

CAMDEN CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Notes of ordinary meeting held on April 19th 2004

Committee meeting

Present:

Philip Loy - LCC Borough Groups coordinator
Jean Dollimore and Stefano Casalotti - joint coordinators
John Chamberlain - coopted committee member
James Brander - treasurer
Helen Vecht, David Arditti, Andrew Conway

Apologies:

Paul Gasson, Paul Gannon, Daniel Glaser, Jane Boardman, Meade McCloughan

Notes:

In the absence of Meade, James agreed to take notes.

Agenda:

The one proposed by Jean Dollimore was agreed.

Identify contacts and distribute workload

CONSULTATIONS

Jean agreed to scan all consultation requests received for electronic distribution. Responsibilities for consultation responses was split geographically into:

east of the Heath and south to Euston Road - Jean and John
Belsize Park and south east of the borough - Stefano
Bloomsbury and Fitzrovia - Daniel

Stefano will ask Meade if he could take on West Hampstead.

CONTACTS

Jean will act as primary point of contact for LB Camden and for the media: Stefano will be the primary contact for LCC and other external bodies (eg Royal Parks).

WEBSITE

Jean and Andrew will work together on this (see later discussion).

MINUTES

Meade will normally be responsible for these.

CYCLE ROUTE AND ENGINEERING MEETINGS

Jean and James will continue with the quarterly meetings with LBCamden.

John agreed to attend CPEC and LCN+ meetings, and Paul Gannon will be asked if he wants to be involved again.

Jean, Stefano or David for WCRSAG

NEWSLETTER

Jean for this and Borough Group News

EVENTS Stefano and Jane

DR BIKE James, and Helen if available

RIDES David

MEDIA

Jean for the press: James for letters to papers and press releases. Meade to be asked if he'd like to do this.

MEMBERSHIP AND SPEAKERS Stefano and Jane

TREASURER James

Bike Week (June 12th – 20th) and Fest (July 4th)

Dr Bike (Sat 12th), Feeder ride to Trafalgar Sq (Sun 13th at 10.30am TallyHo corner and 11.45 Interchange Centre on Haverstock Hill), Talk by Hermione Brightwell of Sustrans (Mon 14th at 7.30pm in the Castlehaven Community Centre), Cyclists' Breakfast in Ossulston St (8-9.45am Weds 16th) were confirmed. Meade to be asked to confirm his tea ride (change of venue?).

Also a service of thanksgiving for bikes to be held at a church in Regent's Square later on the Wednesday.

The offer of help with Bike Week from David Hannay of West Hampstead Cycle Surgery was appreciated. Stefano agreed to liaise with him.

Both Stefano and James intend to attend at least the first part of the Green Fair planning meeting on April 28th (WCRSAG is the same evening).

Reports

- LCC Borough Groups, attended by Stefano: attended by someone from the ERCD team who had carried out the cycle friendliness audit of boroughs. All those reports are now published. Main request to him had been to publish the scores achieved by boroughs in each assessment area to help target campaigning.

Also some consideration given to Local Implementation Plans, the guidance for which is currently under consultation. James agreed to respond to the consultation for CCC.

Next LCC Borough Groups meeting to be on May 5th

- CPEC, attended by James: this meeting was mostly concerned with CRISPs and CRIMs (Cycle Route Implementation Stakeholder Plans), with a presentation given by Nick Chitty from Rose Ades' team. These don't concern Camden much as our LCN+ routes are further advanced than that. Nick confirmed that the remaining design standards should be published shortly. The final Design Standard Manual should be complete by the end of the year. These designs should be used not only for LCN+ routes, but for all cycle schemes in London. Also some discussion of the LCC response (coordinated by Oliver Schick and Ralph Smythe) to the LIP Guidance consultation.

- Apolitical meeting with Dave Stewart, attended by Jean and James: James circulated a summary note, mentioning that he is due to meet John Dinunzio to talk about a Camden Cyclists map later in the week. It was noted that Hackney, and perhaps Haringey already have such maps.

Dave's serious need to reduce the perceived hazard at Gordon Square was discussed. Doubts about the wisdom of bidirectional lanes in

general were expressed.

