

Camden Cycling Campaign Annual Report March 2004- April 2005

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AGM March 2004 After 10 years of hard work Paul Gasson stood down as coordinator and was replaced by Stefano Casalotti and Jean Dollimore as joint coordinators.

The joint coordinators would like to thank every member of the managing committee for sharing the burden of pushing forward our campaign.

Goals and Achievements

In addition to our ongoing campaign for better cycling facilities the committee set specific goals and some progress has been achieved in all of them

a) Increasing membership. Membership increased from 550 in April to almost 600 in October but since then it has remained unchanged. New members were sought at the various events that CCC participated in (see below). Hundreds of memberships leaflets were given out. T-Shirts with CCC logo were given to members that joined on the spot. About 20 memberships were sold in this way.

b) Cycle parking. Research into both the type of cycle parking and appropriate locations has been carried out (by John Chamberlain). We are now in a position to make specific proposals.

c) Web Site A new web site was designed by Andrew Conway and was launched in June under the new name *camdencyclists.org.uk*.

d) Respect for pedestrians. Discussions are ongoing with LB Camden about the production of literature that will encourage cycling behaviour respectful of pedestrians and other road users.

Campaigning for cycle facilities : CCC has replied to 36 consultations. Most of them were posted on the email group to receive comments from members. The final replies are posted on the website. We have had regular meetings with Dave Stewart, mainly to discuss the LCN+ routes, including discussions of the danger at Gordon Square, details of the extensions to routes 0 and 6, and a design for the crossing to Malet Street. Doug Amer and Chris Nicola presented borough and TfL spending plans for cycle facilities at our October members meeting. Sub-committees are dealing with the details of three major routes: LCN+ route 5, route A201 and the expected link 27. The newly introduced processes of CRIM and CRISP have been found useful but have their limitations. We are currently working on response to the Local Implementation Plan (LIP). We have attended WCRSAG meetings regularly.

Major events and milestones.

SSL East gets go-ahead. The executive (environment) committee of Camden Council accepted the design proposals for the last section of the Seven Stations Link east of Judd Street. Paul Gannon spoke for the CCC delegation to the meeting and we were supported by Cllrs Gerry Harrison and Julian Fulbrook. This was preceded by a 'mini-mass' ride along the SSL to the Town Hall.

LCN+ route 5: a good meeting in August when David Arditti proposes a western alternative for LCN+ Route 5, CRIM, CRISP, hopes followed by disappointment when we see the final CRISP report in January with the chosen route on the A5.

Somerstown the problems for cyclists disappeared during the summer, thanks to a curfew on the local youths, but broke out again in September. Support from police, councillors and the council. Safe neighbourhood scheme introduced. Stefano Casalotti and Colin Murphy attended meetings. CCC will participate in summer festival.

GLA elections CCC Hustings attended by candidates from the main parties. We were stood up by Brian Coleman who in the end was elected - to our dismay.

Bike Week - 8 events in Camden including the traditional breakfast organised by Jane Boardman, a cyclists tea at Swiss Cottage (Meade McCloughan), childrens ride, Dr. Bike.

Christmas social was well attended and a relaxing time for all.

Speakers at members meetings: Hermione Brightwell (Sustrans). Mayer Hillman, Patrick Field (Cycle Training). Richard Lewis (Brent council on RDRP).

Rides - David Arditti led the ride to TfL Bike Fest. Some rides were organised jointly with Alix Stredwick. Sela Yair organised two winter rides.

Dr. Bikes. James Brander organised several Dr. Bikes during the year assisted by John Chamberlain and Helen Vecht.

Festivals attended events organised Green Fair and Bike Fest: focus on parents and children cycling together. Hampstead Heath open Day. Car Free day in Coptic Street. UCL cycle challenge.

Links with LCC: we have attended the LCC borough group meetings and several of the LCC CPEC meetings.

Future Goals The joint coordinators would like to propose that the May meeting should be dedicated to setting the goals for the next 12 months.