

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

Monday 15th April 2019 18.30 - 19.30

Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending: Chair: George Coulouris, Minutes: Jean Dollimore, John Chamberlain, Helen Vecht, Paul Allen.

Apologies: Berwyn Rutherford, Steven Edwards, Sean Howes, Meade McCloughan, Rachel Wrangham, Simon Pearson.

1. Minutes of 18th March 2019 meeting

- The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- (#2a) The ride with Cycle Islington on 6th April was well-attended with a particularly large number of children.
- (#4) Holborn LN campaigning group: we need to contact local members and supporters and ask for contacts from Julian Fulbrook. Holborn LN will be on the agenda for Quarterly meeting on 30th April so defer any action until after we have consulted officers.
- (#5). Euston Circus Danger. JC has had reply from Louise McBride: Camden is discussing internally and with TfL.

Action: John to talk to Max Lyne and remind Simon Munk to raise the matter with TfL.

3. Bike Week Events (Helen)

- a) **Breakfast (Wed 12th June):** Helen is willing either to order the food and bring it or to contact the café. We decided on Judd Street (outside the Town Hall) so as to advertise the new Judd-Midland route; banner at Brill Place to explain location

Action: John to contact Paul Davis and Richard Riddle.

- b) **Ride All Round Camden** (Sun 16th June): Geoff leading. Have leaflets ready for Bike Breakfast.

Action: John to ask Geoff to tell Julian Fulbrook, contact police and cycle trainers.

- c) **Infrastructure Ride** (Sunday 9th June). It was suggested that at the start of Bike Week we organise a ride round the new and older infrastructure in Camden.

4. Reports from meetings attended

- a) **Phoenix Road Greening.** Meeting with Judy Hallgarten of Groundworks. Attended by John and Berwyn. John reported that Groundworks is commissioned to plan use of funding from HS2 to make a 'green route' through Phoenix Road. John advised them that shared space doesn't work. We noted that it is on a signed walking route between Euston Station and St Pancras Station and is on an east-west cycle route continuing on Brill Place and Goodsway.
- b) **Kings Boulevard.** Jean reported on a meeting (8th April) called by Julia Finlayson of Argent (also attended by George and David Harrison – LLS). Kings Boulevard (and the bridge over to Granary Square) was originally designed for taxis and buses but was never used by them. It is now to be officially designated as 'pedestrians and cycles only'. Paul Winton of Gillespies (landscape architects) presented a scheme in which pedestrians and cycles share a 4m wide path along the main axis of the Boulevard. CCC and LLS argued that shared space doesn't work for either pedestrians or cyclists. We were also told that Argent want to signalise the Tiger crossing over Goodsway; David made a strong case against this.

Action: Jean to put on Agenda for Quarterly and write to Julia Finlayson

- c) **Borough Coordinator's Meeting.** John reported on meeting (4th April)
 - i) Campaigners' Conference. 8 June 2019.
 - ii) Free Cycle 3rd August.
 - iii) Leader/marshal training (11-18 May) but John has agreed with coordinators of Haringey and Islington groups to organise a local one, e.g. in Tufnell Park
 - iv) TfL has invited LCC to help with infra mapping; George agreed to help

Action: John to mail Stuart Dring with copy to George
 - v) No unaccompanied under 18s to be allowed at events.
 - vi) Theme for May 2020 elections 'unhealthy children' or 'unhealthy streets'?
 - vii) Fran will sort how we can contact new members.
 - viii) May 24th LCC ride to support children's climate action.

5. Consultations

- a) Greening Phoenix Road.

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/groundwork/greening-phoenix-road/>

JD stated that the consultation mentions possibilities of filtering

Action: John to put onto CycleScope

6. Expanding our infrastructure campaigning/consultation response team

- a) Paul Allen, our new committee member agreed to join the infrastructure team.
- b) Paul would like to attend Quarterly Meetings with officers

Action: Jean to contact Camden so that Paul gets an invitation for 30th April.
- c) Informal audit of Judd- Midland scheme to be carried out as soon as scheme open.

Action: Jean to convene an inspection
- d) Paul suggested that with important schemes such as Judd-Midland, that during the road works Camden should put up signs explaining what's happening and when the scheme will open.

Action: Jean to put on Agenda for Quarterly

7. Financial statement and proposed budget - Meade

- We agreed the financial statement and would welcome a simplified copy for the AGM.
- We agreed that the proposed budget looks reasonable. In particular there's no need to claim the £337 from LCC.
- Bike week funding has run out; we propose to ask Camden for £300. If they turn us down, we could take it from reserves or claim the LCC grant next year.
- Note: CCC membership (455) up slightly from last year; LCC Membership 8815.

Action: John to reply to Meade's email as above

General Meeting

16th July, 19.30 - 21.00

Attending: All of the above.

1. Review of LCC's [Infrastructure Handbook](#)

(written by Simon Munk) recently circulated for comment by LCC

- a) Discussion of its approach and key points (led by George)
 - i) Communication in context of major schemes: how do we involve more people e.g. CycleScape?
 - ii) Paul suggested that we ask Camden to show clearly the current situation in consultation drawings
 - iii) We should sometimes consider whether 'do nothing' would be preferable
 - iv) George pointed out that campaigning materials are available from our website under the 'Campaigning' menu e.g.
 - 1) Map of Camden's proposed and implemented cycle network
 - 2) CycleScape issues Map
 - 3) SCA and MTS maps
 - 4) Policy documents e.g. Camden's Transport Policy and Cycling Action Plan, MTS, SCA, LCDS etc.

See George's slides

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1YFCjSVIVrlzqzoPzZi9A1YmYAtCiiVZI0gk8v2eWC_s

George also showed a Street Films Video: Systematic Safety: The Principles Behind Vision Zero

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aNtsWvNYKE&=&t=4s>

- b) Points for feedback to LCC
 - i) After construction, carry out audit, compare with plans and give feedback to council officers
 - ii) Publicise the scheme e.g. on website, showing appreciation and encouraging people to use it e.g. infrastructure rides
 - iii) We don't like the Healthy Streets Check 500 PCU's per hour having high score!

Next Meeting (AGM)

Monday 20th May 2019, 18.30 - 19.30, Primrose Hill Community Centre. Chair Geoff