

Notes of a Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting 9 August 2010

PRESENT

Jean Dollimore (Chair), Anne Boston, James Brander, Stefano Casalotti, Meade McCloughan, Helen Vecht, Alex McKinnell (Notes).

APOLOGIES

Jane Boardman, John Chamberlain, Colleen McCauley, Richard Fletcher.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 JUNE 2010

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MATTERS ARISING

Ken Worpole was still to be approached. Jean Dollimore agreed to approach him to speak at the November meeting.

Agreed that Jean Dollimore would be in charge of the CCC stall at the Marchmont Street Fair on 4th September. Meade McCloughan will run the stall. Anne Boston had said that she was available.

GREEN CRISP

Meade McCloughan circulated the latest proposed alignment: this was from Regents Park along the canal to Oval Road, where ramped access is needed, and then Jamestown Road, Hawley Crescent (contra flow cycling lane needed), Kentish Town Road, Camden Gardens, Bonny Street, Camden Road, Lyme Street, Georgiana Street and Camley Street, where ramped access would be needed to get back on to the canal towing path.

It was agreed that the usefulness of the proposed bike route would be considerably improved if bike access to the canal towing path from Kentish Town Road could be included, and it was agreed to push for this, and to support the proposed new bike route.

SKY RIDE 5 SEPTEMBER 2010

LCC have the contract to manage the feeder rides. LCC want feeder rides from Swiss Cottage gardens at 10.30 and 12.30 and two return rides in the afternoon an hour apart. Two leaders are sought for each ride (4 in total). Stefano Casalotti and John Chamberlain have already volunteered. Jean Dollimore volunteered for the 10.30

start from Swiss Cottage. One more volunteer was needed. Agreed to approach Dominic Tinley.

CAR FREE DAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2010

Ideas for attractions were sought. The bike juicer was one possibility.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LIP)

Jean Dollimore raised the question of priorities to be adopted (e.g. permeability, selected danger spots or completing routes).

After discussion permeability was considered the top priority.

KENTISH TOWN SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

Anne Boston drew attention to the notes of a meeting of the above, which indicated a police view that whilst investigating cycle theft was not a police priority, it was linked with criminal activity, and that stolen cycles were regarded as more saleable than stolen mobile phones. The Metropolitan Police Authority were currently consulting on police priorities: CCC members should be encouraged to respond, if they thought that dealing with cycle theft should be a police priority.

COLLECTING RECYCLABLE MATERIAL ON HAMPSTEAD HEATH

Stefano Casalotti drew attention to the unsatisfactory clearance of rubbish from Hampstead Heath. He proposed that as a stunt and to draw attention to this and to shame the Corporation of London to take some action CCC (possibly in conjunction with Transition Belsize) should collect the and take it to a recycling centre, attracting as much publicity as possible. CCC would be seen as doing something in addition to campaigning for cycle access to the Heath.

After discussion it was agreed that individuals who wanted to do this could do so in CCC's name.

MEMBERS' MEETING

Paul Braithwaite and George Coulouris joined us. Greg Carson sent his apologies.

CLOUD 9 CYCLES

Adam of Cloud 9 Cycles gave a presentation. Cloud 9 Cycles is located in one half of a railway arch in Castlehaven Road. Their main business is the sale of new and reconditioned bikes, servicing and bike rental. Adam cycles to work from Park Royal along the canal towing path. There was discussion on possible areas of cooperation, particularly campaigning, social rides and workshops.

There was discussion on the steps Cloud 9 Cycles take to avoid dealing in stolen bikes. It was thought that it would be helpful if they published their policy in this regard.

Adam briefly demonstrated a Create Single Speed 2010 Road Bike.

VELOTEERS

ICAG had passed on to Anne Boston some details of how they had organised their Veloteer project. They had promoted it on their website. They had spent money on mailing all LCC members with addresses in Islington, from which they had received 20 responses. They had organised a bike ride round the borough pointing out the best and worst cycling features. Lunch had been provided and councillors invited. There was a display showing where veloteers were based, and the event served to introduce people to each other. Veloteers adopted one problem each.

There was discussion on adapting this to Camden. It was thought desirable to involve Angela Mason (Camden Cabinet Member for the Environment). It was agreed to invite Allison Dines and Stephen Taylor (ICAG) to the October Meeting.

RIDES and maps

George Coulouris announced that the cycle hire stations can now be accessed from the maps at maps.camdencyclists.org.uk and occupancy is indicated by a colour ranging from light (empty or almost) to dark (full or almost).

George then briefly mentioned his ride to the Shuttleworth Collection on 15 August 2010. Take the 10.17 Thameslink train from St Pancras Domestic (10.25 from West Hampstead) to Bedford. The ride is almost entirely on a cycle path to the Shuttleworth Collection where lunch is available. The ride continues mainly on paths to Harlington, whence Thameslink trains are available back to London.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 13th September 2010 – Chair Stefano Casalotti.