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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 2008

### COMMITTEE MEETING

**Present** Jean Dollimore, Meade Mccloughan, Helen Vecht (chair), Stefano Casalotti, Anne Boston, Dominic Tinley, James Brander (notes)

**Apologies** John Chamberlain, Richard Fletcher, Jane Boardman

**Minutes and Matters arising** Noted that date given for Cyclists' Breakfast during Bike Week is wrong in minutes. Should be June 18<sup>th</sup>. Given correctly in publicity material.

Jean and Stefano have jointly produced a new version of the events leaflet for 2008.

### **Reallocation of activities of Meade Mccloughan**

Minutes:	James initially: maybe institute rotating system later
Royal Parks meetings	Jean and Stefano to share
Community and Police liaison	ask for volunteer at AGM
Mentoring leader	ask for volunteer at AGM. Agreed to offer training.

**Maintenance classes** Attendance only 7.5 at first 2-session course. Need different location to be able to offer another course before September. Suggestions included: Torriano Meeting House, Swiss Cottage Community Centre, St Pancras Community Centre, Castlehaven Community Centre, Camden Centre. Stefano to investigate. Also some doubt as to whether all participants had paid. James to investigate.

**Bike Bus** Parent training in progress. Agreed to offer fuller training to Bob. Intend to run first 'bus' before end of summer term.

**AGM plans** Jenny Jones will be speaking. Agreed to offer refreshments afterwards. Stefano to give coordinators' report: James to give treasurer's report: Jean to publicise and ask for nominations for all officer and committee posts, plus volunteers for Meade's activities. Stefano to obtain cold food and wine.

**Treasurer's summary**      Anxiety about low level of financial support from central LCC.

**Future chairs**

June	Stefano
July	Meade
August	James
September	Helen
October	Jean – agreed after meeting
November	John – agreed after meeting
December	Anne

Jean to ask John Chamberlain to fill in one of the gaps.

MAIN MEETING

Joined by Nikki Gavron, Mayer Hillman, Alex McKinnel, George Coulouris, Paul Braithwaite, Charlie, Angela Hobsbawm, Tom Wesel.

Nikki Gavron spoke about the achievements of the Mayor, especially in transport and affordable housing, Congestion charge and bendy buses introduced, giving rise to vast increase in public transport use. Achievements in cycling provision also extensive. Lots of cycle training (16000 children and 3000 adults); a bit more than half the LCN+ has been implemented; 10000 parking stands, with 1600 at railway stations; Cycling Centre of Excellence, and the third edition of the London Cycling Guides produced. She outlined Ken's plans for cycling: introducing the 6000 hire bikes with some available 'every 300 m', developing the 'cycle commuting corridors' and the 'Bike zones' particularly for Outer London shopping areas, where bikes would actually have priority. Hoped to link the zones with greenways, along canals, through parks etc. CCC encouraged her to visit Paris, Groningen, Malmö. She then described the May 1<sup>st</sup> voting system, encouraging all cyclists not only to vote, but to do so in such a way as to keep out the crazier extreme elements in our democratic system.

**Bloomsbury Vision** described by Jean and Stefano. Seems the 'shared space' idea may have been dropped. Still has objective of improving pedestrian environment in Byng Place and in front of the main BM entrance, and improving coach access and parking in Montague Place.

At the Bloomsbury Vision Steering Group meeting on Friday, Jean to: take the messages 'Maintain Continuity and Integrity of existing Bike Route 0' and 'Maintain cycle permeability in Bloomsbury': support general traffic reduction in the area; and ask what is wrong with the present arrangements. Practical suggestions include: introducing one-

way for ordinary traffic between Gordon Square and Gower Street: an unsegregated cycle lane on the south side of Tavistock Place: widening the zebra crossings on either side of the Malet St junction. Height-segregated cycle lane(s) on the pavement(s) are agreed to be impractical. Also agreed that cyclists are not in strong political position over this.

**Bike Week** Stefano produced a rough postcard leaflet showing the route of the 'Bike Bus' to Hampstead Heath on one side and listing the other events on the reverse. Angela offered to find a designer to improve it. Agreed that some payment could be offered. Agreed that print run should be 1000.