

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 21 October 2019



Committee Meeting

Monday 18.30 - 19.30

Primrose Hill Community Association

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

Apologies Berwyn Rutherford, Meade McCloughan, Pual Allen, Geoff Stilwell, Simon Pearson, Rachel Wrangham.

1. Minutes of day September 2019 meeting

The minutes were approved with minor corrections to be applied. (delete 'Minute' in 2(b) and correct spelling of Cochrane in people attending the General Meeting).

Action: Jean

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) #7: referred to a meeting with TfL Officers on "Cycling in Camden - now and into the Future". But John and George reported briefly on a different meeting about CFR2, noting that it was good to meet people from Haringey, Hackney and Islington and that TfL fielded a big team of liaison people who want our advice on contacting local people (e.g. shop keepers) for support. They were introduced as part of an initiative to handle consultations differently with 'up-front stakeholder engagement'.
- b) #4. The cycle track on TCR approaching Howland Street was opened again with additional signage and closed again. It was observed that NB people wait a little while at the red signal and then go which isn't surprising with the excessively long signal cycle time.

Action: John to ask AH about trying two goes per cycle for people on bikes

Post-meeting followup: we should pursue a proposal to filter Howland Street at junction with New Cavendish.

3. Climate Emergency Action

Steven reported on the full Council Meeting on the Climate Emergency that he attended on 7th October ([See CNJ 11th October](#)): some very encouraging low-car/no-car' suggestions were made, resulting in another meeting concurrent with ours today to which we sent Steven with the following suggestion:

“rather than *3 months per year car-free for Camden* suggest undertaking a temporary installation of as much as possible of the safe cycling network already agreed by the Council as a part of its Camden Transport Strategy (2019-41).

4. LCC AGM (attended by John, George, Jean, Sean and Helen)

- a) We congratulated Sean on his Highly Commended award for Campaigner of the Year.
- b) Noted that LCC’s Treasurer had not been re-elected as a trustee in spite of his hard work and ask why the Treasurer is not an officer.
- c) Climate Safer Streets to be LCC’s major campaign for 2020 mayoral elections. Sean is on the working group and reported that an aim is to get the mayor to implement his policies on road pricing and to get support from many more people who are pro cycle.
- d) John suggested we should have a database of people (who have their own contacts) to contact when we need support in a particular area.

General Meeting

21st October, 19.30 - 21.00

Attending: All of the above plus Ema Arvati and Eugene Regis. *Apologies:* Luke Pearson

5. Contacting people with local contacts

Continuing from the committee meeting: we need to know the person’s contact details, their area of Camden and their interests. An example is the Green School Runs group. Also clarify with LCC as to the difference between our own CiviCRM group *Camden Cycling Campaign newsletter* - to which we add people who want to hear from us and a group that LCC considers as Camden members and supporters - to which LCC add people who tell us/them they want to hear from LCC.

Action: Jean to ask Fran Graham at LCC.

6. Yahoo groups to close down soon

George reported:

Alternatives to our list CamdenCyclingCampaign@yahoogroups.com are Google groups or *groups.io*, recommending the latter. For a fee of \$110 (increased to \$220 soon after the meeting) he can carry out an automatic transfer of the members, the message archive and other data. It supports subgroups e.g. for infrastructure or for committee.

John noted that:

- we have 291 members (41 daily digests, 158 individual and 68 no emails)
- there was a drop around 2016 from about 1000 to 300 messages per year

Note about contacting new members e.g. links on website

Action: George to initiate transfer and inform LCC

Helen: to mention in monthly e-news

7. Future Meetings

- November 18th: chair John; speaker Lime Bikes;

- December 16th: chair Sean; seasonal festivities Helen offered to cater;
- January 20th 2020: chair Jean.

8. Paul Allen's 'Bad Publicity' spreadsheet.

Paul suggested this agenda item after collecting a set of Camden infrastructure complaints from Twitter. In [this spreadsheet](#), saying that having such evidence may be useful when pushing for improvements. Many of these overlap with John's [C6 snagging spreadsheet](#).

In the discussion that followed, Sean advised us not to worry about perpetual complaints about items such as the parking bay on the RCS cycle track. We should take note but not reply, mainly tweeting about achievements and positive developments.

9. AoB

- a) Sean: the LCC Winter Social will be in late January on Wed/Thur at 'Look Mum No Hands'.
- b) Brief discussion of our objection to ZEC taxis being exempted from the Hampstead Healthy School Streets zone. See [CycleScope discussion](#).

Next Meeting

Monday 18 November 2019, 18.30 - 21.30; Chair: John Chamberlain; speaker from Lime Bikes.