

CCC Meeting Minutes 16-11-2015

Present - Stefano (chair), Angela, Helen, Meade, George, Jean, Geoff, Steven (Minutes), Ursule.

Apologies - John & Ben.

Business

Minutes of CCC Meeting 19th October 2015

approved.

Matters arising from Minutes CCC Meeting

It was noted that -

Confirmation that Mark Treasure will talk at January 2016 meeting (title yet to be decided - but topic to be on 'Unbundling')

5. Angela to attend Royal Parks meeting at Regent's Park on Friday 20.11.15

4. Jean handed in the petition on HS2 AP3 (alternative provision) on 22 October.

6. Heath - Jean repeated that 'On Spot Fines' were better than a court case (for cyclists using non-designated routes).

7. Successful overturn of Eurostar's intention for cyclists to dismantle bikes before travelling

Agenda

1. Proposal to set up family cycling facilities or Cycling Hub at Sidings Community Centre. (Geoff/Angela)

Geoff & Angela met with Hannah Gill (new Sports Active officer at Sidings) and Sue Measures. Hannah was keen to support Geoff's 'dream' for a bikehangar to be installed at Sidings - as place to keep bikes for those without them - to be used for training and rides. Would fit her remit. Sue Measures also approved of this idea. Sue would see whether the cost of a bikehangar could be covered by a grant from Hannah's budget. Cost of a bikehangar would be £3000 approx.

It was suggested CCC could provide some funding to provide bikes. George suggested The Winchester Project at Swiss Cottage which refurbishes all sorts of bikes.

Geoff was keen on promoting family rides. Some of Hannah's colleagues would need ride leader training, which could be arranged through Richard Riddle. Geoff led a ride yesterday (Sun.15) which he tried out with an enthusiastic group of 14 adults and children (who wanted another one next week); a problem was that Hannah felt that Sundays would not be ideal (even though Sundays are the best for families). The ride was a subset of the Brent Parks ride - to Gladstone & Roundwood Parks, around 8.3 miles and attracted some new people. Angela felt Sidings was a good place for a hub and had spoken to Paul Davis - who though not confident of immediate progress, thought there could be some sports budget money for this - perhaps supplemented by a contribution from CCC 'in kind' along with some bikes. We felt that six bikes would be a good number to encourage those without bikes.

Geoff said there had been lots of enthusiasm from the children. Meade felt CCC have enough funds and suggested also using the John Hartley and/or Bike Bus grants. Angela is waiting to hear from Sue Measures & Hannah Gill, to see if they can get a grant for this - and perhaps a follow-up call need to be made. Six refurbished bikes would be about £1000 - and if no support was forthcoming then the plan would be revisited.

2. Report on Leafleting about Tavistock Place. (Angela)

800 leaflets had been printed and leafleting had been carried out by John Hartley (300), George (100), Angela (100), Jean (100), Steven (100 to do).

No other members had responded to a request for help with this.

There had been an initial negative response from taxi-drivers, but more positive feedback had been received later which was encouraging. However, George said that John Futchter was still unhappy with the response, due to the persistence of the taxi lobby (complaining about the tailbacks which inevitably occur at the outset of such new schemes), and expressed the need for a larger body of positive messages. Helen noted that the positioning of the taxi pick-up/drop-off space outside the hotel had caused some concern.

George had been in contact with Nick Kocharhook and had discussed creating a clone of the [Cycling Works](https://cyclingworks.wordpress.com/) (<https://cyclingworks.wordpress.com/>) website (which had played a large role in achieving the go-ahead for the E-W CS route along the Embankment). Local businesses and institutions would need to be approached to get senior management to endorse the scheme. This would have more weight than individual responses. It was feared that the scheme might be lost sooner than people realised. Expressions of positive support were needed for Phil Jones, from UCL, Fitzrovia, and other big organisations in Bloomsbury. It was felt that further positive support was essential. Angela suggested we contact the Fitzrovia Partnership.

