

Minutes of Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting

Primrose Hill Community Centre, Monday 15 January 2018,
18:30-21:30



Committee Meeting

Attending Chair: Jean Dollimore, Minutes: George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, John Chamberlain, Simon Pearson.

Apologies Meade McCloughan, Helen Vecht, Sean Howes, Geoff Stilwell, Berwyn Rutherford.

1. Matters arising from Minutes of December meeting

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2018/01/minutes-ccc-meeting-15th-december-2017>

Hampstead Heath: SE said there had been a constructive dialogue as follow up.

Delancey Pratt: JC has included this topic in a requested meeting with Adam Harrison.

Chairs of upcoming meetings: 19 February: GC will chair. Rachel Aldred will attend the Cttee Mtg and will speak at the main meeting on a subject of her choice. (George to confirm her availability).

JC has a list of chairs for subsequent meetings

Facebook page: JC reported that he had spoken to Ursule during her brief presence in the UK and she had promised to immediately assign Admin rights to Helen, but there was no sign of her having done so. JC will pursue.

2. Purchase Street: stoppage of cycle route

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2018/01/somerstown-route-blockage-in-purchase-street-and-polygon-road/>

JC reported on the background and the frustrating interactions to date - that planning and construction projects are handled by officers in departments at Camden with little interest in maintaining Camden's cycling infrastructure.

We have now requested action from Sam Margolis and other officers in the Planning section and we await their response.

3. CS11: follow on from December discussion + [George's letter to Andrew Dismore and his reply](#)

GC reported that following SP's suggestion, he had written to Andrew Dismore concerning the series of questions he has put to the Mayor that are critical of his intention to proceed with CS11. The questions appeared to have been constructed by the "Stop CS11" campaign. Dismore had sent an anodyne and inadequate response stating that he 'represents everyone'.

It was agreed that we should go back to Dismore with a set of pro-CS11 questions that we are asking him to put to the Mayor. George to produce a draft list of questions with help from other Committee members.

4. Quietway 1 (north)- new alignment

<https://tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documents/quietway-1-north-map-covent-garden-to-kentish-town.pdf>

JD discussed the alignment that TfL have proposed to Camden for a marked Quietway following existing tracks.

We agreed that:

- The route via Russell Square should not divert to Malet Street but should use Bedford way to reach Tavistock Place.
- The planned safe crossing of Euston Road at Midland Road is a key piece of missing infrastructure. Q1 can't be completed without it.

- We should campaign for the continuation of Q1 northwards to Hampstead Heath via Castle Road, Castlehaven Road, Grafton Road. This would probably need to be put to TfL in the first instance. Simon Munk to be asked for the correct contact point within TfL. JC to pursue.

Email note from Sean Howes:

Royal College Street, Pancras Road and Tavistock Place etc are all to my mind done and good enough. Where as the southern section of the route including Bury Place, Newton and Queen Street (which become Long Acre) that are marked in Solid purple (as done) are not of sufficient quality. Queen Street is far too busy, The A40 link to Bury Place going West especially is something I know less confident cyclists find both confusing and hostile. Going East/South bound that link does not have sufficient capacity and the light phase does not give enough time to those on bicycles (so many end up jumping the light). Also Montague is not quiet.

So I guess the big question I have is are Camden planning any changes to the south section? If not I know we said we would not be saying no to any more quietway plans but I feel on this we really should. Can we at very least invite Will Norman and Cllr to come and ride the route with us to point out that its not good enough?

5. Acland Burghley - Healthy School Street

JD presented the main points of Camden's proposal for a 'Healthy School Street' on Burghley Road for Ackland Burghley school, currently under discussion on CycleScape <https://www.cyclescape.org/threads/3770>

JC started a discussion about the motivation behind Healthy School Streets (e.g. is it clean air, safety, reduction of driving to school, or a trial for a more permanent restriction on motor traffic) and the relevance of the Churchill Road gate particularly for sixth formers cycling between the LaSwap sites. JB mentioned an alternative route via Ingestre Estate.

JD asked for participation in the Maygrove Road consultation which asks for suggestions for improvements. <https://www.cyclescape.org/threads/3764>

6. Our approach to Camden re standards for QWs and getting a Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme.

[Simon Munk's evidence to the London Assembly Transport Committee](#)

GC argued that we should ask Camden to work towards adopting a set of standards for cycling infrastructure and that their consultations and plans should contain explicit references to them wherever possible. They could be based on the LCDS/CLoS but perhaps with some additional notes specific to Camden. JD argued that she believes that Camden already applies LCDS/CLoS and that it's more an issue of their making it clear where they do so and when they feel unable to conform. JB suggested (and people agreed) that standards should be quoted in officers' reports on consultations. JD noted that they can be referenced in consultations e.g. relating the need for infrastructure to their counts of motor vehicles.

It was agreed that we would put the proposal at the next Quarterly Strategy Meeting with Camden.

Members' Meeting

Attending: As above + James Brander and Eugene Regis

1. Plans for activities and campaigning actions in the coming year

JC presented the summary table below of currently ongoing activities and actions.

CCC Ongoing Activities

| Activity | CCC Contacts | Frequency | Comments |
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| Strategy Meetings with Camden | John Jean George | Ad Hoc | |
| Regular Infrastructure Meetings with Camden | John Jean George | Quarterly | |
| Reviewing project plans and implementations with Camden officers | John Jean George | Ad Hoc | |
| Heath Walking and Cycling Working Group | Steven Berwyn | Ad Hoc | |
| Royal Parks Walking and Cycling Stakeholder Meetings | John | Twice yearly | |
| LCC Borough Group Meeting | John | Quarterly | |
| LCC Policy Forum | George (member) Steven Sean | Ad Hoc | |
| Large Developments (Planning Applications & CMPs) | John Hartley John Chamberlain Simon | Ad Hoc | How do we make sure we are consulted? How do we get onto CMP distribution list? |
| Temporary Road Closures | John Hartley John Chamberlain | Ad Hoc | |
| Public Campaigning | Steven, Sean et al | Ad Hoc | |

Under **Public Campaigning**, it was agreed that the May 2018 Council Elections should be a focus with the intention to get candidates in marginal wards signed up to our specific objectives in their wards. It was suggested that Swiss Cottage/Belsize and West Hampstead (possibly Fortune Green) should be addressed with a hustings in early March, located at The Sidings if available. Eugene Regis agreed to take the lead on this.

It was also agreed that we should prepare a cycling manifesto to be sent to party leaders and also used as a basis for statements from candidates.

Hustings in other groups of wards may also be worth organising, e.g, those affected by the Pratt/Delancey scheme.

On Large Developments, we discussed the question on how we can be sure we hear about the relevant ones. George pointed out that Cyclescape does list all planning applications in our area on a separate page, with some crude filtering (e.g. tree cutting is eliminated from the list of Camden applications). Sophisticated filtering is not possible because planning applications do not contain search keys. JC suggested that George try to get Cyclescape further modified to report applications by size (area covered, cost, number docs in the application).

Not discussed

JC had also prepared a table showing planned rides and other activities but there wasn't sufficient time to discuss it - deferred to a future meeting.

Next Meeting: 19th February at Primrose Hill Community Association