

## **Minutes of Camden Cyclists Committee Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Present: Helen Vecht (HV) (Chair), Jean Dollimore (JD), Angela Hobsbaum (AH), Steven Edwards (SE), Geoff Stilwell (GS), George Coulouris (GC), John Chamberlain (JC) (minutes)

**1) Apologies** Stefano Casalotti, Ursule Thurnherr, Meade McCloughan

### **2) Minutes of 21 December 2015**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Matters arising

1. Bartholomew Road traffic reduction: GC reported that residents had distributed 500 leaflets and the reaction had been mostly positive. There had been a very negative article in the Camden New Journal; in response to this a letter from residents was sent to the CNJ and published. They are in touch with the chair of the Residents' Association but there is strong opposition led by Sue Odell and Caroline Hill.
2. Safer Bloomsbury: JD reported that the results of the previous leafleting and survey on Tavistock Place had been written up and that a further effort to engage support would be made when the weather improves, targeting organisations and asking individuals to push their employer or institution to write to Camden in support of the scheme. Responses will be needed by May when it is expected that the scheme will be reviewed.

### **3) Gospel Oak Consultation**

AH was preparing CCC's response to this area-wide consultation. She will emphasise the need for permeability, additional cycle routes and the restriction of rat-runs by modal filtering.

JC reported that there was evidence that the Murphy's site might be coming up for redevelopment and that we should be prepared for this as it should offer great scope for new routes to bypass Kentish Town.

### **4) Mayoral Elections**

HV suggested that we need to have a discussion on our tactics earlier than our March meeting. GC asked if we would have our own asks or support LCC and it was decided that we should wait to see what LCC come up with and then base ours on theirs. This could include mini-Hollands, completion of the Grid, Safer Lorries (Direct Vision) and extension of the ULEZ. This should be a topic for discussion at the next meeting.

### **5) Future meetings, speakers and chairs**

The following topics were proposed:

February (JC chair): Mayoral Elections; invite Osbornes (Camden Law firm with relationship with LCC who are interested in family cycling and other support)

March (AH chair): ?Invite Isobel Deding

April (JD chair): Talk on progress and plans

### **6) AOB**

GS reported that Hannah Gill, Active Sports coordinator at Sidings Community Centre, had been injured, delaying discussions on the idea of a bike hub at that location.

#### **MEMBERS' MEETING**

Mark Treasure spoke on the topic: **Sustainable Safety**. This is reported [here](#).