

Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

Monday 15 May 2017, 18.30 - 19.30
Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Meade McCloughan (Chair), John Chamberlain, George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, Sean Howes, Jean Dollimore (Minutes), Geoff Stilwell, Helen Vecht.

Apologies Ursule Thurnherr

1. Minutes of 24th April 2017 meeting

- a. The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a. Proposals for a Liveable Neighbourhood scheme in Camden: Simon Munk advised Sean that we should hold off as TfL are expected imminently to produce a map showing where schemes will be.
- b. Bikehangars: John thinks all but one of those from 2015 consultation are now installed.

3. Budget for 2017-18 (Meade)

- a. Meade suggested and the committee agreed that we should take the annual grant from LCC and that we should ask Camden for only £350 for Bike Week as we had not spent all of last year's grant.

4. Gospel Oak by-election (Sean)

Sean thanked us for feedback on his leaflet and stated that:

- All candidates he met seem to be pro-cycling.
- Conservative and Green candidates suggested we should be more ambitious in our 'asks'; the response from the Labour candidate (elected) was short.
- We should ramp up our asks for the 2018 local elections.
- Candidates would prefer to meet someone from the local area.
- We need to start soon so as to be ready.
- John suggested that we should try to get local cyclists on board e.g. at our September meeting.

5. Active membership (Sean)

- a. Sean plans a leaflet to explain what our meetings are for; and what the various LCC meetings are for and when they are held.
- b. Sean's survey to gather feedback indicated that people are angry about the provision for cycling in London but don't know what they are supposed to do about it.
- c. George suggested a note framed as a greeting for newish LCC members in Camden.
- d. Sean suggested that every meeting should choose an action to be announced in the Newsletter. Helen raised the issue of timing.

6. Any Other Business

- a. Geoff invited CCC to meet at Sidings in July, when Clare Rogers is to speak. John to check with her that she is happy to come to Sidings.
- b. Sean and John had been concerned about Fran Graham's email about leafleting at Bank (telling cyclists to go slowly). Fran had stated that LCC had considered it carefully and CoL want LCC to do it.
- c. Geoff noted that the Ice Cream Ride will be 10th June – start of Bike Week.
- d. John will email Committee the dates of Fairs (to include Camden Square where he will do Dr Bike, Primrose Hill and Sidings Heritage Day).
- e. John reported on the recent King's Cross Central meeting: Camden and Argent, who are keen to retain bikes and pedestrians only in King's Boulevard and Granary Square, are fighting TfL who want to open the Boulevard to buses and possibly to black cabs.
- f. Sean reported on Lucy Saunders' talk at a recent Camden Air Action meeting. She had agreed with Sean's comments on the appalling scheme for Shoreditch High Street (labelled 'Healthy Streets'). She asked Sean to email assembly members.
- g. Sean will invite Will Norman to ride QW3, setting up a Doodle Poll to find dates – Sean doubts that Will Norman will agree,
- h. Sean reported that LCC are sending trustees to meet borough groups. John will ask LCC if there are any plans for a trustee to visit us.

Next Meeting Monday 19th June 2017, 630-7:30 pm, PHCA (Steven to chair)

19:30: Annual General Meeting

Attending: All the above plus Angela Hobsbaum, Berwyn Rutherford, Sarah Astor, Diane Gibbons, Paul Braithwaite, Rachel Wrangham, Simon Pearson, Diane Pearson and Luke Pearson.

The chair, Meade welcomed everyone.

1. Coordinator's report (Angela)

- Angela reported on her third and final year, explaining that she is moving to Haringey and noted that John had been acting as Coordinator for the last five months. See her slides at camdencyclists.org.uk/2017/05/coordinators-report-2016-2017
- Angela thanked the Committee, going over their roles; summarised the events for the year, emphasising the #TaviPlace campaign; reported on the progress of Infrastructure, emphasising its importance for encouraging people to cycle; advertised the rides and events for the summer; and then rounded up by encouraging people to help with the campaign.
- Jean presented Angela with a PhotoBook from the Committee on behalf of Camden Cyclists to thank her and to remind her of all she has done with Camden Cyclists.

2. Treasurer's report (Meade)

- In 2016-17 we spent £5000 including a donation of £3000 to LCC central funds and £1145 on campaigning. The latter was taken from a generous donation of £6000.
- This year we will claim the membership grant from LCC after having foregone it for several years.
- Last year we received £1000 from LB Camden for Bike Week but spent only £346; this year we will claim only any expenses above the balance since we don't want to rely on the Council.
- We will continue to run down our balance this year
- In response to a question, Meade noted that the Bike Bus grant can be used on anything to do with cycling to school. Berwyn Rutherford suggested using it to pay any costs associated with closing streets at school start and end times.
- See <http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2017/05/treasurers-report-2016-2017/> for the report and budget for the upcoming year.

3. Elections of officers and Committee

- This item was chaired by Angela Hobsbaum.
- *Election of coordinator:* Nomination of John Chamberlain for the post of Coordinator was proposed by Jean, seconded by Sean and agreed *nem con*.
- *Election of Treasurer:* Nomination of Meade McCloughan for the post of Treasurer was proposed by Geoff, seconded by George and agreed *nem con*.
- *Election of committee:* It was agreed *nem con* that all the existing Committee members should be re-elected, with the addition of Berwyn Rutherford and Simon Pearson and the omission of Ben Edmonds and Angela Hobsbaum, who wish to stand down. Diane Gibbons asked if she could attend as an observer and she was told she was very welcome; any LCC member can attend CCC Committee Meetings.
- *Committee as at AGM 2017:* John Chamberlain (Coordinator), Meade McCloughan (Treasurer), George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore, Steven Edwards, Sean Howes, Simon Pearson, Berwyn Rutherford, Geoff Stilwell, Ursule Thurnherr and Helen Vecht.

4. Speaker: Cllr Phil Jones, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Transport & Planning

"Making Camden the best borough in London for cycling: a lot done, a lot more to do."

Here's an illustrated news item on Phil's talk

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2017/05/phil-jones-talks-at-our-agm-on-15th-may-2017/>

See Phil's slides at:

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Next Monthly Meeting

Monday 19th June 2016, 7:30-9pm, PHCA (Steven to chair)