

Minutes of a CCC Meeting 9 November 2009-11-10

PRESENT

Anne Boston (Chair), Helen Vecht, Jean Dollimore, Stefano Casalotti, James Brander, Alex McKinnell (Notes).

APOLOGIES

John Chamberlain, Colleen MacCauley, Meade McCloughan, Jane Boardman, Richard Fletcher, Dominic Tinley.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12 OCTOBER 2009

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MATTERS ARISING

Noted that the transfer of the Police CCPGC Mailing List from Colleen to info@camdencyclists.org.uk was still outstanding.

DECEMBER 2009 MEETING - Seasonal Festivities

Films to be shown were discussed. James agreed to pass on the screen, even if he did not attend the meeting. Helen agreed to bring projector and Stefano a laptop. The intention was to show films for 30 – 40 minutes and then serve Indian snacks, mince pies etc.

Agreed to ask Jane whether she would be willing to organise the food as usual.

We will celebrate the Broadwalk news (see below) and the Agar Camley news (still not released).

An extension to 10 pm would be obtained from the owners of the hall.

E-mail invitations would be sent to possible guests from Camden (Paul Braithwaite, Alexis Rowell, Maya de Souza, Julian Fulbrook, Dave Stewart, Sam Monck, Chris, etc).

Also Ruth Holmes, Emily Alloway, Colin Buttery from Royal Parks

Stefano Casalotti would be in the chair.

ROYAL PARKS

Anne Boston reported that an announcement about the Broadwalk is expected imminently.

Work on docking stations in Regents Park for the London Cycle Hire Scheme would be starting in January 2010.

MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS

Stefano reported that attendance at the most recent workshop was disappointing (5 from a waiting list of 30). It was not clear why, especially as he continues to receive e-mails from people expressing interest. The loss on the most recent series should not be large, as we had received a £500 grant from Camden. The next series (Oct 31 and 28 November 2009) was going ahead as planned. Thought needs to be given to a big drive to sell the series in February or March 2010.

CHAIRS FOR 2010 MEETINGS

Agreed for the first half of 2010 as follows: -

January	Jean Dollimore
February	Helen Vecht
March	James Brander
April	Anne Boston
May	Dominic Tinley
June	Stefano Casalotti

PERMEABILITY CAMPAIGN

It was agreed that a reference to the permeability campaign should be included on the front page of the CCC Website. This would include the Hackney CC definition and a link to a Page where we collect suggestions provided by members of locations where opening up of short links to cyclists would improve permeability. This page could, perhaps, include a table, giving for each suggestion: -

- Initial proposal to Camden;
- Camden's reaction;
- Funding granted; and
- Work completed.

MEMBERSHIP

A "Give a Membership for Christmas 2009" was agreed. A note about the scheme would be included in the December 2009/January 2010 Newsletter and in the December 2009 e-mailing to members. Members who bought membership for others would have their names included in a draw made at the December 2009 meeting (14 December). The prize would probably be a book on cycling.

AOB

James Brander mentioned that he had received messages on his answering machine and letters relating to the old bank accounts. He passed on a letter to Jean. Helen Vecht was congratulated on Joss Loeb's article on his interview of her in the Camden New Journal.

MEMBER'S MEETING

We were joined by Susan Seymour, Angela Hobsbaum, Greg Carson and Lionel Shapiro (George Coulouris presented his apologies).

DESIGNING CYCLES AND ACCESSORIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Students from Brunel University Design Department introduced a project that they were undertaking on behalf of the London Borough of Camden to encourage older

people to take up cycling. They asked the members present what had motivated them to take up cycling. Reasons advanced by members for taking cycling up included: -

- Camden's cycle routes;
- a better way to get around;
- exercise; and
- stopping up of rat runs to motor traffic, which made cyclists feel safer.

There was a discussion of accessories which might encourage older people to cycle. Accessories mentioned which might encourage older people to cycle included mirrors (specifically mentioned by former motor cyclists) and much improved saddles and lights compared with 20 years ago.

It was noticeable that with one exception all the members present had cycled while young, stopped cycling and then started cycling again. There was a strong view that an older person who had not learnt to cycle as a child was unlikely to take it up. The fact that older people were less likely to recover from injuries was mentioned as a factor in this regard.

It was noted that members of cycling organisations tended to be older than the population in general but that, at any rate in London, young males seemed to be the modal group for cyclists.

HUSTINGS APRIL 2010

The meeting discussed a possible "cycling barometer" proposed by Greg Carson as an aid to pinning candidates down to commitments to ideas to encourage and improve cycling. As an example, a commitment to more cycle lanes might be something that many candidates might support, but was of limited use, whereas a candidate might be unlikely to commit to provide for strict liability of the motorist in cyclist/motorist collisions, which would do much more to encourage and improve cycling.

Agreed to devote time in the January 2010 meeting to the construction of a "barometer" or wish list. Greg would devote some time to prior consideration. The final list would have to be available by the beginning of March 2010.

Agreed to plan for a hustings for parliamentary candidates for two constituencies (Holborn and St. Pancras and Hampstead and Kilburn) to take place in March (probably second Monday).

Agreed to approach Jon Snow to see if he would chair the Hustings as soon as we have firm details – failing him Matt Seaton was suggested.

An item would be put in the December 2009/January 2010 Newsletter.

Greenpeace/Friends of the Earth/Sustrans London would be approached to see if they wished to participate.

Work would be done now to determine who the Parliamentary Candidates were so as to be able to send out invitations.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th December 2009 – Chair Stefano Casalotti.