

Minutes of CCC Meeting

11 August 2008

Committee Meeting

Present: James Brander (chair), Meade McCloughan, David Arditti, Helen Vecht, Richard Fletcher, Jane Boardman + Paul Braithwaite for second half. Jean Dollimore (minutes)

Apologies: John Chamberlain, Dominic Tinley, Colleen Macaulay, Stefano Casalotti.

Matter Arising from July Meeting

Heath Consultation

City of London are consulting on proposals for Parliament Hill Triangle to form the basis of a Lottery Bid. It shows Link 1 (southern half shares service road and northern half is cycle only). See: <http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/camden/othercons/p-hill-triangle-080-2008>

Committee advise

- respond enthusiastically and encourage others to do the same (deadline 29 August)
- ignore issue of segregated cycle path
- mention cycle parking

Meeting about Safety in Pancras Road

- John arranged site meeting with Laurie Baker and Dave Stewart held on 7th August
- Pancras Road between Goodsway and German Gym - footway to be cut back by 1 m to enlarge space outside taxis
- details at <http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/camden/campaigns/eurostar/St%20Pancras%20Safety%20Meeting%207%20Aug%202008.pdf>

Report on Meeting about Regents Park

Anne reported that the Broadwalk has opened for cycling for 18 months. Monitoring will take place for the first 12 months and assessment during the next six months. If the trials are successful, the Broadwalk will be available for cycling permanently.

Refuges on Outer Circle: following a study by Peter Brett Associates (pba), parking adjacent to the islands will be removed. It was noted that Tom Bogdanowicz has written to Mark Camley saying that he's surprised that the consultants did not consider the option of hatched markings and kerb build outs proposed by the Camden Cycling Campaign. We noted the messages from Frances Mortimer on the mailing list and it was agreed that she should be encouraged to help in a letter writing campaign concerning conditions for pedestrians and cyclists in the Outer Circle.

Royal Parks are distributing their pamphlets about safe cycling in the parks. No longer a 5 mph limit.

Anne to attend Royal Parks meeting to explain the trial methodology – on Monday 18 August, 6.30-8.30pm

Deputation to Full Council 8th September on P2W in Camden Bus Lanes

We believe that P2Ws can discourage the less experienced cyclists; LCC is encouraging local groups to persuade their councils to oppose P2Ws on their local roads; Hackney and Lewisham have already succeeded; it would be good to get another council on side.

Paul supports pressing Camden because it would promote cycling (more people are bothered than not); Alexis Rowell is keen and will be there to speak. Paul will help with drafting and ask some councillors to ask questions.

Jean to lead deputation and to lobby Greens, Labour and other councillors we listed. Deputation: Meade, Helen, Anne – if here. Also to ask LCN+ team if they would support us.

September meeting to follow deputation at a pub near Town Hall. Need to notify members and ask for their support in the Gallery.

October Meeting

Try for speaker. Anne to ask Colin ?? from Royal parks. Other suggestions include Ken Worpole, cyclist who rode End to End (?).

Members Meeting

Present: the above plus Herman Tribelnig, Peter Hayden, Alex McKinnell, Pauline McKinnell, George Coulouris, Lionel Shapiro, Tom Bilton.

Monitors for Freewheel Sept 21st

James will do Dr Bike. The following volunteered to help: Anne Boston, Paul Braithwaite, Tom Bilton - if possible. (John has already agreed). CCC's feeder ride, will leave Swiss Cottage at 10.30am; the return ride will set off at 4 pm.

Holidays with Bicycle Adventure Club - talk by Paul Braithwaite

Paul said he rediscovered cycling at 45, did London - Brighton and other charity rides, then tried cycling holidays (e.g. Back Roads tours). Then on a 1000 mile ride in New Zealand in 1999 he met people who recommended BAC (bicycleadventureclub.org) a non-profit, volunteer supported, bicycle touring club with tours in US and Europe.

Paul has done 11 BAC rides and showed their official presentation, then his own photos of two rides. Most riders are from USA and have plush bikes - Paul now has frame separators for his bike and packs it in a box.

BAC provide a van for the luggage but not repairs; detailed route sheets; days 50-80 miles; participants are encouraged to lead rides; Paul will organise one next year at Belvedere Hotel Riccione in Italy.

Paul showed us photos from the following trips:

June 2006: *Salzburg - Venice through the Dolomites* - over high pass at Gros Glockner with 10% average climb up. Many families in Austria cycle recreationally. Beautiful meadows.

2005: *Colorado to Grand Junction*. Higher peaks than Dolomites. Views of valleys, ski towns, cliff dwellings, description of downhill ride in a blizzard.

James thanked Paul for a very stimulating talk which should make us feel like touring although some of us thought the distances a bit challenging and others prefer to organise our own trips.

Thanks are due to Helen for providing the projector and PC.