

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

Monday 15 August 2016, 18.30 - 19.30
Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Meade McCloughan (Chair), Angela Hobsbaum, Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, Helen Vecht, John Chamberlain (Minutes)

Guest Diane Astin

Apologies Ben Edmonds, Geoff Stilwell, Ursule Thurnherr, Steven Edwards

1. Minutes of 18 July 2016 meeting

- a) The minutes were approved.
 - b) Matters arising
 - (i) 2e: John still to update CCC leaflet
 - (ii) 2c: Angela to contact Consultation Manager at Camden to complain about consultations on BikeHangars not being posted
- All other outstanding items had been dealt with

2. LCC - Report from Local Groups Meeting (AH)

(a) Angela reported on the status of local groups. To function as full local groups and represent LCC in local matters, groups must have a constitution ratified by LCC and, at a minimum, a coordinator and a treasurer. Groups with a ratified constitution and a treasurer but no coordinator can act in "interim" status. If there is no coordinator/chair for two successive AGMs, the group becomes an "affiliate". If there is no treasurer, all funds must be returned to LCC.

(b) LCC are proposing a new membership model. They aim to grow the membership to 14,000 by end 2017 and 20,000 by end 2019. This will be done through a membership drive including a menu of enhanced benefits (unspecified). There will be two tiers of membership: supporters (£3/month) and donors (£49/year) and also patrons (£1000+/yr). This model will be launched in September targeting active road cyclists, commuters and new cyclists.

3. LCC - Request for Funds (MM)

In response to LCC's request to hand reserves back to headquarters, Meade suggested that we offer them £3000 and reserve John Hartley's donation for activities such as funding the Tavistock Place campaign. This was agreed. **Action:** MM to contact LCC and apprise John H of situation.

4. Cycle to Work Day, 14th September (JC)

Although potential routes were discussed, it looked like it would be difficult to find leaders and marshals to support LCC's planned ride from Swiss Cottage. Final decision would be made by 21st. (**Post-meeting note:** in JC's absence, AH asked for volunteers by email. None were forthcoming and LCC were informed that we would regretfully be unable to support the ride).

5. Bank Signatories (MM)

MM reported that with various people leaving the committee, we might be short of signatories. Helen Vecht and John Chamberlain offered to be added and this was approved. **Action:** MM to process.

6. Forthcoming Meetings

26th September at PHCA - Steven Edwards to chair

17th October at Sidings - Geoff Stilwell to chair

7. AOB

AH had been approached by Baisekel, a charity working with refugee groups to renovate bicycles. She would pass on details to see if there was any synergy with our activities.

Next Meeting

Monday 26 September 2016, 18.45 - 19.30, Primrose Hill Community Centre.

Open Meeting

Monday 15 August 2016, 19.30 - 21.0

Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending As above plus John Hartley, Richenda Walford and Vivien Gambling

1. Committee Roles and Responsibilities

The coordinator's role was reviewed. Angela had listed nine activities. John suggested that three of these were core functions, as follows (using AH's wording):

- (a) To guide strategy, getting aims agreed by committee and getting tactics agreed to achieve these (demos, publicity, campaigns, etc.).

(b) Oversight of committee activities: ensuring that subgroups are all working well and sharing tasks when necessary.

(c) Links to LCC: Borough coordinators' meeting quarterly. Motions for AGM. Receive weekly mailout and circulate as necessary. Dealing with constitutional matters.

John volunteered to take on these aspects of the coordinator role and this was agreed.

Action: AH to inform LCC, AH and JC to discuss timing and details of handover.

(Post-meeting note: The CCC constitution does not provide for a new coordinator to be chosen other than at an AGM so Angela will formally stay in place till then, with John acting as temporary substitute).

2. Tavistock Place Campaign

Jean introduced all attendees to one another and explained the background. The trial scheme would be put out to consultation in September; there was a lot of local opposition and it was vital that we mobilise plenty of support from local businesses as well as cyclists and residents. CCC had had meetings with supporters and there is an ongoing campaign of letters to local press to counter some of the arguments of the opposers.

John Hartley emphasised that local residents, especially those on Judd and Hunter streets, had real concerns about queuing traffic and we should be sensitive to those concerns. The local group, BRAG (Bloomsbury Residents Action Group), was not completely against cycle facilities but they are very angry with Camden on a number of issues including the perception that consultation has been poor. A meeting will be arranged with key members of BRAG to explore areas of agreement. A meeting including Camden Council representatives is being arranged by Sarah Hayward, to be attended by Richenda.

Jean said that Steve Cowan would put an article on the BRAG website. BRAG are having a drop-in meeting on the afternoon of September 8th and we (RW, JH, AH and JC) will plan to attend. There is also a Marchmont Association meeting at Lumen on the 19th - Jean, Richenda, John H and a few others will attend.

George asked whether BRAG are likely to change their position - Richenda felt that though there were differences of opinion within BRAG it would be difficult to change attitudes.

A working group to include Simon Munk (LCC), George, Jean and John Hartley would meet early in the week of the 22nd August. G and J met Simon on 22nd Aug.

Suggestion (from John H): hand out "business card" style information to cyclists with info about how to respond to consultation. Much easier to handle than A5.

Jean has produced a calendar of events. She and George will be away when the consultation is opened; John C will post it to Cyclescape.