

Annual Report 2016 – 17

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Committee 2016 – a fantastic team!

- Jean Dollimore
 - George Coulouris
 - John Chamberlain
 - Steven Edwards
 - Sean Howes
 - Geoff Stillwell
 - Meade McCloughan
 - Ben Edmonds
 - Ursule Thurnherr
 - Helen Vecht
- CC's infrastructure group (negotiate with Camden, TfL, Sustrans, respond to consultations, etc.)*
- News from Elsewhere; local campaigns*
- energetic campaigner*
- Sidings Community Centre; ride leader*
- Treasurer*
- Website consultant*
- facebook*
- CC newsletter editor, monthly e-news, LCC insert.*

What's happened in the past year?

- **Regular events**

- Monthly meetings: speakers included Audrey de Nazelle, Lucy Saunders, and Ben Knowles. On a lighter vein, Max and Emily told us about their trips cycling across continents. You can find accounts of all these talks on our website.
- Bike Week events (Cyclists' Breakfast; All Around Camden Ride)
- Social Rides (12 last year, 6 led by Geoff)
- Worked on infrastructure behind the scenes (including route designs, road repairs, traffic signs, etc.)
- Summer Fairs – information and Dr Bike
- Kentish Town Bike Workshop monthly – in conjunction with Transition Kentish Town - we provide mechanics and cake!

- **New things**

- Tavistock/Torrington Place – campaign during consultation Sept – Oct 2016.

Infrastructure – progress

Big projects:

- Royal College Street – Northern extension to Kentish Town Road opened June 2016
- Tavistock Place – experimental traffic order remains till November 2017.

No visible progress yet

- CS11 – work to start at Swiss Cottage soon. Regent's Park – decision delayed till Summer 2017; worrying!
- CS6 – Northern extension to Kings X: work to start September 2017.
- Delancy St – Pratt St – consultation completed; now at detailed design stage; delayed because TfL can't decide what to do about the 31 bus route.
- Midland Road – Judd Street – consultation Feb 2016, no decision announced yet.

Local projects:

- Fleet gyratory – some changes being considered
- Bikehangars – at last all the promised bikehangars have been installed, two years after our initial requests.



The importance of infrastructure

Our purpose is fighting for safer roads for cyclists

‘Build it and they will come’

- Good infrastructure makes cycling safe
- Makes it more inclusive
- Makes it something that isn't just for commuters
 - Look at popularity of Cycle Superhighways where these are high-standard
 - Concerns over Quietways

Fun rides planned

Bike week events: (10 – 18 June)

- Cyclists' Breakfast : Ossulston Street; Wed 14 June + Police (to mark bikes), with Camden mechanics and Dr Bike
- All Around Camden : Sunday 18 June – join us! Shorter ride to be led by John, who is still deliberating on the route.

Other rides: usually on Sundays

- Fulham Palace – 21 May
- Lee Valley – 4 June
- Mystery Ride – 9 July
- Freecycle Ride – 29 July (**Sat**) – feeder ride from Swiss Cottage
- Bedfordshire – xx August
- Lee Valley - xx September

Joint ride with Islington Cyclists to the Southbank, 8 April



We need your help!

The committee needs:

- People who care about cycling:
 - Secretary
 - Events Coordinator
 - Press officer
 - Anyone with enthusiasm for cycling! No other skills necessary!

**The new committee needs to decide
what to focus on and what tactics to use.**

