

Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

Monday 19 June 2017, 18.30 - 19.30
Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Steven Edwards (Chair), John Chamberlain, George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore (Minutes), Sean Howes, Simon Pearson, Berwyn Rutherford, Helen Vecht.

Apologies Meade McCloughan, Geoff Stilwell, Ursule Thurnherr

1. Minutes of 15th May 2017 meeting

- a. The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a. *Active membership*: Sean has a draft of an information document for members that he will share via Google Docs for our feedback. Jean to resend request to LCC for list of current members.
- b. *Invitation to Will Norman to ride QW3* : Sean reported that WN had said no – he had already done so. He invited Sean to send evidence of issues. Sean has agreed to make a document – issues discussed : Belsize Roundabout and Fairhazel Gardens; the need for contraflow on Broadhurst Gardens east of Priory Road and the ‘hole’ on West End Lane.
- c. *Speakers for future meetings*: Christian Wolmar (as LCC Trustee) had contacted John who will suggest September. John also agreed to contact Sgt. Nick Clarke for a later meeting. Sean suggested Michelle ? - long distance ride across Canada.

3. Review of Bike Week Events + Fairs

- a. *Ice Cream Ride*: Jean reported that Geoff had said he was disappointed to have only six people; that he had used North End Way instead of the track over the Heath Extension. But when they called at the Primrose Hill Fair, they looked as though they were enjoying themselves.
- b. *Bike Breakfast*: this went very well although more publicity is needed. Helen reported there were too many left-overs; the view was blocked by parked cars. We should consider siting the breakfast in Goldington Crescent next year with a view to catching people going down Pancras Road.

- c. *Ride Round Camden.* John reported that 27 people attended plus two groups of police (eight in total) and one cycle trainer. Police help made the junctions very easy. John mentioned the history of the ride, first designed by Paul Braithwaite to do round the border of the borough and gradually modified to eliminate Kilburn High Road and other unpleasant roads. This year's route was shorter but still used Hampstead Lane. Points made: people like to ride the south of the borough; the route could be longer again; the picnic is an important part. Simon suggested that instead of Sandy Road (across Golders Hill Park) the route should follow West Heath Road to Jack Straw's Castle and then take the Heath Cycle Track that heads to the Car Park, with a view to stopping for a picnic near the Parliament Hill Cafe.
- d. *Fairs:* Jean reported that Dr Bikes James and George had few bikes to fix although people were keen to get maps from the stall. John noted that the fair organisers should be asked to advertise the Dr Bike, Sean suggested giving out business cards with the web address <https://www.routeplanroll.com/> for downloading a schematic London Cycle Map; John will update his A6 leaflet to include the KTBW. A business card for KTBW would also be useful

5. Hampstead Heath (John)

- a. CoL has consulted on the Vision but it is unclear whether they will consult on the new ten year management plan (as they did last time). Simon Munk has offered to get LCC involved. Steven agreed to lead a 'push' involving Danny Ryan and John Brodholt; Berwyn offered to help. John will send email to two positive members of the Heath Management committee (Sally Gimson and Anne Fairweather).

6. Tavistock Place Public Inquiry

- a. We still don't know the date of the pre-Inquiry stakeholder meeting (supposed to be early August)
- b. Steven mentioned the possible donor (name omitted intentionally) so legal representation could be an option.
- c. John will seek advice from others including Martin Porter (cycling QC) and Simon Munk as to the choice of suitable barristers and the likely expense.

7. Reports from meetings

- a. *Royal Danish Embassy* Cycling and Connectivity – Cities in Motion.
- b. *North West group:* Steven and John reported. No major issues but a ride of QW3 was discussed
- c. *King's Cross Development:* John noted that Camden wants to retain pedestrians and cycles only in Granary Square and King's Boulevard. But there are issues with collisions between cycles and pedestrians.

- d. Oakley Square: John, George and Jean had met TfL officers to discuss issues with the new narrowing and plans for future improvements.

19:30: Main Meeting

Attending: All the above

TfL's Strategic Cycling Analysis

George presented the document recently released at

<https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/cycling>

This is billed to "become a valuable resource for Transport for London officers, London boroughs, developers, planners, communities and others interested in understanding how cycling can contribute to achieving the Healthy Streets Approach in their local area".

George's presentation is at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qIlg0aHdrrkg2xZUjCFvh5SSQ7yjWQvSdgkbgXR_BvS8/edit?usp=sharing

As the lines on TfL's maps are rather hard to match to specific roads, George has used a tool called 'ScribbleMaps' to superimpose the most interesting of TfL's maps onto Google Maps. These can be enlarged so as to be able to see the locations intended by the original maps. We have an index to these on our website at:

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/more-maps-and-tools-for-cycle-campaigners/>

The following were of particular interest:

Figure 4.2 : *Area wide opportunities to expand cycling connections*: we noted that the area around West Hampstead expanding over the Brent border with town centres, permeable streets and demand for cycling looked promising as a 'Liveable Neighbourhood'

Figure 5.1: *Top potential connections*: numbers 1 and 2 show routes along Camden Road and Kentish Town Road, the latter being a borough road and very challenging.

This figure omits the Zone 1 area - to be considered separately but this does mean no routes cross the centre.

Figure 2.4: *Prioritised Strategic Cycling Connections*: this includes a red (high priority) line from Lincoln's Inn Fields to the junction of Farringdon Road and Clerkenwell Road (linking with the planned route to Old Street). This could be a basis for making the 'London Boulevard' route.

Next Month's Meetings

Monday 17th July 2017, Committee 6:30-7:30 pm main meeting 7:30-9pm, at Sidings. Talk by Clare Rogers on Enfield Mini Holland. (Jean to chair)