

Minutes of CCC Committee Meeting

16th February 2015

Present:

Angela Hobsbaum (chair), Geoff Stilwell (Minutes), Helen Vecht, Stefano Casalotti, George Coulouris, James Brander.

1. Apologies

Steven Edwards, Jean Dollimore, Ben Edmonds, Meade McCloughan, John Chamberlain.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 19th January 2015

Approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Ward Wardens:

5 offers received: 2 for Highgate & Gospel Oak and 1 each for Kings X, Holborn & Bloomsbury, Kentish Town & Haverstock and Belsize & Swiss Cottage.

Offers came from an event manager and a PR Consultant who could be asked to take on a role in their field.

Ride Leader Training

Richard Riddle had been contacted and training would be free. Current Ride Leaders and those interested members could take part. Doodle poll to decide on date and time. Check for optimum number in group.

4. Reports on meetings attended

a. Royal College Street (North) (JC & AH)

The plans have been signed off by Camden but JC and AH had a meeting with Camden officers and representatives of local residents and businesses to address their concerns about junctions and parking; we are pleased with the junction with Camden Road but we still have some concerns about the junction with St Pancras Way for S-bound traffic and how cyclists will be protected as they fork right into RCS while motor vehicles go left down St Pancras Way. Still waiting for final details. Most of residents' concerns about parking etc were addressed.

b. Delancy-Pratt meeting 5 Feb (JC and AH)

Generally very good outcome; agreed stepped track (we said we preferred half-height) all along to be consistent. Cycle-only phase on lights at busiest junctions. Some other details still to be worked out, but designs for this E-W route which avoids Parkway and Britannia Junction seems to be progressing well.

c. Camden Cycling Liaison Group (AH)

We had a presentation about BMX from Access Sport, who are hoping to set up a BMX club in Harrington Square; they see this as a community-based activity and a sport which can be enjoyed by children and teenagers.

d. **Hampstead Road improvements (GC)**

GC Reported on a meeting with TfL planners plans to improve cycling facilities in Hampstead Road south from Mornington Crescent. TfL came with detailed plans which were reasonable. Segregated cycle tracks as far as Cardington Street mostly 2m wide with a portion 1.5m wide and island bus stops. The plans were taken back for improvements. As a short-term measure TfL are adding an extra arm to the zebra crossing at the junction with Mornington Crescent to enable pedestrians and cyclists to cross Hampstead Road. Longer-term they have an ambition to add a signal-controlled crossing.

5. **Future Meetings**

March 16: Chair George Coulouris, speaker Alix Stredwick (re-arranged from January):
Getting Women Cycling

6. **Active Travel Hustings – Wednesday 4th March at Sidings Community Centre from 6:30-9pm**

All main party candidates from Hampstead & Kilburn constituency able to attend. Some from Brent Central and Brent North. Camden Councillors from local wards have been invited.

Ashok Sinha has been asked to Chair the meeting.

The programme would be:

1. 6:30 Arrive – Refreshments served
2. 7:00 Short Introduction from Chair
3. 4 min (approx) speech from each candidate
4. Questions from the floor – amalgamated by chair.

Suggested issues that could be addressed:

- Why so many different bodies involved e.g. Royal Parks, Corporation of London
- Priority at Junctions
- Review of Highway Code
- Legislation for Road Safety
- Remove administrative barriers to Local authorities

7. **CamdenCAN (Clean Air Network)**

A meeting of CamdenCAN has been proposed for April. No date yet. Those involved would be Tasha Clayton, Natalie Bennett (Green candidate) and Keir Starmer (Labour candidate).

8. **Bikehangars**

List of 50 locations passed to Camden. They would probably prioritise those where installation didn't need consultation. (There would be no publishing of consultations 6 weeks prior to the election.)

9. **Any Other Business**

- i. Geoff would stand down as Secretary in May.
- ii. Proposal to invite Heath Superintendent and other people involved in the Heath to talk to us.

Members Meeting

Present:

Those above plus: Steven Edwards, Nigel Bee, Rosalind Readhead, Tom Franklin, Richard Bourn, Clair Brander.

Speaker:

Amy Aeron-Thomas – Road Peace

Presumed Liability and Justice

See write up on the website at:

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2015/03/talk-by-amy-aeron-thomas-director-of-roadpeace-on-presumed-liability/>