

Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting



Monday 20 February 2017
Primrose Hill Community Centre

Minutes

Committee Meeting

Attending: Helen Vecht (Chair), John Chamberlain (Minutes), Jean Dollimore, Angela Hobsbaum, George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, Sean Howes, James Brander (observer)

Apologies: Meade McCloughan (late arrival), Ben Edmonds, Geoff Stilwell, Ursule Thurnherr

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- 1. Minutes of the last meeting, 16 January 2017:** these were accepted as correct.
 - 2. Matters arising:**
 - a. Bank signatories: Meade has set up the process of adding Helen and John to the signature list. He attended later to get details and signatures
 - b. Future Meetings: March - the members' meeting will feature a talk by Jean Dollimore on the status of infrastructure in Camden. April - due to the usual date falling on Easter Monday and the non-availability of venues for other dates, it was decided to have no members' meeting in April. The committee meeting will be at George and Jean's on the 24th; George will chair. The AGM will be in May; Meade volunteered to chair. John to ask Phil Jones if he would speak; if he is not available, Angela will ask John Kitchener. Later in the year we may ask the new cycling and walking commissioner, Will Norman.
 - c. Rides: Geoff has taken over from John as rides coordinator and will ask people for suggestions. We discussed the Peripherique and decided that we should do something shorter, possibly with a cultural/historic slant. Geoff and John will discuss this idea with Julian Fulbrook. Provisional date is June 18th (end of Bike Week).
 - d. Bike Hangars: Hangars had been installed at 3 of the 14 agreed locations, others were expected to go in over the next few weeks. An alternative design (Asgard) had been suggested by Camden as it was less expensive; we felt that

they were less attractive and therefore less likely to get residents' approval though they might be suitable in less visible locations. Angela/John to ask Asgard where they had installed them and get feedback. Sean also was interested and planned to visit their offices in Soho.

- e. Towpath ramp: The Canal and River Trust have apparently gone ahead with renovating the ramp from the towpath to Prince Albert Road opposite St Mark's Square, but the design and layout is not the (hairpin) one that was consulted on and the location does not tie in to plans for two-way cycling in St Mark's Square. George to question this.

3. Tavistock Place: John summarised the status with the Cabinet meeting being held two days later than this meeting, on the 22nd. John Hartley would present our deputation and Simon Munk would speak on behalf of LCC. Officers had recommended that the scheme be made permanent subject to the outcome of a Public Inquiry (*note added post-meeting: this is what indeed was agreed*).

4. Our name: We decided to keep our official name as Camden Cycling Campaign and use Camden Cyclists informally. All official communications, including email, to use the official name (John to note).

5. AOB:

- a. News had come in that Ursule was in hospital again; Angela to send her a card with our sympathy and best wishes.
- b. Sean announced that he had set up a 'meet and greet' meeting with local Lib-Dem members at the Grafton pub (corner of Prince of Wales Road and Grafton Road) for the 14th March.

Main Meeting

Attendance: as above + Eugene Regis, Alex McKinnell, Fran Graham (LCC).

Fran Graham is the new Campaigns Coordinator at LCC head office, taking over from Amy. She gave an overview of projects that LCC are directly involved in, including Clerkenwell Boulevard. LCC are calling it the "London Boulevard" (some of us thought that this was not appropriate). She said that it would be important to get the support of businesses along the route. She also discussed Mini-Hollands, now renamed Healthy Neighbourhoods, and Healthy Streets. The score for Healthy Streets now includes bus facilities and there is concern that streets may score highly while still having very poor facilities for cycling.

Fran asked about the Friday post and we agreed that it was useful. She also said that they would be working on better cooperation between LCC and borough groups, using tools such as Cyclescape. Regarding the 2018 council elections, LCC were going to work on a theme.

Next Meeting: Monday 20th March at PHCA