Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

18 Dec 2017, 18.30 - 19.30 Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending John Chamberlain (chair), Sean Howes, Berwyn Rutherford, Simon Pearson, Helen Vecht, George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, Jean Dollimore (minutes).

Apologies Meade McCloughan, Geoff Stilwell.

Guest David Arditti

1. Minutes of last meeting.

 Our November meeting was cancelled to enable John to lead a deputation to the Full Council Meeting to counter a petition against the Delancey–Pratt scheme. (See agenda item 5 below.)

2. Congratulating Sean Howes on #MakeTheLane

 a. The committee congratulated Sean on the success of his first demo of making a human-bounded cycle lane in Penton Street. See https://activetravelnow.wordpress.com/2017/11/29/makethelane/.

3. Road markings

- a. Sean raised the issue of cycle logos and lanes that are painted in the 'door zone'. We didn't reach common ground on the usefulness of cycle logos for way-finding and drivers' awareness of people on bikes. But Sean has agreed to compile a list of the ones that are in the 'door zone' (e.g. in Gloucester Avenue on the side with non-echelon parking). We agreed that these should be removed and will ask Camden to add them to the 'Quick Wins' list.
- b. Sean told us about a discussion he'd had with The Ranty Highwayman about the idea of 'bus and registered vehicle lanes' which might be a solution to extending CS6 further up Farringdon Road. [CS 6 Stage 1 runs from Elephant and Castle over Blackfriars Bridge and up Farringdon Road to Stonecutter Street. Stage 2 is (now under construction) will not continue all the way up Farringdon Road, instead running inside Camden. See CS6.]

4. Hampstead Heath Meeting

a. Berwyn and Steven reported on the meeting to discuss shared use paths on Hampstead Heath (28th Nov 2017). This group is chaired by Bob Warnock and includes representatives from Heath for Feet, Sustrans, CCC, Land Use Consultants (LUC) and Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee.

- b. The main topic was the surfacing of the shared use paths in particular the east-west path from Milford Lane.
- c. The next ten year management plan is due about April 2018. The subject of additions to the limited current routes (e.g. Lido path) could be raised at the next meeting.
- d. Berwyn and Steven agreed to continue representing CCC on this group. The next meeting will be in April.
- e. Steven mentioned an article in a CNJ article (1st Dec 2017) on the Heath Management's report on their recent consultation: many people had asked for extra cycle paths e.g. a north-south path.

5. Delancey-Pratt

- a. Following our deputation and the opposing petition, councillors agreed the officers' recommendations after a debate. These are: officers meeting with interested parties to discuss the HS2 modelling results; then presenting a report to the Cabinet Member for his decision on the following:
 - recommendations for the Bayham Street and Greenland Street bus changes;
 - whether the Phase 1 recommendations agreed in December 2015 should be amended or refined;
 - whether Phase 2 should be progressed to consultation.

See more detail on our website at http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2017/11/delancey-pratt/

6. CS 11

- a. Sean alerted us to the fact that SKC (Stop Killing Cyclists) are planning a demo as there are rumours that the so far undecided fate of the Regents' Park gates closures is at risk. [See the latest news and the proposals consulted on TfL page https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/cycling/cs-11/] John reported that at a recent meeting of the Royal Parks Walking and Cycling Stakeholder Group, TRP had said that CEPC (Crown Estates Paving Commission) were responsible for the gates and the roads.
- b. Simon reported on a CMP (construction management plan) meeting for the development at 100 Avenue Road. The Save Swiss Cottage group want access via Avenue Road (not via Winchester Road) and CCC agree. When the CS11 cycle tracks are in use on Avenue Road, vehicles will have to cross the SB cycle track with marshalls. The CMP is on Camden's website. https://goo.gl/F8Vv94. Simon had been told that CCC is not on the CMP group; John will follow up to make sure we are invited to future meetings.

7. Quietways

a. Not minuted - confidential.

8. Facebook page camdencyclists

a. The page hasn't been updated for four months. It was set up by Ursule Thurnheer who has been ill. Helen and Geoff have editor and moderator rights while none of us has admin rights. We will remove its embedding from our website and John will make one more attempt to contact Ursule. If that fails, we may need to start another page from scratch.

9. Chairs of future meetings

- a. January Jean; John will invite Rachel Aldred (note added after meeting Rachel is not available in January but will come to the February meeting).
- b. February George.

Seasonal festivities

We were joined by Julian Fulbrook, Geoff Stillwell, James Brander, Darren Murphy and Dave Sims. Thanks to Helen and Steven for bringing the food and drink, to George for the audio and visual entertainment and to John for organising it all.

Next Meeting

15th January 2018, Primrose Hill Community Centre.