

# Camden Cyclists Meeting

## Minutes 16th December 2019



### Committee Meeting

**Monday 18.30 - 19.30**

#### **Primrose Hill Community Association**

**Attending** Chair: Sean Howes, Minutes: Berwyn Rutherford, George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, Helen Vecht, Jean Dollimore, John Chamberlain, Geoff Stilwell, Paul Allen

**Guest** Luke Pearson

**Apologies** Rachel Wrangham, Simon Pearson

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#### **1. Minutes of 18 November 2019 meeting**

a) The minutes were approved.

#### **2. Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) 3a) Quarterly meeting. Action: John to meet with Will Norman to discuss Euston Circus and other poor junctions. John to talk with Camden regarding Royal College Street
- 4a) Consultation on Gray's Inn Road closed on December 6th. Cards designed by George were distributed by teams organised by John and Jean (including James, George, Steven), to encourage participation.
- 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.

#### **3. Brainstorm at Think&Do on 7th Dec about safe routes to school - Jean**

- a) Parents were given maps and asked to draw lines showing the way their children might cycle to school. The barriers to safe routes were studied. These included main roads that need crossing and a narrow railway arch. [See report on our website.](#) Safe Routes to School to be the main agenda item for the January meeting. **Action:** Jean to compose CiviCRM email to members and supporters asking for ideas on routes to school. We could invite David Lincoln to the next meeting.
- b) Jean complained about the large amount of red in the CiviCRM templates.. Sean explained that you can delete things from the header in the template and insert new images.

#### **4. Meeting with CEC (Climate Emergency Camden) transport group - George**

George had explained to the group what a borough wide cycle network would look like and discussed Camden's timetable for works and the need to accelerate the time scale to put the necessary infrastructure in place to complete the network by 2030. At the meeting low traffic neighbourhoods were also discussed.

**5. Gray's Inn Road Consultation - Jean**

- a) The deadline was December the 6th and the team described above distributed 2000 cards with a view to increasing the number of responses in favour.

**6. Local Group Meeting Report - John**

- a) August the 15th 2020 will be the next Freecycle.
- b) In 2017 TfL commissioned a survey that produced a database showing all the cycling infrastructure in London, ranging from route-finding signs and parking to segregated tracks and junctions. . The database has seen little use and is now obsolescent, so TfL has awarded LCC a £30,000 contract to manage the updating of the database and the LCC manager responsible (Simon Still) will be approaching us to help. It is a massive undertaking and those present felt that our volunteer effort was likely to be inadequate for us to do much but we would consider it further if and when approached to carry out specific tasks .
- c) LCC Policy Forum nominations to be in by 18th of December. Action: John to nominate Sean

**7. Raising Awareness of the Useful Amount of High Quality Infrastructure that Now Exists in Camden - George**

George proposed that we should take action to raise public awareness the opportunities for cycling opened up by the new protected and traffic-calmed infrastructure in Camden. Suggestions for action were made including:

- a) An article in the CNJ as well as letters.
- b) A leaflet for distribution via bike shops.
- c) A morning spent redirecting cyclists heading towards Ossulston St to Midland Road

We agreed to re-visit this with a view to doing some of the above in early spring 2020.

**8. AOB**

LCC winter social will be at "Look Mum No Hands" on the 14th of January from 6:30 to 10:30 pm

## **General Meeting**

**16th December 2019, 19.30 - 21.00**

**Christmas Festivities**

**Next Meeting**

20th January 2020. Chair Jean. Main Topic: new campaign to ask Camden to remove barriers to cycling to school.