

Notes of a CCC Meeting 21 February 2011.

PRESENT

James Brander (Chair), Stefano Casalotti, Jean Dollimore, Meade McCloughan, Helen Vecht, Alex McKinnell (Notes). David Arditti also attended.

APOLOGIES

Jane Boardman, Anne Boston, John Chamberlain, Richard Fletcher.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10 JANUARY 2001

Regarding maintenance classes, noted that the correct position was that of the £1,000 received from Camden for maintenance classes in 2010-2011, one third had been allocated to the previous financial year (to cover the Jan-Feb 2010 course), so that the sum actually available for 2010-2011 was £667. Some £280 of this was used to cover the shortfall on the Oct-Nov 2010 course, leaving £387 of Camden's grant remaining to be spent this financial year.

Otherwise OK.

MATTERS ARISING

Noted that LCC were backing the Strict Liability Campaign.

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN TRANSPORT POLICY

Camden was consulting on their new transport policy, and a draft response prepared by Jean was circulated.

There was general agreement that the draft strategy was a well-produced document. A number of detail suggestions were made – Jean would incorporate these and return the response to Camden.

BIKE BUS/COMMUNITY CYCLING GRANT

James Brander raised the possibility of this being used more generally, possibly for funding Age Well rides. Stefano has been in touch with LCC about possible uses for this sum of money; Meade suggested that it might be best to hold on to it for when the cuts begin to bite.

MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS

Stefano had e-mailed all the people on the waiting list about the March-April 2011 workshop and had had no replies. The workshop had therefore been cancelled. Bookings would continue to be taken for the October classes.

The reasons for the current lack of interest were not clear. It was noted that Evans offer free classes, and that Hackney LCC have regular workshops.

BIKE WEEK 2011

This was from 19 June to 26 June. Camden Périphérique was on 26 June. Camden Cyclists' Breakfast was scheduled for Wednesday 23 June. Helen Vecht will e-mail Jane Boardman to see if she will run this.

LONDON GREEN FAIR

This will be on 4 and 5 June 2011 in Regents Park. There was discussion as to whether we could sustain two days of a bike fair; Stefano was talking to LCC to see if they would support it.

RIDES 2011

Substantive discussion was postponed until John Chamberlain was available.

VELOTEER INSPECTION RIDES

The first Veloteer Inspection Ride will be on Saturday 19 March meeting at Camden Town Hall at 11.00 and lasting till 12.30, followed by lunch at a pub near the town hall.

The next will be on Saturday 16 April from 11.00 till 12.30, starting from St Martins Gardens (north of the Camden Street/Pratt Street junction, opposite the end of Georgiana Street), also followed by lunch at a pub near the town hall.

MEETING WITH FRANK DOBSON MP

Noted that Friends of the Earth had invited Frank Dobson to attend a public meeting on the Energy Bill (together with Greenpeace, CCC and other green groups). Frank Dobson has accepted and the meeting will be on 31st March at Camden Town Hall at 7.30 pm. There has been one planning meeting attended by Jean Dollimore and two more are to follow.

Jean asked for guidance on an 'Ask' for cyclists. It was agreed that we would ask for lowering of speed limits as a means of lowering carbon output and of making the roads safer.

It was noted that Frank Dobson had been against certain aspects of the 7 Stations Link. During the discussion we mentioned promoting the RPI escalator for fuel duty, a ban on private car movements between 8.00 a.m. and 9.00 and a national Car Free Day.

MEMBERS MEETING

George Coulouris and Sheridan Kelly joined us.

INSPECTION RIDE – FITZROVIA

Jean Dollimore reported on an Inspection Ride that she and John Chamberlain had made. Our report for a meeting with Camden presented arguments for two-way cycling in all of the streets in the area bounded by Tottenham Court road, Euston Road, Cleveland Street and Goodge Street. We suggested that in Howland Street and Maple Street, the space currently occupied by with-flow segregated cycle lanes could effectively be reused for contraflow cycling lanes (with the signals at Fitzroy Street being taken out). Elsewhere we proposed lightweight permeability.

PARK VILLAGE EAST

Noted that Camden Council had proposed the north end of Park Village East for a contra-flow cycle lane. At the junction with Parkway/Albany Street cyclists from the contra-flow cycling lane (i.e. northbound) would have to turn left into Albany Street. Cyclists heading for Parkway or Prince Albert Road would doubtless adopt informal ways of proceeding. The meeting agreed with the proposals.

SPEAKERS

It was noted that Paul Braithwaite has now been reappointed as Camden Cycling Champion Councillor.

After discussion it was agreed to invite Paul Braithwaite to address the AGM (16 May 2011) on his vision for cycling in Camden. We would ask Ashok Sinha (LCC Director) to address a subsequent meeting (possibly July 2011).

SOCIAL WEB SITES

Helen Vecht agreed to open a Camden Cycling Campaign Facebook page. Stefano agreed to open a Camden Cycling Campaign Twitter Account. George Coulouris offered to help him.

CYCLE SUPER HIGHWAY 11 – A41

Noted that a CRIM for this was being held on 10 March 2011 starting at Swiss Cottage. James Brander would represent CCC on the CRIM

NEXT MEETING

Monday 21 March 2011 at Primrose Hill Community Centre, NW1 8TN - Chair Helen Vecht.