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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2008

### COMMITTEE MEETING

**Present** Jean Dollimore, Helen Vecht, Connie Rozes, Stefano Casalotti, Anne Boston, Dominic Tinley (chair), James Brander (notes), John Chamberlain

**Apologies** Richard Fletcher, Jane Boardman, Meade Mccloughan, Mayer Hillman

**Introduction** Members introduced themselves to Connie Rozes, who has kindly offered to help with running the committee..

**Minutes and Matters arising** Doubts were expressed about the value of our participating in the Camden Community and Police Consultative Group. However, agreed to ask for a volunteer at the AGM.

**AOB** Anne reported that the forthcoming meeting with Royal Parks had been postponed until July. Stefano reported a message from Ruth (Royal parks) noting that the opening of the Broad Walk cycle route had been delayed with no date given.

**Events** Agreed to participate in the following festivals:

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Green Fair	Stefano, Jean, John and Anne.
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Primrose Hill Fest	Jean, Lionel or James
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swiss Cottage	John or Stefano, James to ask Meade
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	Marchmont St	Stefano or John, James
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Swain's Lane	decide later

James offered to do a Dr Bike on June 21<sup>st</sup> at West Hampstead

John offered to lead a Lee Valley ride in July – date to be confirmed

Jean reported George's willingness to lead a ride in August – date to be confirmed

Helen agreed to make entries for these events in the next newsletter.

John to announce dates of rides, when known.

## **Stewards for Peripherique ride on June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The following agreed to steward: John, Jean, Stefano, Anne, Dominic, James

**Notification of meetings** It was agreed to make only one automatic announcement of forthcoming meetings on the yahoo mailing list. This should be one week before the meeting, and should use 'Members' Meeting' as its subject line.

It was also agreed to adopt Dominic's formula for description of meetings, consisting of:  
A paragraph describing the main focus of the members' meeting  
- bullets summarising any other matters to be considered  
followed by the sentence: ' This will be preceded by the Committee meeting, at which the following will be discussed – '  
- bullets describing the main points of the committee meeting

Jean will update the chair's instructions

**Green Fair** Stefano brought everyone up to date about the Green Fair, at which three bike shops will be represented.

Jean agreed to bring the CCC leaflet up to date in time for the Green Fair.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Additional members present for the AGM: George Coulouris, Peter McKay, Alex McKinnell, Steve Cardno

**Annual Coordinators' report** presented by Stefano. Mentioned various events including: St Pancras demo, London Freewheel, Tour de France, but emphasised that main objective is campaigning, especially at the local level. Importance of young cyclists. Hence the BikeBus scheme.

Noted that Jean has been nominated as a Camden Hero, though the results of the competition are not yet known.

**Annual Treasurer's report** James presented a single page showing income and outgoings grouped into various categories. Noted that large net inflow of funds was due to receipt of BikeBus grant, none of which had yet been spent.

John noted that the year would have been loss-making without this grant.

**Elections** Committee stood down, and chair was taken by George Coulouris, who asked for nominations for:

Post(s)	Names	Nominated by	Seconded by	Elected
Joint coordinators	Jean and Stefano	John	Dominic	unanimous
Treasurer	James	Jean	Stefano	unanimous
Secretary (Acting)	Dominic	Jean	John	unanimous

Dominic agreed to act as Secretary until someone is available to fill the role permanently. James will continue to take notes of meetings until then.

Committee	Jane, Richard, John Anne, Helen, Meade Dominic	Jean	Stefano	unanimous
New committee member	Coleen Macaulay	Stefano	Jean	unanimous

Dominic then resumed the chair and asked for volunteers for the CCC representative on the Camden Community and Police Liaison Group. As none was forthcoming he agreed to advertise the post on the website.

The meeting was then joined by Cllr Paul Braithwaite, Tom Bogdanovicz (LCC), Rachel Bower (Hackney Cyclists), and Brian Deegan (Camden Consultancy Service).

Dominic introduced **Jenny Jones**, Green GLA member and former Deputy Mayor of London, Environmental Advisor to the Mayor of London, Green Transport advisor to the Mayor of London, Sustainable Development advisor to the Mayor of London and other things. However, all that has abruptly ceased, and she is now just a GLA member without even any budgetary influence, as the conservatives have an absolute majority.

She believed that Transport for London had, under the previous regime, finally got the message that large-scale cycling could offer a way out of the kinds of huge investment that would be needed in London in coming years to cater for the transport demands of the projected population. Whether the new administration would see it that way she didn't know.

She outlined both the previous regime's (considerable) impact on cycling, and its intended future plans, noting that, while the annual budget negotiated by the previous mayor should still hold for the next 8 months, the new mayor is already changing it as he goes along. She hoped that events like Freewheel, scheduled for Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, would still therefore go ahead, though there is no guarantee.

She described her disappointment at the rather unambitious TfL target for increasing cycling to 5% of all journeys by 2025. She'd tried to encourage them to go for something more challenging, but failed. It may all be in the past now anyway, as the new mayor hasn't said anything about keeping such an objective.

She was, however, slightly optimistic about the future for both the cycling 'clearways' and the London Velib scheme, both of which had been endorsed by the new mayor before election. He didn't mention the Cycling Zones, though, so it's not clear what he thinks about them.

On the other hand, she does expect to see both the Low Emission Zone and the £25 congestion charge rate scrapped, with a further 'consultation' about the western extension to the congestion charge zone. Not clear how that would go, as residents would now be quite keen.

She was much of the opinion that the new mayor is very much not his own man, being altogether under Conservative Central Office control. It was agreed that he couldn't possibly be allowed to fail.

Finally Jenny asked us to do two things (she said three, but there are really only two). Firstly, ask lots of mayoral questions, either through her or the lib dems or any of the labour GLAssembly members who are London-wide. These questions come up once a month and it is essential to keep environmental issues generally on the agenda.

Secondly, she encouraged us to stay involved, and singled out the Community and Police Liaison Group as a good example. That, she said, is the only forum where we have any say in how policing priorities are set, so if we want things done about bike theft or ASL violation, those meetings are the only opportunity.

She was thanked, and everyone had a glass of the wine thoughtfully provided by Stefano.