

Notes of a CCC Meeting on 16 January 2012

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 17 DECEMBER 2011

Draft circulated by Alex McKinnell at the meeting agreed subject to three minor alterations.

MATTERS ARISING

Christian Wolmar had accepted the invitation to address the meeting on 20 February 2012.

PLANS AND CHAIRS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Chairs agreed as: -

20 February	Helen Vecht,
19 March	Stefano Casalotti,
16 April	James Brander,
21 May (AGM)	John Chamberlain,
18 June	Jean Dollimore.

It was agreed to invite Helen Pidd (Guardian journalist) to address the AGM.

REPORT BACK FROM LCC MEETINGS

LCC now hold Borough Coordinators meetings in the daytime, and Stefano Casalotti can no longer attend. John Chamberlain thought he could possibly attend. Stefano would ask LCC what their long term plans for these meetings were, and to be sent minutes.

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

There were reports that the Police had issued Fixed Penalty Notices to cyclists riding on the passage between Thornhaugh Street and Woburn Square. This was marked as a cycle route on TfL's London Cycling maps, although there was understood to be a "Cyclists Dismount" notice on display. Jean Dollimore had had an e-mail exchange with an individual claiming to have been issued with a ticket, but she was still waiting to see the ticket or a photocopy. Jean had spoken to Inspector Dixon who had indicated that the Police would not issue Fixed Penalty Notices in this area. Efforts would be made to have the "Cyclists Dismount" sign removed.

2012 RIDES LIST

At this stage it was not clear when Bike Week would fall, nor if there would be London Sky Ride this year.

Rides discussed were: -

17 March	Protest ride to the Olympics Site (2nd Tour du Danger)
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1 April	Tour of North and South Circular Road (James Brander),
15 April	Thames Towpath Ride (James Brander),
28 April	LCC/CTC big campaigning Event,
20 May	Lea Valley Ride (John Chamberlain),
Last Sunday in Bike Week	Camden Peripherique,
29 July	London Parks Ride (James Brander),
August	Hertfordshire Ride (George Coulouris).

MEMBERS MEETING

Paul Braithwaite, Angela Hobsbawm, Simon Pearson, Alexandre Santacreu and George Coulouris joined us.

GLA AND MAYORAL ELECTIONS 2012

After discussion it was decided that CCC would not mount a Hustings. Noted that Barnet CC had invited GLA candidates to their meetings on 26 January and 23 February to which CCC members were invited. (Meetings at 8 p.m., Carey Hall, Trinity Church Centre, Nether Street, North Finchley, London N12 7NN.)

EUSTON CIRCUS

TfL's designs for the layout of Euston Circus (junction of Tottenham Court Road and Euston Road) were discussed. There was a definite preference for an on road solution rather than bike lanes on pavements, which, especially round Warren Street Station, were far too narrow and crowded. The map circulated also showed them far too near bus stops where they joined the carriageway.

Jean Dollimore was delegated to carry on discussions.

KINGS CROSS JUNCTION AND GOODSWAY

George Coulouris drew attention to a demonstration ride around Kings Cross gyratory, which had been held on 9 January. He thought it had been successful and good-natured. Further rides were planned on 23 January and 6 February.

Whilst TfL were prepared to commission consultants' reports, these took 18 months or so, whereas action was needed now. Elections in May meant that now was the time to exert pressure on politicians.

The plans for Goodsway, which would carry a huge amount of traffic, especially construction traffic, had very little cycle provision, particularly at the inside of bends. Agreed that John Chamberlain and Jean Dollimore would approach Argent (the developer) to seek better cycle provision.

Paul Braithwaite had arranged a meeting with Argent for 1 February, and it was agreed that we would encourage Argent to go for a much more Dutch style of cycle provision.

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

The meeting was updated as to the position described at the earlier committee meeting. John Chamberlain would find out if the passage between Thornhaugh Street and Woburn Square was a public highway and who owned it.

GOALS FOR 2012

Agreed to fix these at the AGM (May), and that these would run from one AGM to the next. An interim goal is to support LCC's Go Dutch campaign for the GLA and Mayoral elections.

ROYAL COLLEGE STREET

Simon Pearson reported that the flashing light at the Plender Street junction had been reinstated (that at Pratt Street was still not working).

NEXT MEETING

20 February 2012 at Primrose Hill Community Centre, 9 Hopkinsons Place, NW1 8TN (Chair Helen Vecht).