

Notes of a CCC Meeting on 19 November 2012 at the Sidings Community Centre, 150 Brassey Road, London NW6 2BA.

PRESENT

Jean Dollimore (Chair), James Brander, John Chamberlain, Angela Hobsbaum, Alexandre Santacreu, Geoff Stilwell, Helen Vecht, Alex McKinnell (Notes),
Plus David Arditti.

APOLOGIES

Stefano Casalotti, Meade McCloughan (present for the Members Meeting).

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 15 OCTOBER 2012

OK

MATTERS ARISING

None.

NEXT FOUR MEETINGS

Chairs agreed as follows: -

Date	Chair
17 December 2012	Stefano Casalotti
21 January 2013	John Chamberlain
18 February 2013	Jean Dollimore
18 March 2013	Helen Vecht

Seasonal festivities will follow the 17 December 2012 meeting. Helen will organise food and drink.

For the 21 January 2013 meeting we are inviting members of the Queens Crescent Community Centre - John Chamberlain and Geoff Stilwell were dealing with the centre over this.

The 18 February 2013 meeting would have lorries as a theme – We have invited Charlie Lloyd of the LCC to speak and he has agreed provisionally.

LCC BOROUGH COORDINATORS MEETING 20 NOVEMBER 2012

John Chamberlain was attending this. Some of the items on the agenda were: -

Communications with Borough Group members – John would tell them what we do;

Nominees to LCC Cycling Super Highways Sub-committee – we would not nominate anyone, but would be prepared to be drafted in where necessary;

Discussion on LCC interaction with Local Groups;

LCC's group structure.

ROYAL COLLEGE STREET

Camden's latest proposals had been received. These included 2-meter wide cycle paths on both sides of Royal College Street, extending as far north as Randolph Street.

MEMBERS MEETING

Steven Barbaglia, Christine Bryce, David Cohen, George Coulouris, Cllr Russell Eagling, Charlie Fernandez (Brent Cyclists), Eddie Fisher, Durojauye James, Nora Maouch, Edward Mason, Colin Murphy (Brent Cyclists) and Ester Sullivan joined us.

George Coulouris took the chair and welcomed everybody.

Sue Measures (Centre Manager, the Sidings Community Centre) welcomed everybody on behalf of the Centre. She thought that the main reasons locals cycled was going to work, keeping fit and going out with the family. Safe cycling for children was a big local issue.

John Chamberlain introduced CCC's activities. We were the local branch of the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) and, in the main, a campaigning organisation. We had good relations with LB Camden, and were statutory consultees for traffic orders. TfL were consulting us at the moment about Kings Cross and possible removal of the Swiss Cottage gyratory. We have monthly meetings, and a speaker about four times a year. We promote monthly bicycle maintenance classes at Kentish Town. We run rides about four times a year. We keep an eye on new buildings, and try to encourage the provision of secure cycle storage.

Cllr Russell Eagling discussed cycling issues in West Hampstead. He wondered in what respects West Hampstead was different from the rest of Camden. Quite a lot of housing was two storey houses with gardens. Public transport was perhaps less frequent than elsewhere in Camden. This encouraged cycling. Swiss Cottage was a big cycle problem.

Meade McCloughan reviewed recently installed cycling facilities in the South Hampstead/Kilburn area. There were a lot of one-way streets in the area, much favoured by traffic engineers, but dangerous for cyclists as they encouraged motorists to go too fast and made local journeys difficult. LB Camden had recently taken a broader view of the South Hampstead/Kilburn area and had introduced a number of contra-flow cycle lanes. Had these caused problems? Some of the roads concerned were narrow, with parked cars on each side, and motorists sometimes did not see the contra-flow cycle signs and did not expect cyclists using them. Hopefully things would improve as motorists got used to the signs.

David Arditi gave a short talk about Brent Cyclists, comparing cycling in Brent and Camden with cycling in Assen in the Netherlands.

After refreshments there was feedback from the meeting. Suggestions were: -

- Short cycle rides for children;
- Agewell cycle training for over 50's. Initial training could be provided by Camden, and then the participants could be taken out for longer rides;
- Training and rides for younger adults;
- Training for ride leaders.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 17 December 2012 at Primrose Hill Community Centre, 29 Hopkinsons Place, NW1 8TN followed by seasonal celebrations – Chair Stefano Casalotti.