

# Minutes of CCC Committee Meeting

## 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014

### Present

Meade McCloughan (Chair), Jean Dollimore, Angela Hobsbaum, Helen Vecht, George Coulouris, Ben Edmonds, Geoff Stilwell (Minutes).

### 1. Apologies

Stefano Casalotti, John Chamberlain. Steven Edwards

### 2. Minutes of the meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014

Approved.

### 3. Matters Arising

From item **6.2**: Steven had sent emails about 'Asks' and action to all concerned.

### 4. Cobden Junction

Jean reported that following a consultation last September, the officer's report recommended implementing a pair of 'Hold the Left Turn' (HLT). At a meeting on 23/7/14 the proposal was rejected by TfL as it had failed a safety audit. It was suggested that the audit was flawed as there will need to be many junctions like this in the future.

At a meeting with Brian Deagan and Tim Mackay (TfL Project leader) on 11<sup>th</sup> August the safety audit was discussed but the TfL officers appeared to regard the safety audit as a foregone conclusion. Brian Deagan suggested that Cobden Junction would not be a good place to try the HLT junction as it would make Crowndale Road wider than Camden High Street. CCC position is "...we have not yet seen an acceptable alternative to the 'hold the left turn' scheme."

Timothy MacKay described future plans for the Camden Town area including: Bayham street being only for buses and cycles. This should reduce motor traffic flows in Crowndale Road west of Bayham Street and might allow contraflow cycling

We are currently waiting for a response from Tim Mackay.

### 5. West End Project (WEP) Consultation

The CCC presented their response to the LCC IRG (infrastructure review group) and LCC used it as a basis for their response to the WEP.

Workshops were attended. Princes Circus was discussed. The proposals would make it difficult to access Endell Street from the bottom of Shaftesbury Avenue which will compromise north-south permeability.

CCC propose 2 m wide cycle tracks in Gower Street. Camden said CCC's measurements were inaccurate and have supplied us with their (slightly differing) measurements. In any case the width of the footways need to be reduced in some places.

Camden officers agreed to John Dales suggestion to conduct a pedestrian study.

**George** suggested a demonstration with LCC support.

## 6. Quietways

The 'Jubilee' quietway was discussed. This enters Camden in the west at Kilburn Station, along Maygrove and Iverson Roads, West End Lane briefly and into Broadhurst Gardens, right into Fairhazel Gardens, across the roundabout at Belsize Road to Loudoun Road.

CCC prefers alignment of Compayne Gardens but with contraflow cycling on Broadhurst Gardens west of Priory Road.

The Belsize Roundabout was considered a significant problem. A proposal was to take out the roundabout and replace with a signalled crossroad. Jean showed plans which showed cycle paths avoiding the roundabout.

For West End Lane the Quietway plans proposed two alternatives: i) a median strip and narrow carriageway with cyclists taking the lane or ii) 'shared space' in which motorists are supposed to drive in the middle of the road. The committee agreed that (i) would not be suitable for 12 year olds; they felt more study was required to understand how (ii) would work.

## 7. Visualisation – junctions between Delancey Street and Gloucester Gate

i) <http://dollimore.net/UM/Delancey Street Signalised Illustration v7-01.jpg>

ii) <http://dollimore.net/UM/Delancey%20Street%20Roundabout%20Illustration v5-01.jpg>

Camden has commissioned CCC to commission Urban Movement (UM) to propose designs for this east-west route between Camden Town and the Outer Circle. Jean showed plans from UM offering i. a scheme with signals and island protection (LCDS 4.4.32) and ii) Dutch style mini roundabouts. The committee preferred (i) because it was thought that cyclists would feel vulnerable on the mini roundabouts as British drivers are not used to giving way when leaving a roundabout. Ben suggested that the proposal for the junction with Albany Street in (ii) should be used in (i).

## 8. Ride London – Money for Marshalls

Ride London was offering £160 to local LCC groups for the time and cost spent leading rides into London on the day. It was decided that **Meade** would claim the money from LCC and **John** would contact individual marshals offering them £20 or asking if they would like to donate it to CCC funds.

## Members Meeting

**Present:** Those listed above plus James Brander and John Hartley.

### 1. Setting Campaign Priorities

#### Cycling to School Initiative

Before becoming coordinator, Angela had been focusing on this issue. Ben Knowles, Cycling to School Officer, spoke to a members' meeting in June about projects in Tufnell Park and Somerstown. It was agreed that CCC form close links with Ben and David Lincoln, who had designed the Tufnell Park routes around schools. The Islington Cycling Action Group (ICAG) were also involved.

A weekend fun-day event was proposed to encourage more cycling by children. Various bike related activities planned for the children including Dr Bike, plus an open meeting with parents to encourage their involvement and provide information. Various dates proposed: mid-September or early October. A potential venue was Granary Square, Kings Cross. This provided good facilities and space.

**Ben Edmonds** would prepare an outline marketing proposal.

### 2. Cyclescape

George had presented the case for Cyclescape being used as an online discussion forum for consultations. It is an open public forum allowing issues to be defined and any interested party to subscribe to discussion threads and provide some interaction. The intention was to engage with the public at large and not just cyclists. It was suggested that a public meeting was a better forum for this but this was expensive and time consuming.

One problem was that CCC had been involved with Camden (and other agencies) before the consultation was live on Cyclescape so there was much history that subscribers were not aware of. Criticisms had been aimed at CCC for accepting 'watered down' solutions.

Another difficulty with Cyclescape's openness was that people could remain anonymous and state quite extreme views. There was no facility for moderation.

It was proposed that the Cambridge developers would be encouraged to develop Cyclescape further to include moderation and responsiveness so it would be easier to use on mobile devices. LCC could be asked to be involved and possibly provide some funding for the development.

**George** and **Ben** would lead on defining the changes needed to improve Cyclescape.

### 3. Hampstead Heath

Jean had received an email from Kate Radusin who is the PA to the new Hampstead Heath Superintendent, Bob Warnock. A representative has been invited to a proposed meeting.

**Jean** would pass on the request to **Angela**.

### 4. New CCC Website

Angela was concerned about consistency on the website and asked if 'Camden Cyclists' could be used in preference to 'Camden Cycling Campaign'. This was agreed.

John Hartley asked if RSS feeds could be implemented.

## 5. Future Meetings

### a. September 15th @ PHCA

**Stefano** (chairing September meeting) suggested a debate on “Is CCC/LCC an environmental organisation?” He could invite someone from Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and Sustrans and ask them to give us an honest opinion whether they consider us an environmental organisation. The debate might possibly move on to the question “Should we even try to be an environmental organisation?” This was generally agreed.

### b. October 20<sup>th</sup> @ Sidings CC

**Meade** had emailed the police regarding them speaking at the meeting in October at Sidings CC. Sgt Chalk, who was responsible for dealing with cycle crime has ‘moved on’; her replacement, Cara Newton, is herself moving teams in either September or December. Sgt Chalk says ‘Inspector Hunter would still be keen to be involved’, and also recommends Acting Sgt Glenn Smith ‘always happy to help where able ... [he] manages the teams response to cycle crime - from a strategic perspective’. **Meade** would try to invite Inspector Hunter and one other for the October meeting.

c. **Brian Deegan** was suggested as a potential speaker possibly on the subject of armadillos and other similar modes of segregation.