangements

Daniel is still trying to arrange a meeting with Tony Antonio (responsible for transport integration at TfL). As to the new track in Pancras Road; the width is alright, but there are lamp posts and a BT junction box in the middle. There are no cycle markings. Daniel will give the map to Paul Gasson. This track, which does not link up with other routes should be discussed with the officers at the next meeting.

## 3. Cyclists to lobby local councillors

CCC has been warned by the council officers that the Kings Cross Councillors are against the section of SSL to the east of Judd Street, which will be considered by the Executive Committee Environment Sub Group on 17th June 2003. James has already tried to get these councillors to attend our April and May meetings. He will invite Barbara Hughes community safety officer to our June meeting to give a presentation and then to join a discussion on 'how cyclists can contribute to public safety'. See below.

We need individual members of CCC who live in the Kings Cross ward to attend the councillors surgeries. James will send individual letters to CCC members in that ward but there should be no general message on the CCC mailing list.

Paul Gannon has invited John Thane to meet with members of the committee, but has not yet had a reply.

## 4. Speakers for future meetings

James has already invited Rose Ades for the June or September meeting, but this is not yet decided.

James will try to get either Barbara Hughes or Rose Ades for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Roger Geffen of CTC was later mentioned as a possible speaker.

## 5. Bike Fest

Stefano initiated a discussion on how to distribute the post cards. He has 10,000 of them of which about three quarters will be distributed with London Cyclist. The remainder will be distributed to cyclists by attaching them to bicycles with rubber bands. David suggested distribution to a school in the area via the school head. We are also preparing labels with publicity material for the rest of Bike Week to attach to the postcards.

Stefano has prepared a presentation on CCC that he would like to have made up as a series of A3 laminated posters for Bike Fest. He will send a pdf file of the presentation to each of us to give him feedback.

There are four feeder rides to Bike Fest.

Stefano is trying to contact the cycle policemen that he met on critical mass to come to Bike Fest.

Dr. Bike – will not fix bikes, just give advice based on a check list.

We decided to invite Simpsons to come – BikeFix don't mind.

## 6. Report on Borough group Forum May 6<sup>th</sup>

Jean reported that a large part of the meeting was a presentation on bike week by Frances Hoy ([media@bikeweek2003.info](mailto:media@bikeweek2003.info)). She is able to help local groups with media contacts and spoke to Stefano at the conference on Saturday. The meeting was impressed with Stefano's poster and post card and saw Bike Fest as an exciting event.

Borough group mailings will be bi-monthly (instead of monthly) in the future, but Tom Bogdanowicz will send out event-driven emails from time-to-time.

Insurance certificates to be sent out. We should clarify what this covers us for (e.g. mending bikes).

Tom B (Campaigns manager update): LCN+ design manual will be sent during May for our consultation. LCN+ pilot study in Barking/Dagenham will report to CPEG and the resulting method be used for other routes. Outcomes of LCN+ sector meetings will be reported back to borough coordinators. They want volunteers to help write cycling manifesto for GLA and European elections in 2004. Only 4 people wanted to go to the training day which was cancelled – they will try to have another in the autumn. Next meetings 10 Sept and 4 Dec.

## 7. AOB

### 'Look bike – look forward'

Roger Geffen of CTC wants interested people to attend a brainstorming session on July 12. The results of this meeting will inform CTC's 5 year strategy.

### Car Free Day.

This will be Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> (a Monday). The preceding week is 'mobility week'

## Members Meeting

Present: just the above. Apologies: Mayer Hillman, George Coulouris, Andrew Conway.

## 8. Treasurers Report

James reported that CCC has £3760 in the bank, including £2000 for the Camley Street/Agar Grove study. There will be £3000 for Bike Fest and Green Fair – but the cheque still has not arrived at James' house – it will be delivered by bike. We suggested items to buy: a trailer (demonstrates utility bikes), a stand (for Dr. Bike).

## 9. Seven Stations Consultation

Daniel outlined the scheme as described on the consultation document. Our main points are:

- the document states that the track east of Judd Street is to be 2 metres wide (although officers have promised it would be 2.5 metres).
- at the junction with Judd Street there will be an all green phase for pedestrians and cycles. This will cause conflict between bikes and pedestrians. Daniel will ask to see proposed phasing arrangements for the junction.
- alignments should not be too tight

Daniel will talk to the Islington Group about Skinner Street

## 10. Somers Town Route

Many cyclists have been waylaid by groups of teenagers in the Purchase Street area. We will ask for the area to be patrolled between 5 and 7 pm by police cyclists and Street Wardens and enquire about the possibility of CCTV on Purchase Street. Daniel will discuss this with Gerry Harrison.

## 11. AOB. Lady Margaret Road Parking

Paul Gannon told us about the CPZ consultation on the East Kentish Town area, in which they wish to introduce diagonal parking outside the church in Lady Margaret Road. The plan stipulates parking with the rear end of cars at the pavement, but we don't believe that is enforceable. We discussed the relative dangers of coming down the hill and being run into by a reversing car and of having car doors opened. Paul Gannon is dealing with this consultation.

Next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Apologies from Jean.

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