

## **Minutes of Camden Cyclists Committee Meeting 15th June 2015**

Present: Jean Dollimore (JD) (chair), Angela Hobsbaum (AH), Helen Vecht (HV), Ursule Thurnherr (UT), Ben Edmonds (BE), Steven Edwards (SE), Geoff Stilwell (GS), George Coulouris (GC), John Chamberlain (JC) (minutes)

### **0.1 Apologies**

Meade McCloughan and Stefano Casalotti

### **0.2 New Committee Member**

We welcomed Ursule Thurnherr, our new committee member

### **0.3 Minutes of May 18th**

Approved as accurate

#### **1. Matters Arising**

3.1 - Vernon Place Safety Assessment: this now is to take place on June 17th.

5 - BikeWeek:

Cyclists' Breakfast details confirmed: food from cafe, Dr Bike and police cycle marking arranged by Camden.

Peripherique details confirmed: 4 cycle trainers as additional marshals, police support. JC to lead, AH to work up short guide.

7 - Bikehangers: Camden have contacted 5 requesting groups and will move forward.

#### **2. Gospel Oak Inspection Ride**

SE reported on this ride, which took place on June 13th, the first day of Bike Week. 6 cyclists showed up and 11 specific locations were visited, mostly on the Fleet Road gyratory system. We discussed Steven's proposal to campaign for 2-way traffic on Fleet Road with buses and cycles only on Agincourt Road but felt that permeability for cycles was more important. Two way cycling on all roads will be a minimum. Other suggestions were for minor improvements (e.g. road surface) better signage on the route through Lismore Circus route (bypassing Mansfield Road), filtering of Savernake Road, closure of Oak Village (E) at Mansfield Road and a one-way system for motors under the rail bridges on Gordon House Road. **Action: SE/JD to produce a complete report.** See <http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2015/06/gospel-oak-inspection-ride/>

#### **3. Quarterly Meeting with Camden**

JD reported on the main topics which were the plans for Royal College Street and its extensions, the Delancey-Pratt E-W route, Midland Road and St Marks' Square. The trial to add a separate cycle lane in Tavistock Place by making it one-way for motor vehicles is delayed due to TfL insisting on computer modelling. JD also reported on work she is doing to propose measures for the junctions on Gower Street and the Kentish Town rat-runs. See report at <http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2015/06/minutes-of-quarterly-meeting-with-camden-officers-june-2105/>

#### **4. Space for Cycling**

AH reported that Sarah Hayward was not available to receive the S4C petition at the Cyclists' Breakfast. As the Tavistock Place trial is delayed, JD suggested asking for a deputation to the next Council Meeting and this was approved. **Action: AH to apply for deputation.**

## 5. Tufnell Park Cycle to Work

AH reported that she had had 16 requests for help in finding good routes to work from the Tufnell Park area. Some of these were happy with the route suggested by the CycleStreets route planner and did not need further help, and she was assigning mentors to the others. GC reported on his experience leading a cyclist to the City. **Action: AH to continue to monitor and assign mentors.**

## 6. Traffic Monitoring in Dartmouth Park

AH reported on Camden Council's traffic survey on four streets in the Dartmouth Park area (Chetwynd Rd, York Rise, Churchill Rd and Spencer Rise) in response to a petition from Stephen King. Chetwynd Road had high volumes but low speeds. Roy Turner at Camden says these levels are unacceptable and will propose filtering measures (possibly tidal as on Grafton Rd). We should ask for a meeting to discuss the findings. Measures should be part of a wider scheme to avoid merely displacing traffic. **Action: AH to arrange meeting.**

## 7. Construction Management Plans

John Hartley and Richenda Walford had raised the issue of contractors not complying with Construction Management Plans and the lack of support from Camden on this. This specifically relates to HGVs leaving the main road network and using local roads to gain access to construction sites, with no marshals at road junctions. AH felt we should get involved; JC commented that we do sometimes get involved at the time the CMP is written but this is on an ad-hoc basis and that we don't have a method to enforce the agreements other than to complain to Camden.

## 8. Plans for Future Meetings

Rakesh Chander Nair was no longer available for the July meeting at Sidings; JC suggested that we run a Dr Bike session instead, GC suggested a discussion on West End Lane. **Action: GS/AH to decide**

## Members' Meeting

We were joined by John Dales, Eugene Regis, Dan Philips, John Lowe, David Arditti, Stefano Casalotti and three members of ICAG: Tom Harrison, Tabitha Tanqueray and Nick Kocharhook. There were three items:

1. AH reminded members of the planned BikeWeek activities
2. John Dales gave a very well-received talk entitled 'A Vision for Cycling through Holborn' where he showed visualisations of how Theobalds and Clerkenwell Roads might look. John is a traffic engineer and founder of Urban Movement, also chair of the Transport Planning Society and a trustee of Living Streets. See separate write-up at <http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2015/06/a-vision-for-the-cycle-route-through-holborn-john-dales/>
3. ICAG showed a video they had made arguing for filtering on the proposed Quietway through Islington - see video at [New Islington Quietway](#)