

Camden Cycling Campaign Meeting Minutes



Committee Meeting

16th September, 2019 18.30 - 19.30

Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Chair: George Coulouris, Minutes: Berwyn Rutherford, Sean Howes, Helen Vecht, Jean Dollimore, Paul Allen, Steven Edwards, Simon Pearson.

Guest Luke Pearson.

Apologies Rachel Wrangham, John Chamberlain, Geoff Stilwell, Meade McCloughan.

1. Minutes of 19th August 2019 meeting

a) The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Paul Allen agreed to take on the responsibility for posting on the Instagram account set up by Jeyda Heselton who is now too busy to manage it. Paul confirmed that he had posted.
- b) Jean gave a summary of results of cycle counters (she had been actioned to produce a summary of her longer report). There had been a 23% average increase in cycle journeys on RCS from Aug 2016 soon after the northern extension was opened. And since Midland-Judd opened, a 29% average increase in cycle journeys in Pancras Road in the past 10 weeks (some of which may have transferred from the Somerstown route) and an increase of 11% on RCS north of Camden Rd. A note was made about non functional counters. Increases were as a result of better infrastructure for cyclists. Thanks to Jean for her excellent report. The summary is here:

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2019/09/highlights-and-updates-on-cccs-report-summary-of-5-years-counts-on-rcs/>

3. Report on CS6 Launch event (George) at Midland Road. TFL are promoting CS6 by handing out leaflets and placing a half-page advert in the CNJ and advertising the route on Twitter. Much of the publicity refers to the route as Kings Cross to Kentish Town whereas it should be advertised as Kentish Town to Elephant and Castle. George had spoken to Will Norman at the launch and he indicated that improvements are still planned at Swiss Cottage and at Euston Circus.
4. The Latest West End Project Misadventures (George) On Tottenham Court Rd on approach to Howland Street: people heading up TCR are supposed to wait for a green signal during which the motor traffic will be held. This had been closed as

unsafe due to poor positioning of signals. Even after improved signals it failed the first safety test Camden is now waiting for extra cycle signs before opening it

5. Report on Audit of Camden's recently-completed Farringdon Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme (Jean). Carried out by George, Paul and Jean. Tiger Crossing over Calthorpe Street appreciated; with cobble-stones on Gough St not satisfactory but closure of Frederick St. to traffic is good, offering a potential for greening. Contra-flow and filters in Eyre St. are good as is two-way cycling in Eyre St Hill. The report which lists queries and snagging issue is here:
<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2019/09/ccc-audit-of-farringdon-area-improvements/>
6. The Poor Quality of TFL's recent "safer junctions" consultation on Camden Street/Camden Road (Jean). TfL admits the proposals still have three critical failures. Cycle signalling and infrastructure required. At the moment buses have priority See CycleScape discussion <https://www.cyclescape.org/threads/4931>
7. Report on recent meeting with TFL Officers on "Cycling in Camden - now and into the Future (Jean). Moved to next meeting.
8. Suggestion for a meeting with Cycle Islington members to discuss potential improvements to the Archway Roundabout Scheme (Luke)
Action: Luke to attend Cycle Islington meeting.

General Meeting

16th September, 19.30 - 21.00

Attending: All of the above plus Eugene Regis, Christine Bryce, Julietta Cochrane, Susan Seymour and Julian Fulbrook and Ben Knowles (speaker).

1. Pedal Me

- a) Paul Allen gave an account of his training and work as a courier/ taxi cyclist for the company PedalMe. The training to be a rider of a 3 metre long electric cargo bike involved 5 sessions over 2 weeks At present there are 32 dutch bikes and 45 staff
- b) Ben Knowles the company founder of PedalMe said that the company was expanding by an average of 20% a month and that it had great potential in an eco friendly way. His company offers training and support, cargo bikes and a uniform. They have a good relationship with TFL and the police.
See our illustrated report at
<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2019/09/talk-by-ben-knowles-co-founder-of-pedalme/>

Next Meeting

21st October 2019, 18.30 - 19.30, Primrose Hill Community Centre. Chair Helen Vecht