Jean felt the scheme was not likely to fail until it had been in place for another 3 months. Meade felt that the Tavistock scheme, as a one year trial, could not be curtailed so swiftly. Ursule said that the Evening Standard and Metro had both been very positive towards the Tavistock scheme.

Actions - Angela: 500 more leaflets to be printed; considering doing this the following week - nearer to the completion date. George: to look into a clone of Cycling Works website.

Possibly use a petition for the scheme on the CCC site; George to discuss this with David Hastings.

Jean thought there could be people leafleting at either end, showing the new entry points.

3. The People's March for Climate, Justice and Jobs 29 Nov: CCC to be part of Cut Transport Emissions Bloc? (Angela)

Angela - LCC had said that it was up to local groups to decide. Jean asked if we would need to organise a feeder ride. George reminded us that it was a march, while Stefano thought bikes would be a positive contribution.

Action - to mention on CCC website as an event 'We'll be there - join us if you can' letting people know we would be there and that they would need to make their own way there.

With time running short we skipped item 4 to consider item 5.

4. Updated on meetings attended this month: Parkway junctions, Farringdon engagement, Gower Street Cycle Gates (Jean)

There was no time for this agenda item.

5. Proposal for a Facebook page (Ursule)

Ursule had questions before going ahead with the Facebook page - did we want closed group or open group access? She explained that 'closed' = limited no. of members (mailing list) - these can leave comments and invite friends. Ursule would moderate. An 'open' group = open to all public, though comments would be filtered. We agreed to an open group - moderated by Ursule, who would be one of the administrators along with Geoff who agreed to help with this task. **Note from Jean:** as I was unprepared for this question, I was unable to recall the advice from David Arditti and others, but on subsequent checking found that we need a *page* (not a *group*). I have passed this on to Ursule. See the FB pages of LCC (<https://www.facebook.com/LondonCyclingCampaign/>), Westminster and Brent Cyclists. All can be seen without signing in to FB. Others would be able to add pictures. Stefano suggested this could be a way of bringing people in.

Ursule mentioned that Paul Davis said that Sunday afternoon is the time when most responses are left - when most cyclists seem to be viewing.

We also needed to decide on how many times a week posts would be put up on the page. It was suggested once a week, though consideration was also given to posting as and when events occur.

We agreed it would be good to put a link to Facebook on our website.

On the question of whether to allow other cycling sites to post or not, George suggested we could decide later, while Stefano recommending having a list of positive ones (there are 120 sites related to cycling).

We considered the possibility of an events section with examples such as the forthcoming People's March For Climate. This would help with numbers and estimates for events and workshops.

6. Proposal for improvements of the website (George)

George suggested that the CCC website could be improved by displaying external information such as Steven posts to the CCC yahoo list and items from the Twitter @camdencyclists stream. This could be done by Steven and others. A meeting was to be held with the site developer to look at how to make this happen. George informed us that the site currently gets plenty of hits.

Angela felt that she would like an automatic response email, for periods when she was not available to answer all enquiries directly. Haringey, she said, have such a system that provides enquirers with useful information.

George also suggested that it was better for committee members and speakers to use memory sticks to bring items for electronic display (e.g. agendas and minutes) rather than

expecting him to put them on the CCC laptop. George has taken responsibility for the CCC projector and laptop and will continue to bring it to meetings.

AOB

The news was announced of the departure from Camden of John Fitcher who felt he would be able to replicate his successes on a larger scale working for TfL. He had been at Camden for 8 years and in cycle planning for 4 years. It was felt however that, while Camden would be the poorer for his departure, London as a whole would benefit from his contribution.

General Meeting

As above plus - Paul Braithwaite, Eugene Regis, Alex McKinnell, Martin Nelson, Garmon Ap Garth, Paul Gasson (speaker)

Link to slides for Paul Gasson's presentation.

[A Mini Holland in Waltham Forest](#)