

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 20 January 2020



Committee Meeting

Monday 18.30 - 19.30

Primrose Hill Community Association

Attending Chair: Jean Dollimore, Minutes: Berwyn Rutherford, George Coulouris, John Chamberlain, Steven Edwards, Jean Dollimore, Paul Allen, Geoff Stilwell, Simon Pearson, Rachel Wrangham

Guest Luke Pearson, Norman Franklin, James Brander

Apologies Sean Howes, Helen Vecht, Simon Pearson, Meade McCloughan, Geoff Stillwell

1. Minutes of 16th December 2019 meeting

a) The minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) 3a) John emailed Will Norman to discuss Euston Circus and other poor junctions but he has not answered as yet. John will talk to Simon Munk and AH.
- b) 4) CEC (Climate Emergency Camden) Steven has no news but there is a meeting tonight. **Action**; Steven will liaise with Alice Brown who is drafting the CEC transport strategy.
- c) 5) Gray's Inn Road. A potential problem to the cycle way is the need to load and unload for the many shops. John had a [letter published in the CNJ](#) but there were no replies.
- d) 6) Sean was nominated to be part of the LCC Policy Forum.
- 7) Raising awareness of the useful amount of high quality infrastructure that now exists in Camden. This will be on the agenda in March. We will do a count of cyclists comparing Ossulston Street and Midland Road. **Action**: John and George to organise

3. Reports on meetings Attended

- a) Farringdon Audit (Jean and George). [Carried out by George, Paul and Jean on 15th August.](#)
- Frederick Street; Suggest "greening".
 - Calthorpe Street; The markings of the tiger crossing are not parallel and this causes cars to make a wide arc when turning. Camden says they have to be perpendicular to the kerb. CCC suggested moving the belisha beacon closer to the crossing; camden will investigate,

- Gough Street; The cobble stones are very rough and CCC requested that they should be relaid. No agreement from Camden
- Eyre Street Hill from Warner Street; Old and new No entry signs, Camden agreed to remove the old no entry signs and to investigate moving the sign placed in the centre of the footpath.

3b. Preconsultation of Chalk Farm Road Cycle infrastructure. (John)

- 1.5 to 2 metres segregated cycle path on both sides of Chalk Farm Road from Prince of Wales Road to just north of Hawley Road with bus stop bypasses.
- The junction designs look good but cycle phase lights will be needed.

5. St Mark's Square

- St Mark's Square: three lanes of motors one-way southbound
- We need a with-flow cycle track and a contraflow cycle track
- A scheme was consulted on in July 2016
- Strong opposition by vicar and by PHCAAC
- Local councillors still oppose the scheme so Camden officers have given up
- What should we do?
- Simon has promised to give this some thought

Action: Rachel and Paul will approach the Vicar who previously was strongly opposed to a changing from one way to 2way.

6. Requests from LCC - New Trustee and Speaker

- a) Sarah Strong who was elected as a new trustee in LCC has been assigned to help us.
- b) Osbornes Law group who deal with LCC's 3rd party insurance claims for LCC members have offered to speak at a future meeting

7. Any Other Business

- a) None
- b)

General Meeting

20th January, 19.30 - 21.00

Attending: All of the above plus Emma Avarti, Michael Boylan, Phil Thornton and Stephano Bertolotto.

1. Cycling to School (Jean)

A new campaign to ask Camden to remove the barriers to safe cycling to schools in the borough.

Jean presented the result of work on identifying the barriers that prevent children from cycling to school. The data was obtained from a brainstorm at Think & Do on 16th December and from replies to a mailout requesting people to tell us about their routes.

See this page which links to a map showing all the routes and barriers:

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/2020/01/map-showing-barriers-that-prevent-people-cycling-to-school/>

There was a lively discussion following an excellent presentation by Jean. Barriers such as busy roads to cross, narrow and one way roads and difficult junctions were identified and possible solutions discussed.

Next Meeting

[Monday 17th February 2020, 18.30 - 21.30:](#)

[Chair: George. Speaker Karl Brierly: Camden's New Approach to Stakeholder Engagement](#)