CCC Meeting 11 January 2010

Present

Jean Dollimore (Chair), Helen Vecht, John Chamberlain , Stefano Casalotti (for Members Meeting), Alex McKinnell (Notes).

Apologies

Dominic Tinley, James Brander, Jane Boardman, Richard Fletcher, Meade McCloughan, Penney Sekiddes, Anne Boston.

Minutes of Meeting of 14 December 2009

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Matters Arising

1. Points for local elections 6 May 2010 – see Members Meeting below.
2. Camden Police and Consultative Committee 12 January 2010 Colleen and Stefano were attending.
3. Permeability links in outer Camden – the February/March Newsletter would be used to publicise this and seek suggestions for opening up cycle access east and west of the Finchley Road.
4. Jean and John were going to show Dave Stewart (Camden) some examples of permeability in the City of London on 12 January 2010.

Rides Programme 2010

The following rides had been fixed: -

1. 18 April 2010 – Towpath Ride (James Brander),
2. 30 May 2010 - Lea Valley Ride (John Chamberlain),
3. 27 June 2010 – Camden Périphérique (Paul Braithwaite).

Others still to be fixed were a Parks Ride (James Brander?), a ride to Rye (July – James Brander?) and a Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Ride (August – George Coulouris?).

Bike Week Coordinator 2010

Agreed to ask James Brander if he will act. Noted that the dates for 2010 were 19 June to 27 June.

Membership Meeting

We were joined by Natasha Clayton (Camden Friends of the Earth), Greg Carson, Hettie Cheung, George Coulouris and Paul Braithwaite.

Manifesto for the Hustings

1) It was agreed that CCC and FoE would each prepare a separate manifesto (obviously it was expected that they would be complementary).
2) The meeting went through the draft Manifesto and agreed: -
   A. Strict liability for motor vehicle drivers;
   B. Prioritise Cycle Safety – to be kept in;
   C. Ban car advertising – this was seen as unrealistic, but it might be possible to link it air quality or climate change;
   D. Introduce default 20 mph speed limits in urban area;
   E. Introduce some way of incentivising local authorities to enforce speed limits, the use of mobile phones while driving and stopping blockage of bike lanes and ASL's;
   F. Introduce measures to reduce casualties caused by HGV's (especially to cyclists);

G. Introduce policies to reduce cycle theft;
H. Better funding for cycle training;
I. Encourage Local Authorities to remove barriers to cycling and encourage permeability.

Jean with George would write another draft.

3) There was discussion on how to get the candidates to attend. View was that if the two incumbents agreed to attend the remainder would be likely to fall into line.
4) Agreed to invite Conservatives, Greens, Labour and Liberals (eight candidates in all).
5) Regarding location, Camden Town Hall was felt to be unsuitable. Other possibilities were: -
   - Friends Meeting House, Euston;
   - Presidential Suite of the Irish Centre;
   - Hampstead Old Town Hall (the Interchange Centre).

   Primrose Hill Community Centre was considered unsuitable.
6) Next actions (by Jean) were: -
   - Ask Jon Snow if he would chair;
   - Approach the incumbent MP's (Dobson and Jackson) to see when they were available.

   A possible fallback Chair should Jon Snow not be available was considered to be Rusbridger (Guardian Editor).

Any other Business

Camden have an initiative to train mature cyclists to return to cycling. They were seeking routes no more than 10 miles long in connection with this training. John Chamberlain's Lea Valley route was considered (by Camden) as too long. The London Parks ride would be suggested to them as a possibility.

Next Meeting

Monday 8 February 2010 at Primrose Hill Community Centre, London NW1 8TN
Chair Helen Vecht.