

Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting



Monday 24th April 2017
23 Torriano Cottages, NW5

Minutes

Committee Meeting

Attending: Helen Vecht, John Chamberlain, Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris (chair), Steven Edwards, Sean Howes, Geoff Stilwell, Eugene Regis and Meade McCloughan (minutes).

Apologies: Angela Hobsbaum, Ben Edmonds and Ursule Thurnherr.

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1. Minutes of the last meeting, 20th March 2017: these were accepted as correct.
 2. Matters arising:
 - a. Bank signatories: Helen and John have now been added to the signature list - now just need to have some payments for them to authorize!
 - b. Proposals for a Liveable Neighbourhood scheme in Camden: Sean to email Simon at LCC and ask if this initiative is going ahead and if so how we should proceed.
 - c. Bikehangers: John has reconnoitered the sites - all seem to be ready for installation except at Westbere Road. We are now looking at the next tranche from the 2015 consultation.
 - d. Feeder ride for Freecycle, Saturday 29th July: John is dealing with this.
 3. Finances: Meade spoke to the draft treasurer's report previously circulated. Specific points:
 - a. We will need to scale down our request for funds from Camden Council for 2017 bike week events in light of the underspend in 2016-17.
 - b. We will need to claim the (modest) grant from LCC for 2017-18.
 - c. Meade to draw up a budget for 2017-18 and circulate amongst the committee by email (needs to be sent into LCC by the end of May).
 - d. The treasurer's report was then approved and will be presented to the AGM.
 - e. Steven reminded us that a prospective donor has offered to provide/raise funds for specific campaigning projects.

- f. Geoff asked about using some of the 'Bike Bus' funds to buy a 'tag along' for use on rides; the problem would be where to store it. Geoff to continue to investigate the possibility of arranging secure storage at Sidings.
- 4. Quarterly meeting with LB Camden officers:
 - a. Delancey/Pratt: the re-routing of the 31 bus via Greenland Road will require a fresh consultation.
 - b. Royal College Street northern extension: snags being resolved slowly.
 - c. St Mark's Square: the Council cannot proceed with this at present, largely as a result of opposition from the local vicar. Sean to see whether pressure could be applied via the church hierarchy.
- 5. Tavistock Place Public Enquiry: waiting for the appointment of the Inspector; otherwise, to keep talking to Phil Jones (e.g. at forthcoming AGM).
- 6. Briefing for Gospel Oak by-election candidates:
 - a. Sean updated us on the results of his contacts with the candidates; once responses from all of them are in, Helen to communicate via e-newsletter.
 - b. Eugene to assist in getting the Labour Party candidate to respond.
 - c. Agreed that we use the first three pages as the basis for a similar briefing for the 2018 council elections.
- 7. Bike Week = 10th-18th June:
 - a. Cyclists Breakfast = Wednesday 14th June: Helen to lead on organizing, specifically contacting Somers Town Community Centre and Paul Davis at Camden Council. Sean and Steven offered to help on the day; other volunteers we could approach = Susan Seymour, Mary Cruickshank
 - b. Ride All Round Camden (peripherique) = Sunday 18th June: John and Geoff to talk to Julian Fulbrook about a modified route plan
 - c. Paul Davis may have other events up his sleeve.
- 8. LCC's proposals for reorganising the workflows for consultation responses and auditing of completed schemes (including the abolition of IRG/JRG): discussion postponed as we haven't yet received the proposals.
- 9. The upcoming General Election: Eugene to email the committee with some suggestions about what we could do.
- 10. Topics, speakers & chairs for future meetings:
 - a. 15th May = AGM: Meade to chair, Jean to take minutes; Helen to organize refreshments, John to put Meade in touch with Cllr Jones, John to liaise with Angela about the Co-ordinator's Report.
 - b. 19th June: Steven to chair, no speaker.
 - c. 17th July: Jean to chair, speaker = Clare Rogers, Enfield Cycling Campaign
 - d. 21st August: Sean to chair.

11. AOB:

- a. CS11: Eugene was able to report that there appeared to be progress with respect to the Regent's Park gate closures.
- b. Will Norman and Quietway 3: it was agreed that we invite the new Walking and Cycling Commissioner to ride Quietway 3. Sean to draft the invitation, in conjunction with David Arditti, Brent Cyclists, and John to send it once ready. Sean to set up a doodle poll to establish everyone's availability.
- c. Sean volunteered to produce a guide on active membership, e.g. aiming at each meeting to have an action point for all members.

Main Meeting

Attendance: as above + Rachel Wrangham ([Camden Air Action](#)).

Rachel highlighted some of the key statistics to emerge so far from Camden Air Action's continuing monitoring project, e.g. that 61% of Camden schools are exposed to illegal levels of nitrogen dioxide. The next steps for the campaign are (a) publicizing its findings, and (b) seeing what interested people and groups, such as Camden Cycling Campaign, want to do. To an extent this has to be keyed to what the Council and local schools can themselves do. One approach would be to focus on particular areas and then come up with specific recommendations, e.g. school gate closures, [Healthy Schools](#)-like programmes, [Play Streets](#), road closures, etc. Sean offered to follow this up with Rachel.

Rachel also raised the issue of the oversupply of parking permits and over-provision of parking spaces, and suggested that the Council be pressed to commit itself either to reducing the numbers (e.g. by 1% per annum) or at least keeping them stable. But apparently there are disputes / difficulties about making sense of these figures - we should try to get the Council to be clearer about them. It is particularly important to remove parking spaces close to junctions. Sean offered to draft some proposals on the theme of "clear junctions / safer crossings" - we should consider taking this forward to LCC's Policy Forum.

Next Meeting = Annual General Meeting, Monday 15th May at PHCA