

Notes of a CCC Meeting 21 March 2011

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 FEBRUARY 2011

OK

MATTERS ARISING

No reply yet from Jane Boardman about Camden Cyclists Breakfast.

Paul Braithwaite has agreed to speak at the AGM on “Interaction between clean Air and Cycling”.

CCC pages on Social Websites – not yet running.

London Green Fair – Stefano still in discussion with LCC and the organisers.

Rides – after discussion a programme was fixed: -

10 April – Interchange Centre, Haverstock Hill 11.00 a.m. A ride along the Grand Union Canal to the Thames, about 35 miles. Leader James Brander.

15 May – Tennis Courts at William Ellis School, Highgate Road NW5 1HN 10.15 a.m. for 10.30 departure - Lea Valley ride. Family oriented, distance about 18 miles. Leader John Chamberlain.

June – John Chamberlain to arrange. Also the Camden Périphérique has been arranged for 26 June – leader Paul Braithwaite.

July – James Brander will lead a London Parks ride.

August – possibly a long ride in Hertfordshire led by George Coulouris.

A41 CYCLE SUPER HIGHWAY 11 CRIM

This took place on 10 March and James Brander and Alex McKinnell attended. Points noted were: -

1. CSH11 would run from Baker Street along the A41 to the Finchley Road/Hendon Way junction. It would be almost entirely in bus lanes. On street parking would continue to be allowed except between 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday.
2. A large number of pavement guard rails would be removed – point made that cycle parking needs to be provided.
3. Bus lanes (and hence cycle lanes) would go right up to the stop lines at traffic lights.
4. Bus lanes were not being widened.
5. TfL representatives raised the possibility of removing the Swiss Cottage gyratory system. Was Camden opposed to this? (Note: Jean has written to Sam Monck (Assistant Director, Public Realm & Sustainability) saying that TfL claimed they had modelled reversion to two-way working and that Camden had turned it down due to effects on local roads. Sam replied that this was the first he had heard of the modelling and that Camden supports removal in principal and that he will ask Louise Bond (Head of Public Realm & Transport Policy) to make contact with TfL.)
6. Assuming the Swiss Cottage gyratory stays, for southbound cyclists: -
 - There would be widened gaps, and new signals and stop lines to enable a safe right turn manoeuvre into College Crescent;
 - At the Adelaide Road crossing a carriageway area for cyclists, and new signal phasing would be installed to enable cyclists to cross straight over to St Johns Wood Park.
7. Pointed out that going north cyclists from Finchley Road to College Crescent/Fitzjohns Avenue faced a difficult manoeuvre, crossing 2 or 3 lanes of fast moving traffic. TfL's representatives suggested a two-stage toucan crossing by Swiss Cottage itself might be helpful.
8. Lords roundabout was recognised as a cycle accident blackspot. Possible solutions were: -
 - Make the junction a 'proper' roundabout;
 - Restore the layout to the cross roads it once was.

MEMBERS MEETING

George Coulouris, Gerhard Weiss (LCC Central Office), Chia Seiler and Sheridan Kelly joined us.

VELOTEER RIDES

The March ride had taken place and Jean Dollimore had circulated a report.

The next ride would be on 16 April, meeting at the Honest Sausage on the Broadwalk in Regents Park between Chester Road and the Outer Circle at 11.00 a.m. Jean Dollimore would circulate a route.

The third route would be in West Hampstead on 21 May. Meade McCloughan would set a start time and circulate a route.

A point made at the meeting was that participation in the veloteer rides was a good way of finding new bike routes, and it was agreed to make this point when publicising the rides.

HOLBORN CIRCUS

A Camden Council/City Corporation document was circulated outlining proposed improvements to Holborn Circus. The effect of the proposals was to make it almost impossible to cycle from Hatton Gardens to New Fetter Lane or vice versa. It was agreed as most important that this defect be remedied. Jean Dollimore had already written on behalf of CCC (but not yet responded formally to the consultation), and everybody was encouraged to write before the closing date (15 April).

BARCLAYS HIRE BIKES IN CAMDEN TOWN

Noted that several new hire stations were being provided in Camden, although neither LCC nor CCC had been consulted about their location.

LCC REBRANDING

Gerhard Weiss explained the background to LCC's proposed new logo and corporate image. Some members liked the new logo (unthreatening and friendly) and others did not. Members had no strong objection to changing LCC's name to "London Cyclists".

The meeting felt that there should be proper consultation over the new logo (so far there had been none).

HAMPSTEAD HEATH

The minutes of the last meeting of the Hampstead Heath Pedestrians and Cyclists Working Group said that the Group would close down "as it seemed to have fulfilled its purpose". Consideration would be given to a letter to the CNJ pointing out that this was not the case.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 18 April 2011 at Primrose Hill Community Centre, 9 Hopkinsons Place NW1 8TN - Chair John Chamberlain. Note: now changed to Jean Dollimore.

