

# Minutes of Camden Cyclists Committee Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## Committee meeting:

1. Present: John Chamberlain (JC) – chair; George Coulouris (GC); Jean Dollimore (JD); Steven Edwards (SE); Angela Hobsbaum (AH) – minutes; Geoff Stilwell (GS); Helen Vecht (HV).
2. Apologies for absence: Ursule Thurnherr, Stefano Casalotti, Ben Edmonds, Meade McCloughan.
3. Minutes of last meeting (18 Jan) and matters arising: Minutes accepted; no further matters arising.
4. Plans for campaigning for Mayoral Elections (5<sup>th</sup> May): (AH) LCC are running a campaign to get people to sign their Sign for Cycling campaign, in order to pressure the mayoral candidates to agree to LCC's three demands:
  - (i) More space for cycling on main roads and at junctions
  - (ii) Create mini-Hollands in every borough
  - (iii) End lorry danger with smarter, safer lorries.

We discussed where we might support a mini-Holland plan in Camden: West Hampstead, Belsize Park, or where? We thought that we could collect signatures on street and tag bikes, but were not sure that organising an event would attract much publicity. AH was going to the Local Groups meeting at LCC next Thursday (25 Feb) and would get more details then, so we would have a fuller discussion at the next meeting.

5. Quarterly meeting with Camden officers (JD):  
<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2016/02/minutes-of-meeting-with-camden-officers-2nd-february-2016/>  
Before he left for TfL, John Futchter had prepared a comprehensive spreadsheet of all the tasks and their current status; this made issues very clear. Arlington Road will need relocation of parking and may need filtering if it was to be acceptable as part of quietway. Red Lion Street – minor improvements needed; JC and JD to meet officers to discuss. Cobden Junction – still waiting for a meeting with Simi Shah. Holborn project – would be scaled down; Vernon Place improvements to go ahead but no money for removing the gyratory (Proctor St and High Holborn) at present.
6. Engaging new members (GC): LCC Board had agreed a proposal from Terry Patterson (Tower Hamlets Wheelers) and GC to set up a pilot project to evaluate activities to increase membership and engage new members. When new members join, they would get an e-mail or phone call from one of us, asking them what they are interested in and what they would like to do. We would also contact 'supporters' to encourage them to join up. We discussed whether LCC had a list of Camden 'supporters' or whether the *cclists* e-mail list would be appropriate; there are 8-900 names on this list. LCC would be asked to send us a list of new members regularly - every month? Steven Edwards and John Chamberlain volunteered to take this forward. GC to notify Terry Patterson that they will be the Camden Cyclists 'Engaging Members team' (with another volunteer if available).
7. Topics, speakers and chairs for future meetings: Chairs: March – AH (minutes – JD); April – JD (minutes ?); May (AGM) – HV (minutes?)  
We considered whether to pay a fee to a possible speaker from the Centre for Behaviour Change at UCL and decided that this was not appropriate.  
We would discuss strategy for campaigning for Mayor at the next (March) meeting.  
No other topics were suggested.
8. Any Other Business: Eliza Shaw, a student who has volunteered to run a Camden [CycleHack](#), had contacted us wanting to organise an event during the weekend 24-26 June (i.e. not in Bike Week 11 –

19 June); AH would respond and invite them to organise something with initial input on suitable projects from us.

## Members' meeting:

Present: as above + Chris Aubeeluck, Stephen Taylor, Alex McKinnell, Sue Measures (Manager, Sidings Community Centre), Lena Korallo (student, London Met: University).

1. Chris Aubeeluck from Osbornes Solicitors described the kinds of community activities which they were currently involved in; as they had an interest in cycling activities, it would be appropriate to get involved with some of our projects e.g. Family Cycling hub at Sidings. We discussed the issue of locating a bikehangar in the area outside the Centre – Sue Measures is just sorting out this space with Camden. Osbornes had also recently been contacted by Bellsure, who design cycle parking equipment, and it might be possible to use their products. After some discussion, it was agreed that Sidings would prepare a costed proposal which would help Osbornes to see what was involved. (AH, GS to draft this and send it to Sue Measures first.)
2. Stephen Taylor described the need for filtering in Hampstead, to reduce air pollution and rat-running, and urged us to cooperate with him in producing a larger plan for Hampstead, wider than our 'asks'. We considered whether there was any mileage in a mini-Holland in Hampstead.
3. Jean Dollimore presented the latest consultation proposals from TfL on Kings Cross, <http://www.cyclescape.org/issues/2040-changes-to-the-king-s-cross-gyratory> and described the problems: in the past, LCC had campaigned to remove gyratories but more recently LCC considers that space for cycling should be the first consideration. At Swiss Cottage gyratory, TfL's proposal for bike and bus only on Avenue Road is good. But at Kings Cross, simply returning the gyratory to two-way working would not provide more space for cycling and the E-W route along Euston Road and Pentonville Road was very unsatisfactory for cyclists – in some places it would be too narrow to include cycle infrastructure and no mention is made of protection for cyclists. We considered various possibilities but didn't come up with a single solution.