

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 20 April 2020



General Meeting

18.30 - 19.30

Held on Zoom

Attending Chair: John Chamberlain, **Minutes:** Jean Dollimore, Meade McCloughan, George Coulouris, Simon Pearson, Helen Vecht, Paul Allen, Rachel Wrangham, Sarah Strong, Ema Arvati, Paul Braithwaite, David Harrison, Michael Boylan, Susan Seymour.

Apologies Steven Edwards, Sean Howes, Geoff Stilwell, Berwyn Rutherford.

1. Minutes of 16th March 2020 meeting

a) The [minutes](#) were approved.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Numbered as in the minutes

- 3c) JC: looking forward to seeing the video made by Paul Harwood from TfL during ride around Euston Circus with Michael Barratt
- 3d) JC: we responded to the Royal Parks' new draft Movement Strategy consultation but after composing a letter to supporters on Civi, decided (in the light of Covid-19) not to send it.
- 4) Prince of Wales Road construction, PA: concern about ability to social distance at the works at Malden Road junction. [Photo here](#). GC: some of the work is finished, we could ask Camden to remove those barriers. **Action:** GC
- 5) St Mark's Square: defer until lockdown lifted
- 6) RNIB for feedback on Midland-Judd: defer until lockdown lifted

3. Reports on meetings attended

- a) Brian Deegan's webinar (14th April) on temporary walking and cycling infrastructure (JD/GC)
 - Brian Deegan chaired the meeting and the main speakers were Mark Strong @ibikebrighton and Bob Davies @CHAIRDRF who has written a [blog on the implications of Covid 19](#).
 - Campaigners should gather information e.g. photos (e.g. footways lacking space for queueing and social distancing).
 - Campaigners to persuade Councils to install temporary measures e.g. cycle lanes, footway extensions, filtering

- as lockdown reduces, people won't want to use buses and tubes for fear of contagion. Creating experimental low traffic neighbourhoods now could help them continue to cycle as they are now instead of driving.
- b) Sam Parkes' online Dr Bike (JC). Deferred for lack of time. A link to the video will be put on our website as a news item. **Action:** JC

4. **Potential for temporary lane and road closures in Camden to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists ('Reclaim the Streets')** (JD/GC)

The discussion took place under three main headings and referred to the [London Living Streets report](#)

- Shopping streets
- Safe space on main roads
- Making residential streets safe for recreation, walking and cycling

And is recorded [here](#).

Action: JC/GC/JD: to collect more examples; other people to send us examples e.g. Ema West End Lane, Mill Lane, Michael Camden High St., Parkway, Paul South End Green., Prepare Civi email to supporters. Possible dedicated web page.

5. **Status of cycling infrastructure construction (JD)**

Deferred for lack of time.

6. **LCC C-19 initiatives and how we can support them (JC)**

Deferred for lack of time.

7. **Annual accounts and budget for next year (JC/MM)**

These have to be submitted to LCC

- a) 2019-20 annual return to LCC had been shared with the committee by email; JC commented that they looked fine to him, there were no other comments so they were taken as approved.
- b) Budget for 2020-21: MM: advised us to agree as usual not to receive our annual grant from LCC (£337.70) and noted that our current funds would enable us to continue on the same basis as 2019-20 for another four years. PA added that LCC was probably looking to force a major draw-down of funds. MM said that this would prevent us from operating as an effective group.

8. **Plans for future monthly meetings - at 7:30**

For the foreseeable future, our meetings will be general meetings (as opposed to a committee only meeting) and will be held on Zoom with a wider audience being invited. JC will investigate purchasing a licence (so that we will not again be cut off every 40 minutes). JC suggested we move to 7:30 rather than 6:30, this was approved.

Next Meeting

AGM: 18th May 2020, 19.30 - 21.30; Chair: Geoff Stilwell