

Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

19th November, 18.30 - 19.30

Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Chair: Steven Edwards, Minutes: Berwyn Rutherford, Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, John Chamberlain.

Apologies Helen Vecht, Simon Pearson, Rachel Wrangham, Meade McCloughan, Geoff Stilwell, Sean Howes

1. Minutes of 14th October 2018 meeting

a) The minutes were approved with the addition of Sean Howes name.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) A meeting took place with Camden Officers re Tavistock Place.
- b) Jean contacted Simon Munk re: Farringdon Rd. No reply as yet. Action: Jean to check with Simon Munk.
- c) There was another meeting on the BID proposal for a Green Link from Euston to Regents Park.
- d) Reports on local groups. Action: John to contact Geoff re: LCC risk assessment working party.
- e) Sean's report on QW3 to be put on a LCC spreadsheet. Steven has photos to add. Note added after meeting - Sean had already done this but link to photos would be useful.

3. Camden Free Bike Loans

a) Topic to be moved to next meeting.

4. Camden Draft Transport Strategy

- a) Concentrating on Cycling Action Plan (Appendix G). To make clear that we are pleased that there is a detailed action plan but stress that we shouldn't be restrained by the Mayor's long term plan. 2041 aims seem to be unambitious
- b) Action: To answer questionnaire and respond by December the 14th by making detailed comments on cycle strategy.

- c) To note that we support 10 metre no parking areas at intersections and suggest protected cycle parking (i.e. with a kerb in front) in that area.
- d) We are concerned that redevelopment construction management plans (CMPs) do not consider the need for continued provision for safe cycling.

General Meeting

19th of November 2018, 19.30 - 21.00

Attending All of the above plus. Clare Shanks, James Brander, Paul Allen, Norman Franklin, Tony Woolf, Ema Avarti, Anne Boston.

1. Kilburn Liveable Neighbourhood Proposal For West Hampstead and Kilburn - George and Jean

- a) George gave a brief resume of the excellent report he and Jean have compiled. Three areas - Priory, Kingsgate and Maygrove would be designated "village" areas with no through traffic and filters that don't restrict residents. A reduction and at times an elimination of traffic would allow for healthy school streets and parks and provide for cyclists and pedestrians alike. Refer to the report.
- b) George acknowledged the help they received from Stefano Bertolotto a resident in the area as well as from the example set by the mini - holland scheme in Waltham Forest.
- c) The report was submitted to Sustrans and to Camden 10 days ago..

2. Tavistock Place - Jean

- a) Jean summarised the history of the Tavistock Place consultation and why it would be unwise to alter the present East West Motor traffic flow from Grays In Road to Edgware Road
- b) This consultation on the direction of motor traffic will close on 24th December..
- c) Action: Working group of committee as well as Paul Allen and Ema Avarti. Email supporters, leaflets to colleges, UCL and UCH and residents to support leaving the traffic flow as it is now.

3. Panel Discussion / Forum - George

Contributions from Norman, Anne, Tony, George and Jean about cycling for aged and mobility impaired .

Norman: Difficulties with dangerous motorists, the weight of electric bikes to lift up over a curb and obstructions in the cycle lane from parked cars. He said that it would be

difficult to convert the aged to cycling but it is possible to keep cyclists cycling as they age. (Norman purchased an electric bike at 85yrs)

Tony: Cycle storage was his major problem. After having surgery it was impossible to carry a bike upstairs. Applied for cycle hanger without success. Suggested priority for elderly cyclists in the allocation of spaces in cycle hangars. mentioned that special parking space is needed for abnormally shaped bikes.

Anne: Anne's issues involved the obstruction from cars parked in cycle lanes forcing the cyclist into the stream of traffic and fear of falling with age related reduction in bone density. Some cycle lanes seem to be narrow.

Jean: A wing mirror helps to see passing traffic rather than rotate your immobile neck. Bike maintenance is more complicated with an electric bike and experts might be difficult to locate and to transport your relatively heavy bike. Paul suggested "Have Bike" who will collect your e-bike

George: Feeling fit at 81 but is aware of slightly slower reaction time and concentration lapses. George mentioned "Wheels for Wellbeing" group who campaign for rights of people with disabilities to use the cycle paths.

Possible CCC 'Cycling for the Aged and Impaired' actions:

- a) Storage solutions campaign
- b) "Wheels for Wellbeing" rights of disabled to use cycle paths
- c) Increased information about cycling benefits
- d) Articles in "London Cyclist" and "Cycling UK" about e-bikes, managing and maintenance
- e) Reference to our previous "Age Well" initiative
- f) U3A cycling groups?
- g) Target rides for the aged considering gradients lengths and age appropriate
- h) Mentor older riders
- i) Rides of open house weekends (already being run by Colin Wing, Westminster Cyclists), open gardens, blue plaque rides

Next Meeting

17th December 2018, 18.30 - 19.30, Primrose Hill Community Centre.