

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOV 10TH 2008

COMMITTEE MEETING

Present Jean Dollimore, John Chamberlain (Chair), Helen Vecht, Dominic Tinley, James Brander (notes)

Apologies Stefano Casalotti, Richard Fletcher, Meade McCloughan, Coleen Macauley, Jane Boardman, Frances Mortimer, Anne Boston

Minutes and Matters arising

Jean reported that the meeting of the Royal Parks sub-group had agreed to change the emphasis in Frances' Outer Circle proposal to reduce the impression of full scale pedestrianisation and emphasise that a continuous vehicular through-route would be maintained.

Friends of Regents Park are not enthusiastic, insisting that full traffic surveys be done. JBr offered to contact Peter McKay (CCC member on the Friends) to see if anything could be done.

JBr noted that RPA/Met Police have information on vehicle flows from their speed surveys.

Tom Bogdanovitz from LCC proposes the idea should be presented to the RPA at the next Cycle Group meeting.

Sustrans has been notified, and have promised to respond.

Description on CCC website should wait until after the RPA meeting.

Finances JBr described reason for raising this (to encourage Stefano to go ahead with agreed expenditure). The following is the situation:

BikeBus is stalled while the Hampstead Parochial PTA tries to arrange insurance. CTUK have backed out, though Patrick Field is interested:

on average we are just below breakeven on maintenance classes:

new trailer and vertical signs are to be bought by next spring. JBr reiterated his offer to take up the vertical signs purchase.

John C noted that we don't mind losing a bit of money on a worthy cause like the maintenance classes.

Meetings arrangements

Chairs for the next 6 months were agreed:

Dec 8th	Anne (swappable with Jean if requested)
Jan 12 th	JBr
Feb 9 th	John C
March 9 th	Helen
April 13 th	Jean (may clash with Easter and need moving)
May 11 th	Dominic

Agreed that we should accept Anne's suggestion of an Irish fiddler for the Dec meeting (Jean to liaise with Anne). JBr will also invite Lynn Sloman and Ian Taylor, who play Irish whistles.

Agreed to ask Jane B to arrange the food for December.

Agreed that Jean would invite a number of people individually (she took the list) to Dec meeting.

Agreed that Jean would invite Andrea Casalotti (via Stefano) to speak at the March meeting about working bikes/trikes.

Jean would also confirm our meeting dates with PHCA for hall booking.

Design issues

JBr outlined what he understood to be the reason for this being discussed, namely: to consider whether we should have a publicity officer responsible for poster, leaflet etc design for any event we do; and to try to homogenise our designs. The second would tend to follow from the first.

The matter is believed to have come to a head because after Anne had gone to a lot of trouble to secure Dervla Murphy for the October meeting, noone had seemed very keen to help with publicity. In the event, Lionel had put in some sterling work in designing posters, which Anne and others had distributed so well as to render the evening a great success.

All agreed that we greatly appreciated the efforts of both Anne and Lionel in this.

No-one put themselves forward as a general Publicity Coordinator, and the feeling was that the existing extempore arrangement should probably continue. However, Jean agreed to ask in the 'Monthly News Update' for volunteers to help with design from time to time.

Dominic offered, if he had time, to circulate a list of 2 or 3 fonts that anyone designing leaflets would be asked to use. Helen offered to send round copies of the Brush script for titling.

Agreed that all publicity material should carry a logo and the web address. Usually the logo should be the one designed by Andrew in 2004, though Helen still uses Paul Gasson's from 1996 on the newsletter.

Borough news entry in LC

Jean apologised for having overlooked submitting this for the last issue. She intends to resume normal operation.

Geographical distribution of members

JBr pointed out that the latest new members list includes a very high concentration from the far north west of the borough. Suggested that we should make more effort to include those areas in our events.

One idea was to move the members' meetings to Swiss Cottage, which is nearer the centre of the borough.

Another, more generally acceptable, idea was that we would hold meetings from time to time in a more westerly location.

Accordingly, JBr was asked to include invitations to the December meeting and Xmas party in all welcome letters, and ask north westerly members to get in touch by email to John C to set up a special meeting, probably in April.

King's Cross Development Forum

John C outlined the crisis facing the KX Dev Forum, encouraging all present to attend the make or break meeting at 7pm on Nov 13th at the United Reformed Church, Regent's Sq, WC1.

MEMBER'S MEETING

The meeting was joined by George Coulouris and Connie Rozes, with apologies from Paul Braithwaite and Richenda Walford.

One way streets

As RBKens and Chelsea are about to begin an experiment of allowing cyclists to ride contraflow in certain very quiet one-way streets, without any infrastructure, Jean is keen to raise the idea with LBCamden. To this end she has been asking for suggestions.

Many have been put forward, from which 9 were selected as being both quiet enough and of sufficient interest to cyclists. In order of importance these are:

Roger St, WC1

Princess Road, NW1

the extreme western sections of Patshull, Gaisford and Caversham Roads, NW5

Endsleigh Gardens, WC1

Gower Place, WC1

Regent's Square, WC1

Seaford St, WC1

Handel St, WC1

Kenton St, WC1

Jean will take this list to the next WCRSAG meeting on Dec 2nd.

Wharfdale Rd Bridge Campaign

JBr outlined the position with respect to this idea to improve permeability of the new King's Cross Central development. It would give rise to significant improvements to cycle access both to the new Western Concourse of King's Cross station and to the planned Cycle Centre in building B2 on the Boulevard (the main cycle parking area for KXCentral).

However, the expected cost of the bridge would be huge, and as the benefits would be mainly felt by cyclists from the east, it was agreed that we should maintain a modest level of support, but not take it up as a major campaign issue.

JBr would continue to attend meetings (next on Nov 19th), while Jean would try to keep it on the WCRSAG agenda.

The issue of encouraging elected members and councillors to support it was raised. Julian Fulbrook should be encouraged (via WCRSAG), but it was agreed that Frank Dobson would be best approached by others than CCC. Jo Shaw (potential candidate) is known to be enthusiastic.

Agreed that the engineering would be formidable.

Motorbikes in Bus Lanes

Following the announcement by the Mayor of an 18 month trial beginning in January, Tom Bogdanowicz asked borough groups to organise cycle counting in bus lanes.

Agreed to decline to do this, as no-one would take the results seriously.

Instead, Jean was asked to encourage Tom to commit LCC to insist that TfL provide before and after data, either from existing screenlines (where relevant) or from new traffic analysis.

Regent's Park

Anne was congratulated on setting up the interview and press release with Alan Bennett, which made a lot of papers.

The Shared-Use Open Day was considered very successful, especially for having reached a lot of people without much connection to existing cyclists. JBr reported that RPA is considering holding a repeat next March.

Agreed that CCC should take part in more Regent's Park events.

Freewheel feedback

Both our feeder ride and the main event seen as successful, though muddle over start time emphasised need to check publicity put out by other organisations.

Agreed that CCC members likely to be stewarding or leading such mass rides in future would benefit from some proper training. No action agreed, but maybe an approach to CTUK would be appropriate.