

Notes of a CCC Meeting on 18 July 2011.

PRESENT

Meade McCloughan (Chair), James Brander, Jean Dollimore, Alex McKinnell (Notes).

APOLOGIES

Jane Boardman, Stefano Casalotti, John Chamberlain, Richard Fletcher, Helen Vecht.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 JUNE 2011

OK

MATTERS ARISING

- Royal College Street – Camden will provide a cycle path by the end of July 2011. The necessary space will be found by reducing the traffic lanes from two to one.
- Chairs – August and September chairs will be swapped and will be: -

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| August | Jean Dollimore |
| September | Stefano Casalotti |
- Jean Dollimore had contacted Helen Pidd, who was away in Germany until March 2012. Jean will contact her again next spring.

MEETING AT THE PRIORY TAVERN

This was considered a success, and had attracted a couple of members who did not normally attend. James suggested that the next meeting (August) be held at a pub in Clerkenwell used by cyclists. James agreed to find the Pubs name and address out, in which event another meeting might be held there. In such a case, members would meet at the Primrose Hill Community Centre at 6.30 p.m. and go from there to Clerkenwell.

SKY RIDE

This had been fixed for 4 September 2011. CCC's feeder rides would leave Swiss Cottage at 10.30 a.m and 12.00 noon. and return to Swiss Cottage at 3.30 p.m.

REVIEW OF SUMMER EVENTS

- Jester Festival 2/3 July 2011 – James and Meade ran a Dr Bike on Sunday – busy after 4.00.
- Permaculture Festival 16 July 2011 James ran a Dr Bike – again busy after 4.00.
- Hampstead Heath/ City ride 6 July 2011 – this had been very quiet.
- James Brander's Parks Ride 10 July 2011 – This was successful.

SOUTH HAMPSTEAD PERMEABILITY

There were some encouraging noises from Camden Officers. We were trying to persuade them to include a cyclist's contraflow at the west end of Broadhurst Gardens. It would be good to know which other areas the Council may be thinking of looking at next - we could then plan inspection rides accordingly. [See notes on meeting.](#)

CYCLISTS' SUPERHIGHWAY 11 AND SWISS COTTAGE

TfL had issued a CHIP report following the CRISP of March 2011. Representatives of LCC and Barnet, Brent, Camden and Westminster Cyclists discussed this on 22 June 2011. The CHIP report recommended removing the Swiss Cottage gyratory by providing two way traffic on the Finchley Road "subject to modelling and any increased queuing, and any increase would have to be on LB Camden roads".

Suggested that we needed to be clear what LB Camden's attitude to removing the Swiss Cottage gyratory really was. We should seek a clear statement from TfL that the gyratory would be

removed unless somebody objected. Jean to write to TfL to establish that they do intend to remove the gyratory unless Camden prevents it.

Noted that TfL had given Camden money to do a CRIM on Avenue Road (part of which was in Westminster, and Westminster and Camden Cyclists will be involved).

AGEWELL RIDES

Training took place on Saturday s, and we needed to offer John Chamberlain some dates in August for a Parks Ride. James Brander could do Wednesday 3rd, Sunday 7th or Wednesday 10th (all August 2011). Jean to give John some dates'.

BLOOMSBURY CONTRAFLOW BUS LANE

Jean reported on a meeting she had had with Inspector Stuart Dixon (MPS) about cyclists using this lane.

MEMBERS MEETING

Paul Braithwaite and George Coulouris joined us.

Council's Sustainability Partnership Board

Ideas were sought for the Jean to present at the CSPB meeting on 5 October 2011 which will be discussing how to improve conditions for cyclists. We will first put our usual campaign points:

- 20 mph limit in all streets in the borough (and that includes fighting TfL over Fitzjohns Avenue)
- increasing permeability for cyclists
- grasp opportunities to remove gyratories (e.g. Swiss Cottage).

But we felt we needed to relate to the fact that in the LCC vote for an issue for the mayoral election, it is likely that 'Go Dutch' will win. Then supposing that the new Mayor agrees to support such a policy, there could be funding for schemes that take road space from motor vehicles and give it to cyclists.

After discussion the suggestion was that each Borough should select one road where space would be taken away from motor traffic. For Camden suggestions were: -

- Camden High Street,
- Albany Street,
- Theobalds Road,
- Grays Inn Road.

INSPECTION RIDES

There would be another Inspection Ride on Saturday 8 October 2011, meeting at 11.00 a.m. (West Hampstead, details to follow). Meade to organize

NEXT MEETING

15 August 2011 at Primrose Hill Community Centre NW1 8TN (Chair Jean Dollimore).