

Committee Meeting

Monday 19th August 2019 19.00 - 19.30 (note later start time)

Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Jean Dollimore (Chair), John Chamberlain (Minutes), Helen Vecht, George Coulouris, Paul Allen.

Guest Susan Seymour

Apologies Meade McCloughan, Rachel Wrangham, Berwyn Rutherford, Sean Howes, Simon Pearson, Geoff Stilwell

1. Minutes of 15th July 2019 meeting

- The minutes were approved with one minor change (Rachel Wrangham was absent)

Action: John to update minutes

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- Paul offered to take over from Jeyda to manage our new Instagram site
- George showed a prototype of a new tool that LCC may use to create a graphic database of all cycle infrastructure in London, on behalf of TfL. This has been developed by the developers of CycleStreets and can be viewed at https://bikedata.cyclestreets.net/tflcid/tflcid?type=cycle_lane_track. There was some discussion of the amount of effort needed to update and maintain this.

Action: Paul to start posting to Instagram

3. Meetings Attended

- Jean reported on the meeting that she and George attended, along with David Harrison of London Living Streets, to discuss changes to Kings Boulevard (the pedestrian and cycle street that runs from Kings Cross station to Kings Cross Central). It had been proposed to remove the current kerb demarcation and make it a 'shared space'. LLS and CCC objected to this as being a recipe for confrontation and it has been agreed to clearly demarcate a cycle zone with a change of surface and white lines.

The Goodsway crossing was also discussed. There is to be a second crossing associated with a new bridge; one of the crossings will be signalised rather than a zebra. It was recognised that, though zebra crossings were preferred by pedestrians, under some circumstances they meant that crossing traffic could not proceed except

by pushing through and that a 'green man authority' crossing might be better (usually green for pedestrians except when a vehicle approaches and with high latency).

Action:

4. Report on Ride London

- John reported on the feeder to Ride London. This was a great success, very well led by Geoff with plenty of marshals though no police officers. We used the same route as last year (Lisson Grove) and although not as scenic as Regents Park it seemed a better choice. There were 90 total riders southbound and 60 back, with many families and children.

Action:

5. Replacement for TfL/LCC Paper Maps?

- We discussed whether there was anything we could do to replace the popular paper maps. Realistically there is no way to replace them but we decided to keep updating the online maps of Camden cycling infrastructure. For campaigning and fairs etc, the A3 laminated maps that Jean has made are very useful and we could expand these to include routes other than the TfL CS and QW routes..

Action:

6. Cycle Counts Report

- Jean gave a very good summary of the last 5 years of cycle counts on Royal College Street and Pancras Road, together with a discussion of the implications and conclusions. The report is on our website at <http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2019/08/summary-of-5-years-cycle-counts-in-royal-college-street/> Jean was disappointed that she had had no response from Camden when she sent them the report but it was suggested that it was rather complex.

Action: Jean to send Camden a simple summary

General Meeting

19th August, 19.30 - 21.00

Attending: All of the above plus Emma Avarti

1. The New Link ('C6') via Midland Road and Judd Street

- We discussed the uptake of this route and how to encourage more cyclists to use it. Cyclists are diverting from Ossulston Street to this route but there seems to be a lack of knowledge of its existence. Camden should really advertise it, perhaps with a sign at the bottom of Royal College Street, though we could perhaps do the same ourselves.

Action: John to discuss with Camden, also to do an informal count at RCS/Crowndale Road.

2. Our Position on e-scooters

- After some discussion about the potential risks we decided:
 - i. e-scooters presented little threat to cyclists and could be allies in getting more infrastructure. So we thought they should be allowed to use cycling infrastructure if and when they become legal..

- ii. We were less enthusiastic about inviting e-scooter riders to be LCC members if that meant they benefited from free insurance and legal advice.

Action: George to report back to LCC Policy Committee

3. Parking of Dockless Rental Bikes

- We decided this was an issue for local authorities and for the providers but needed early action.

4. AOB

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.

Next Meeting

Monday 16th September 2019, 19.30 - 21.00, Primrose Hill Community Centre. Chair George Coulouris.

Ben Knowles will give a presentation on the success of PedalMe and discuss TfL's Bikes for Business scheme and Camden's Cargo Bike Network. Details at <http://camdencyclists.org.uk/events/members-meeting-2019-09-16/>