

Notes of a CCC Meeting 15 October 2012

PRESENT

Jean Dollimore (Chair), James Brander, Stefano Casalotti, John Chamberlain, Angela Hobsbaum, Alexandre Santacreu, Geoff Stillwell, Helen Vecht, Alex McKinnell (Notes), (Also David Arditti).

APOLOGIES

Meade McCloughan (present for the members' meeting).

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2012

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MATTERS ARISING

Jean Dollimore and George Coulouris had met Camden Council representatives over plans for Royal College Street. Members at the last meeting had objected to the danger caused by traffic coming out of Pratt Street, but Brian Deegan had made the case that with a single lane of traffic this would be safe. We asked for reconsideration after a safety audit following implementation. We stated our members' objections to crossing over at College Place and it was agreed to modify the design to allow people to cycle to Crowndale Road and then cross over into the north end of Goldington Crescent. We had objected to 1.5 meter tracks. In response Camden had produced revised plans – option A (1.5 meter tracks and 0.75 meter separators) and option B. Option B had one lane for northbound motor vehicle traffic and two cycle tracks, each 2 meters wide with 0.2 meter separators. The meeting supported option B.

For Swiss Cottage Gyratory, this had been through TfL's Junction Review once and sent back. TfL had some more drawings. A site meeting would be needed, probably in November on a Saturday morning, Stefano to arrange this.

POSSIBLE INSPECTION RIDES

Noted that Camden had now implemented two way cycling in West Hampstead in Greencroft Gardens, Priory Road, Canfield Gardens, Fairhazel Gardens and Cleve Road. Meade and Jean would organise an inspection ride in time to report at the November meeting.

Transition Tufnell Park had a scheme to encourage cycling to school. It involved mainly signage, with no work on the roads. Agreed we support this and do an inspection ride. Sustrans were not involved, but they should be.

LCC GRANT

LCC had written asking that in view of the level of CCC's reserves CCC would be prepared to forgo for 2012/2013 the grant it receives from LCC. The current level is £200 + £0.30 x 604 i.e. £381.20. CCC's reserves are £5,850 on a turnover of £2,860. Agreed to forego this year's grant.

NOVEMBER MEETING

This would be in the Sidings Community Centre, 150 Brassey Road NW6 2BA.

There would be a business meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Noted that Jean Dollimore and George Coulouris were meeting Sue Meadows (head of the Community Centre) on to discuss the form of the members' meeting from 7.30 p.m. It was agreed that we should supply some food.

THEMES FOR THE NEXT FOUR MEETINGS

After discussion, agreed that the theme of the February 2013 meeting be lorries, and to invite Charlie Lloyd to speak (if he was not available could he suggest someone else). November's meeting was in the Sidings Community Centre, and December was the Christmas Party.

MEMBERS MEETING

Paul Braithwaite, George Coulouris, Mark Denza, Robert Geismar, Iarla Kilbane-Dawe, Jonathan Montgomery and Jeremy Watson joined us.

Dick Vincent, London Towpath Ranger, Canal and Rivers Trust gave a presentation on "Share the Space, Drop your Pace". He outlined the characteristics of the Regents Canal towpath through Camden, Islington and Hackney, noting that it was now very heavily used by cyclists leading to a need for an alternative relief route outlined in his talk.

The meeting applauded his very enthusiastic talk.

Jean Dollimore gave a brief report on: -

- Royal College Street, and
- Plans for the next four months.

George Coulouris drew attention to the possible need for a special meeting to consult the membership on Camden's final proposals for Royal College Street.

Jonathan Montgomery (Queens Park Community Association) introduced himself. There was a discussion on encouraging youngsters to cycle.

Paul Braithwaite drew attention to the TfL Public meeting in Camden Town Hall at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 17 October 2012, to be addressed by the London Deputy Mayor for Transport, Isabel Denning.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 19 November 2012 at the Sidings Community Centre, 150 Brassey Road NW6 2BA – Chair George Coulouris.