

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 18 November 2019



Committee Meeting

Monday 18.30 - 19.30

Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Chair: John Chamberlain, Minutes: Berwyn Rutherford, George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, Helen Vecht, Simon Pearson, Rachel Wrangham

Guest Luke Pearson

Apologies Jean Dollimore, Sean Howes, Geoff Sitwell, Meade McCloughlan

1. Minutes of 18 November 2019 meeting

a) The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) 2b) Cycle track on TCR at the Howland Street junction opened and closed again. Following the opening of TCR for SB traffic it has now been closed for about 6 months, causing unnecessary danger to all NB cyclists. . **Action:** John to talk to AH again.
- b) 6) George changed our Yahoo Group (CamdenCyclingCampaign@yahoo.com) to camdencyclists@groups.io The topic of how to make better use of the group communication will be put on the agenda for the December meeting. **Action:** George and Steven will discuss subgroups.

3. Item 3 Reports on Meetings Attended

a) Quarterly meeting with Camden together with London Living Streets. Lasted one and half hours. Updates on Gray's Inn Road, Camden re: Delancey Street, West End Lane and Kilburn, Kentish Town High Street and Euston Circus and entrance into TCR. **Action:** John will meet with Will Norman to discuss the junction. Camden High Street will be pedestrianised experimentally between Camden Town Station and Hawley Crescent after a consultation in 2020. CS6 There was a discussion about CS6 and the potentially dangerous right hand crossing in Royal College Street.

b) Simon attended a meeting with the Royal Parks. Need to restrict vehicles in the parks and possibly to increase the use of speed cameras. John C noted that CCC had previously been an invitee to the RP Walking and Cycling group meetings but he had not heard anything about this meeting.

Action: Simon to orchestrate an invitation for John to attend the next meeting.

c) CEC Climate Emergency Camden

Steven will attend and discuss the network of high quality cycleways and to trial temporary infrastructure to close roads and junctions to reduce car numbers. There must be a liason between Camden and TFL and Safer Streets for Schools. There will be a meeting in Think and Do in Kentish Town Road. Steven noted that there will be an Extinction Rebellion cycle ride to Heathrow 12 days before Christmas.

4. Gray's Inn Road Consultation and Tavistock Place

- a) The deadline is December the 6th and there has been some opposition. **Action:** John and Jean will encourage participation and Helen will put a reminder in the newsletter.
- b) Tavistock Place will remain as is which pleases LCC but infuriates taxi drivers.

5. Chairs and Plans for Future CCC Meetings

- a) Jean will Chair in January, George in February and Helen in March.

7. Any Other Business

- a) The building works have been completed in Royal College Street.
- b) The pedestrian refuge islands in Prince of Wales Road will need to be taken out.

General Meeting

18th November 2019, 19.30 - 21.00

Attending: All of the above plus Susan Seymour, James Brander, Ema Arvarti, Paul Braithwaite, Rosie Riley (Imperial) and William Woodward (Lime Bikes) .

1. Lime Bikes

William Woodward of Lime Bikes spoke about the company's agreements with several councils in London in the provision of electric bikes. They operate in 125 cities worldwide offering dockless e-scooters, e-bikes and pedal bikes (but in London only e-bikes). have had 1 million rides this year in London. The average journey is 12 minutes or 2 miles and there were 13,000 rides in Camden in the past month. Presently scooters on the road are illegal but he is hoping that the law will change.

Lime deploy (and redeploy overnight) the bikes at 30 locations agreed with Camden - mainly near tube and overground stations. A battery charge lasts about 100 km. Newly-charged batteries are carried to the bikes on a cargo bike.

Most questions were centered on the fact that bikes are left in places which impact on those with disabilities by obstructing footpaths. It was agreed that bike and scooter use might reduce car numbers even though it was cheaper to travel by bus.

A show of hands of those present on the question 'Do we support the continued availability of dockless e-bike hire bikes?' showed a substantial majority in favour.

2. Rosie Riley "What is Good Air?"

For her PhD at Imperial College is exploring opportunities to increase public engagement in air pollution in London which causes at least a 6 months reduction in life expectancy and accounts for 9,000 deaths a year. She and her colleagues are developing an App that shows a pollution heatmap and helps to plan a less polluted cycle route based on data from the 40 traffic monitoring stations around London. These will be based on the expected time of departure and traffic conditions. A workshop will take place at Kentish Town Community Centre, 17 Busby Place London NW52SP on the 29th of November between 9 and 11AM.

Next Meeting

16th December 2019. Chair Sean. Seasonal Festivities.