- Meeting with Stuart Croucher of the Clear Zone Team, attended by Jean: discussed proposals to reduce the vehicle numbers turning right into west Gordon Square. Clear Zone proposals are complicated and described elsewhere.

- Regents Park, attended by Stefano: Royal Parks Agency has seen the proposals being put forward by T2000 to remove through-traffic from the Outer Circle. They claim they don't have the resources to implement such changes. Stefano will attend a meeting with them on April 26th. All the major institutions situated around the Park are being canvassed for their support for the proposals, which are popular with the Friends of Regent's Park, who see an opportunity to reduce pressure for a cycle route along the Broad Walk.

- King's Cross Central Development Forum: John described attending two meetings about this. The important point is that outline planning applications are likely to be received (after two years' delay) during May. There will be an extended consultation period. There will be 43 separate officer reports dealing with these applications, and cycling may well be considered in more than one. As expected, North-South permeability beyond the site will be very poor. The Agar Grove/Camley St link thus becomes ever more-important. South of the canal will be exclusively office development, with more mixed use to the north. The canal towpath is to be substantially upgraded for shared use access. There are now no plans to demolish the Midland Hotel and extend KX station westwards, but Pancras Road will continue to carry the full range of traffic despite having to contend with the full pedestrian flow at surface between the stations.

Because of the CTRL rather than King's Cross Central, York Way will have a 50m long tunnel on it.

John asked for assistance in responding to the consultation.

Members' meeting

Present: as for the committee meeting, plus George Coulouris and Rob Jinman.

Philip Loy introduced himself and then told us that he plans to send a questionnaire to each LCC local group asking us for a brief assessment under each of the SWOT headings (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats).

He tried to demonstrate how his role differs from that of Lucy, who attended a previous CCC meeting.

Stefano is keen that groups should be able to contact their members by email, and Philip agreed to clarify the Data Protection situation regarding this.

Introductions made by all those present.

Website: Andrew has offered to build the front end of the new CCC

website, probably using a Content Management System. This will enable others to contribute. CCC will not be a sub-group of the central LCC site.

It was agreed that the domain name would be camdencyclists.org.uk. This will cost us \$60 per year.

Andrew will circulate a template to show what the site will look like.

Priorities for the home page should be

Name, objectives, date and place of next event, date and place of next meeting

Every page to include the heading 'Camden Cycling Campaign' plus links to the home page and to instructions on joining LCC.

Paul Gasson is to be asked to continue updating the diary and newsletter on the existing site until the new ones are running. This may be as early as June.

Dates for events and rides will not be propagated automatically to the LCC website.

Bikebus: Stefano will express CCC continuing interest in this idea, preferably with increased frequency especially during Bike to Work week and on Car-Free day.

Long-term programme: Various options were proposed, and it was agreed that increased membership, our interface with pedestrians and secure cycle parking for residents and at workplaces should be the main foci. A major new engineering project should await completion of the SSL.

It was suggested that Gospel Oak might be a good target for a demonstration parking project, though John offered to study the responses to Alix Stredwick's recent questionnaire to see if they identified a particular area.

It was thought that Gerry Harrison would be a good person to discuss this with, and Jean offered to email John with the name of a contact in LB Camden Housing Dept.

SSL eastwards continuation

The presentation of the report on the operation of the Woburn Place and Bedford Way junctions will be on June 15th. CCC is strongly recommended to attend the sub-group meeting and make a supporting representation. Jean will confirm Paul Gannon's willingness to do this. Dave Stewart has advised that the most serious opposition to extending the SSL eastwards now comes from the ward councillors, and we must try to discuss this with them. Stefano and James both offered to try to contact one or other of them, and James will try to raise awareness in the ward (Kings Cross).

Membership: Stefano produced a T-shirt with a modified logo screen-printed on it that had been made for him in Thailand at a very low price. He suggested we give these out with every membership actually

finalised on our various stalls.

He also agreed to think about a Bike Week event specifically targeted at increasing membership.

Next meetings: The next Committee meeting will be on May 10th in Castlehaven Community Centre.

The next members' meeting will be the Election hustings event in Camden Town Hall on May 19th. James to produce some more leaflets for this to distribute to libraries etc, and at WCRSAG.

James Brander