

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 17 October 2016, Sidings Community Centre



Committee Meeting

Attending Chair: Geoff Stilwell, Minutes: Jean Dollimore, Helen Vecht, John Chamberlain, George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, Angela Hobsbaum. VB

Guests James Brander, Sean Howes for last 10 minutes

Apologies Meade McCloughan, Ben Edmonds, Ursule Thurnherr.

Geoff circulated an illustrated summary of his rides during the year. We all congratulated Geoff for having been awarded Highly Commended in the Best Ride Leader category at the LCC AGM on 16th October.

1. Minutes of 26th September 2016 meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- Bank signatories: HV and JC are not yet authorised;
- Hampstead Heath: AH has written to Jonathan Meares to welcome his suggestion of a cycling forum action group and asked for more information about the next 10-year plan – who we should contact for input;
- CS11: JC will write to Swiss Cottage councillors with a view to keeping them 'on side';
- Pratt Street Stop the Killing demonstration took place and some of us attended.

3. Reports: Tavistock place consultation ends 21st October (JD)

- very effective use of local members to write to councillors and CNJ as well as leafleting locally, keeping ear to the ground and attending several local meetings;
- very effective leafleting campaign organised by John Hartley and Richenda Walford (jointly awarded Commended in the Best Campaigner category at the LCC AGM on 16th October);
- JC: an opportunity to further involve keen young people who participated;
- all of these people should be invited to our 'seasonal festivities' in December.

4. Reports: Delancey-Pratt lack of progress (JC)

The delay is due primarily to the fact that the design for the safe two-way crossing by cyclists over Camden High Street between Pratt Street and Delancey Street is based on banning right turns out of Pratt Street. The #31 bus route terminates in Bayham Street and the bus then proceeds to a stop in Camden High Street just north of Pratt Street. We think the bus could go via Crowndale Road.

JC will write to Camden Town and Primrose Hill councillors with a view to keeping them 'on side'.

5. Reports: RCS from Kentish town to Midland Road (JC)

- GC: **The new extension** from Baynes Street, across Camden Road and up to Kentish Town Road is complete and is a great asset;
- JC: will write to councillors in affected wards to thank them for their help;
- JC: we attended a site visit with officers in June following our own audit; some snagging issues still remain; motor collisions with southbound (contraflow) cyclists at Baynes and Georgiana Street have since occurred;
- JC/GC/SE to carry out a second audit 18th October at 2pm;
- JC: **Junction at Midland Road/Pancras Road**: an excellent design has been frustrated by HS1 refusing to release the taxi channel. Camden propose to proceed to implementation of a design with CLOS score 10/12 but one critical fail. JC/GC/JD felt this was an acceptable compromise;
- JC: suggests a review of progress on infrastructure projects at a monthly meeting, GC: with vision for future (January);
- JD: November meeting plan for talk by GC/JD on Groningen followed by a discussion of 'Cyclised City' as a follow-up from workshop at LCC AGM.

6. Reports: Quick Wins (GC)

- Camden has agreed to assign an officer to fix a small number of easy ones on the list but there is no point in collecting new ones at the moment.
- GC: to write to Natasha Brown to encourage her to progress this.

7. Reports: Bikehangars (AH)

- AH: Richard Riddle has confirmed that people who want Bikehangars can approach him directly; Tabrez Hussein has stated that installation of 21 Bikehangars consulted in June will start in October
- JC: will take over the Bikehangars task and will ask councillors to agitate.

8. Report on AGM

The following points were mentioned in a very hurried sum-up:

- An emergency motion was passed that LCC should push Westminster to do better on the Baker Street 2-way scheme;
- Val Shawcross gave a good talk, saying there were 150 applicants for the new commissioner post but failed to commit on specific funding for new Mini Hollands;
- LCC is short of money and proposes a new membership model;

- A very interesting workshop on Cyclised Cities will be reported at November meeting;
- Campaigner Awards included Geoff, John and Richenda as mentioned above.

9. Any Other Business

Sean Howes: The Camden Green Party chair, John Howes, wants to have a joint meeting with Camden Cyclists. Sean will organise it.

Open Meeting

Attending: Rosalind Readhead, Rachel Wrangham, Tracey Shackle, Paul Braithwaite, Steve Richards, Amber Harris, Tabitha Tanqueray, David Lincoln, David Hilliard, Lucy Saunders, John Ackers.

Plus all of those at the committee meeting.

Introduction

Geoff welcomed everybody to Sidings Community Centre and invited them to mingle and take refreshments which were very much appreciated.

Geoff then introduced Amber Harris the newly appointed Camden Sports Activator for the local area who is keen to meet us cyclists.

Talk by Lucy Saunders,

Geoff introduced Lucy Saunders who leads on the integration of transport and public health in TfL.

Lucy gave a presentation on the Healthy Streets approach to street design and the tools she has developed at TfL. Judging by the lively interaction with the audience and the varied questions at the end, this talk was very well received but some concerns were expressed about whether this might result in money and space being diverted from cyclists to pedestrians and whether the mini-Holland programme might be watered down.

See report on the talk on our website:

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2016/10/talk-by-lucy-saunders-at-october-2016-meeting/>

Next Meeting

Monday 21st November 2016, 18.30 - 21.00, Primrose Hill Community Centre.