

Minutes of Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting

December 18 2013. Primrose Hill Community centre

Business Meeting:

Present: David Arditti, Andrea Casalotti, Stefano Casalotti, John Chamberlain, George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore, Angela Hobsbaum, Meade McCloughan Geoff Stilwell, Helen Vecht.

Apologies: Alex McKinnell

1. Matters arising from previous meetings.
 - a. A further meeting has taken place to progress the re-design of the CCC website. The mock up is not yet ready. Next meeting will be in January
2. Brief reports from subcommittees and external meetings
 - a. Quarterly meeting with Camden Officers: Lights timing at the Crogsland Rd crossing has been changed to potentially make it safe for cyclists, however needs monitoring. Doubts were expressed on whether the system can work without adding new signal head. West Hampstead new counter-flows were introduced last year, but not all the faults we identified have yet been fixed nor has the additional contraflow in Gascony Avenue but we are optimistic since David Jenkins took over. Bloomsbury Way: plastic wands will be installed before allowing cyclists on the contraflow bus lane. Police were reported to be still ticketing cyclists and should be asked to stop doing so. St. Marks Sq, removal of gyratory: Camden's preferred scheme is a contraflow cycle lane in St. Marks Sq, which will link to the towpath via a ramp. Moving both cycle lanes to the east side could also be considered.
 - b. Deputation to Camden Scrutiny Committee. Jean presented list of quiet ways and cycling grid. Andrew Gilligan was asked whether TfL are willing to trial new schemes rather than consulting and not use modelling. The response was not negative but also non-committing. Swiss cottage gyratory was mentioned at the meeting.
3. Outer circle campaign. The proposal has been delivered to Westminster, Crown Estate Paving Commission, and the Royal Parks. The working group is waiting for a response which will need to be solicited for in the New Year. It has been established that permission from Royal Parks is required to install air quality monitors both near traffic points and in the centre of the Park (for comparison).
4. Speakers for 2014. January Andrea Casalotti, February Local election theme, March at Sidings, April no speaker yet, May (AGM) Andy Tolmie (Angela to invite).
5. Any Other Business
 - a. Jean will continue to improve the useful documentation she has already put on the website regarding strategies for reducing danger from left turning vehicles. <http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/junctions-designed-to-avoid-left-hooks>
 - b. Stefano has attended a local meeting on a building development near Swiss Cottage roundabout (100a Avenue Road) He is in contact with councilor Tom Simon to see if there any possibility of linking the project to the Swiss Cottage gyratory.

General Meeting

The meeting was an end of year celebration. Many thanks to committee members that contributed to bringing food, drinks and entertainment : Jean, Helen, George, Meade, John.