

Notes of a CCC Meeting 20 June 2011.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

None.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 MAY 2011

OK apart from misspelling Stefano's surname, and the date of the Cyclist's Breakfast (should be Wednesday 22 June 2011).

MATTERS ARISING

- Jester Festival at Fortune Green 2/3 July 2011 – James and Meade will be present on Sunday doing a Dr Bike.
- Dr Bike at William Ellis School Farmers' Market had been very successful.
- There were only 2 CCC Marshals for the round Camden ride on 26 June 2011. (Noted that LCC were running a ride on the same day – it would be better had they consulted over the date.)
- Plender Street – no update.
- Hampstead Heath/City ride – Stefano had made contact with Paul Maskell. The organisers would like a CCC presence, and we will turn up (10.00 – 6 July 2011).
- Parks Ride (10 July 2011 – James Brander) still on.
- Permaculture Festival (16 July 2011 – Cecil Sharpe House). We would attend. James will do a Dr Bike.

BIKEFEST REGENTS PARK

This had been successful on Saturday, but less so on Sunday as the weather was not so good. CCC's slow bike race would have been more successful had we had our own bike available. For next year CCC should try and get their own stall in the main area, along with LCC and Camden Council. The organisers were having a debrief.

INSPECTION RIDES

Regarded as quite successful, with a few new members attracted. Decided to discuss at the July meeting mounting some more in the autumn.

Agreed to send a report to Camden officers, with copies to the relevant councillors and Paul Braithwaite: -

- South Hampstead - Meade McCloughan,
- Kings Cross and Camden Town - Jean Dollimore.

ROYAL COLLEGE STREET

The cycle path was currently blocked by “Cyclists Dismount” signs. John and Simon Pearson had met Camden officers. The works causing the difficulty (a new electricity ring main) would last two years. The traffic order had authorised closure of the pedestrian footpath. Pedestrians had in consequence used the cycle path, leading to some pedestrian/cyclist incidents. This had led to unofficial “Cyclists Dismount” signs. There seemed to a strong wish by Camden officers to solve the problem – probably the best course was to keep the pressure on them. Narrowing the roadway giving room for both a cycle path and a footway was probably the best solution.

AUTUMN SPEAKERS

Christian Wolmar had agreed to speak in October. Jean Dollimore would approach Helen Pidd (Guardian journalist) for the November meeting.

CHAIRS

Agreed: -

- July - Meade McCloughan,
- August - Stefano Casalotti,
- September - Jean Dollimore.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jean Dollimore reported that there had been complaints about the temporary blockage of the cycle path at the south end of Montague Place (cyclists could still walk through whilst the works at the British Museum were in progress). No action was considered warranted.

MEMBERS MEETING

The meeting adjourned to the Priory Tavern, Belsize Road, London NW6 4BT where George Coulouris, Simon Pearson, David Balding, Luca Salice and Colin Murphy joined us for a social evening. One specific matter was raised – LCC’s proposed rebranding. The meeting decided on the grounds of LCC’s unsatisfactory consultation process not to send a response to indicate whether CCC favoured the proposed new name (London Cyclists).

NEXT MEETING

18 July 2011 at Primrose Hill Community Centre NW1 8TN (Chair Meade McCloughan)