Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

Guests

Monday 16th January 2017, 18.30 - 19.30 Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Chair: Steven Edwards, Minutes: Geoff Stilwell; George Coulouris,

Jean Dollimore, Helen Vecht. James Brander, Sean Howes

Apologies John Chamberlain, Angela Hobsbaum, Meade McCloughan,

1. Minutes of 21 November 2016 meeting

a) The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Bank Signatories still not actioned. Helen would email Meade.
- b) Regents Park/CS11 meeting arranged for tomorrow (17/01/17) in Fitzrovia, coordinating the efforts of CCC, Brent PPK, Regents Park Cyclists and Westminster Cyclists.
- c) **Bike Hangers:** installations started and reports about the completed ones <u>on our website</u>.
- d) **Hampstead Heath:** Meeting due in February. In Angela's absence, defer discussion of draft response until March meeting.
- e) Sgt Nick Clarke request to speak: Helen emailed twice, awaiting reply. Will chase up.
- f) CCC and Green Party meeting: 24th January at The Grafton, Kentish Town.

3. School Exclusion Zones

Camden Council Website are promoting School Exclusion Zones. These are being set up in streets by schools to exclude motor traffic between the hours of 8am-9am and 3pm-4:30pm. Ben Knowles would be speaking on this later.

4. CS11

The consensus of the Regents' Park Cyclists, CCC and other cycling groups was that the Park should be usable by everybody. The gate closures would aid this (even for hedgehogs). Crown Estates and Royal Parks were in favour and the Zoo official agreed in principle but wanted the closure time adjusted to allow visitors to access the Car Park from 10 am but this would detract from the object of closing the gates at peak times.

Sean would feed back after tomorrow's meeting.

5. Delancey/Pratt

There had been an article by Dan Carrier in the CNJ with a misleading title saying that the new route would be unsafe for cyclists. John C. wrote a short letter in reply refuting the unsafe claims. This was included in the 12/01/17 issue, along with 3 more letters against the scheme. One was from an ex transport consultant, Stephen Plowden, whose opinion would count in the area. The other 2 letters from local residents confused the issue somewhat, speaking of the effects of HS2. Steven Edwards has a list of Regents' Park and Camden Town and Primrose Hill ward residents who are LCC members or supporters and may be in favour of the scheme. Steven will contact them to encourage them to write to the CNJ and to councillors. The loudest voices tend to be the ones that are heard.

6. Future Speakers:

20th Feb: Chair John C. Speaker: Sgt Nick Clarke (possibly).

20th Mar Nothing planned as yet.

April - the third Monday clashes with Easter and neither PHCA or Sidings are available on 24th. When and where to hold April meeting?

Angela had asked about contacting the cyclist, John Kitchiner, who had been featured in London Cyclist magazine cycling round Catalonia, to speak about his experiences.

7. 2017 Season Rides:

Geoff spoke about putting together a schedule for rides in 2017. Apart from the main events: Round Camden Ride, and Prudential Ride London, we could aim to develop new rides or resurrect rides that hadn't been out for a while.

Geoff also wants to encourage more people to become ride leaders. Beginning with suggesting and reconnoitring a route and then helping to lead a ride, progressing to becoming a leader in their own right. Steven expressed an interest and was advised to contact Richard Riddle regarding taking some Ride Leader training.

7. Any Other Business:

a) Sean Howes co-opted onto committee.

Next Meeting

Monday 20th February 2017,18.30 - 19.30, Primrose Hill Community Centre.

Public Meeting

Present: All above plus Ben Knowles (speaker), Doro Marden, Tony Edwards, John Lowe, Berwyn Rutherford.

Healthy School Streets Talk by Ben Knowles