

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

Monday 21st January 18.30 - 19.30
Primrose Hill Community Association

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

Apologies Rachel Wrangham, Simon Meade, Helen Vecht, Geoff Stilwell

1. Minutes of 17 December 2018 meeting

a) The [minutes](#) were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Camden's Free Bike Loan - in favour

b) Jean wrote to Simon Munk again about the Farringdon Rd. /Charterhouse St. junction to ask whether he had a response from TfL. Simon had passed on the unsatisfactory response which stated that on the southbound side they are unable to ban the left turn because they have already banned a left at the next junction; or to implement 'hold the left' because the road is too narrow.

c) Kilburn Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme. CCC had written [extensive, carefully-worked-out suggestions](#) and sent them to Sustrans who wrote the submission on behalf of Brent and Camden but they didn't take any notice of our proposals. After this week's quarterly meeting we sent our report to those officers who hadn't seen it.

d) Panel Discussion on Inclusive Cycling. George's write up for consideration as LCC policy is in progress.

e) Report of quarterly meeting - see agenda item number 6.

f) KTR/PoW/Angler's lane consultation. [CCC has responded](#). After John carrying out some tests with George's 'Traffic Tool', we decided not to mention concerns with rat-running via Grafton or Willes Road

3. Closure of Judd Street

Discussed what is going on with the closure of Judd Street at Euston Road and the new Midland Rd scheme which is under construction. There is to be a contraflow for cycles on Midland Rd. and a safe crossing over Euston Road

4. Road Closures/HS2/Calthorpe St. etc; (John)

George introduced [Cyclescape Roadworks Map](#)

Roadworks map showed road closures and when they will be reopened.

- Gloucester Gate closed until end of June 2019.
- Park Village East closed until Feb. 2020
- Stanhope St. closed until Feb 2019
- Robert St. closed until Jan. 2019.
- Danger crossing Euston Circus southbound once work starts in Gower Street (when cycles will be advised to use TCR). Don't know who is responsible but need to force a meeting with Andy Helyer, Simon Monk and others.
- Work on Gower St. is a year away from completion.
- Calthorpe St. John has had meetings with Gordon Hamilton about altering the "crazy" diversion signs that send cyclists via Roseberry Avenue..

5. Report on Quarterly Camden Meeting on the 15th of January (Jean, George and John)

We discussed Camden's recently-published [Draft Transport Strategy](#). Two thirds of the plan were positive. These included reducing the area of parking CPZs, increasing parking charges, having a workplace levy on parking places, no parking permits for privately bought council flats, and to ensure that local roads don't allow through traffic.

Although we approve of Objective 1 (to transform our streets and places to enable an increase in walking and cycling) we would like them to have targets for stopping through motor traffic on local roads.

We strongly support the plan's inclusion of a map proposing a Camden Cycling Network, with many routes, comprising a convincing infrastructure network for all cyclists. But the completion dates are disappointingly long, with some scheduled for completion by 2025 but many for 2041.

We are not happy that several schemes recently consulted on appear to be in conflict with the action plan:

- the removal of the zebra crossing in a proposed scheme for Hampstead High Street which is designed to aid TFL by improving bus flow and therefore cars. See our [CycleScape discussion](#)
- The scheme for the Whitestone Pond intersection has also been designed in a way that will help motorists. [See our CycleScape discussion](#)
- The scheme for Westbere Road outside Hampstead School are dangerous for cycling. [See our CycleScape discussion](#)

Action: John: To arrange a meeting with Living Streets and Adam Harrison to discuss Whitestone Pond intersection.

6. Clerkenwell Boulevard (Sean)

Campaigning began in 2014 with Cycle Islington to provide a high-quality cycle route between Old Street and the British Museum. The Camden section includes the Holborn Gyratory around Bloomsbury Street, Proctor St. and High Holborn. Islington CC would like to

stage a demonstration in the Islington Section (Old Street or Clerkenwell Road east of Farringdon Road) in March and Sean is asking for cross borough support from the Cycle Campaigns in Hackney, Islington and Camden

Jean introduced the map of the entire route. (Old St. to British Museum) and supplied notes on recent status in Camden.

Action: Sean will voice our support.

7. Our map of Camden's Proposed borough wide Cycle network. (George)

a) [The map is here](#) or accessible via the 'Campaigning' menu or our website. It shows roads that form links in the cycle network in different colours for proposed, committed, delivered and implemented. It is a useful map for checking to see if proposed cycleways are delivered as promised and when other new schemes are proposed that affect links in the network.

8. AOB added to general meeting.

General Meeting

16th July, 19.30 - 21.00

Attending: All of the above plus Emma Avarti and David Lincoln

1. Item 1 Camden's Healthy Streets and Scrutiny Panel (John)

John has been invited to join the panel on 6th of February as expert witness and asked for suggestions to bring to the discussion.

Action: (John) The panel includes councillors Sian Berry, Simon Pearson and Awale Olad. John will check to see whether Rachel might be available to accompany him.

Emphasis on Healthy Streets for walking and cycling, quiet roads, air quality, residential and school areas and street closures and how these impact on transport strategy. Non standard bikes as well as cycling for the aged and disabled will also suggested. The influence of buses on TFL policy and roads where car numbers exceed 3/minute or 2000/day. John will also discuss East Heath Rd. and Hampstead High St.

2. Item 2 Proactive Campaigning in 2019 (John)

a) To begin earlier to prepare proposals than we did for the Kilburn Liveable Neighbourhood if we think Camden is likely to make a bid. Our [suggestions for Holborn](#) were prepared well before Camden's bid.

b) Sean suggested concentrating on Healthy School Streets. He offered to try to create a template to get parents, PTA, children and teachers involved in Healthy School Streets. To try to get John Lowe (who was instrumental in the Gospel Oak school success), David Lincoln, Rachel and Michelle Jamieson involved.

c)To make a list of critical fails in Camden as well as dangerous junctions particularly on the LCN routes. Document on a map and prioritise 10 for example and make sure they are fixed especially where there is a high volume of cyclists.

3. AOB

Tufnell Park Junction is a 5 road junction dangerous for cyclists. See [CycleScape discussion](#). CCC's response being prepared by George and CI's by David Lincoln. Discussed possible remedies related to removal of islands such as a raised junction. George noted that he liked the response from Giulio Ferrini who works for Sustrans and is a Cycle Islington member.

Next Meeting

Monday 18 February 2019, 18.30 - 19.30, Primrose Hill Community Centre. Chair: Helen Vecht