

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 17 August 2020



19:30-21:30

On Zoom

Attending *Chair:* John Chamberlain, *Minutes:* Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, Helen Vecht, Paul Allen, Rachel Wrangham, Ema Arvati, Linus Rees, Stefano Bertolotto, Luke Pearson, Susan Seymour.

1. Introductions

As we gathered, we greeted each other but no formal introductions were needed.

2. Minutes of 20th July 2020 meeting

[The minutes](#) were read through and approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

The following matters arose:

2b) Community action in Somers Town: Paul has no connections.

Steven raised the issue of “No Cycling” signs in Holly Lodge. John explained that the issue was that cyclists can only enter by the pedestrian gates and then tend to stay on the footways which are at a different level than the roadway. The estate plans to install small gates allowing cycles to enter by the road. But nothing has been done yet.

Action: Paul to ask his contacts, John to follow up with his.

5) Stephen Taylor has not sent us the details of his routes although John has supplied him with links to Camden’s Borough-wide cycle network.

7a) Bike Buddies: See Agenda item 6.

4. Update on progress of TfL and Camden Covid-19 initiatives related to cycling and walking in Camden

[Presentation by George and Jean](#)

a) Status of Pop-Up Cycle Network by Camden

Prince of Wales eastbound - eastbound pop-up track with bollards from Haverstock Hill to Grafton Road complete (800m) build outs being cut back; SUBBs being constructed.

York Way Wharfedale Road to Freight Lane: pop-up track with bollards complete on both sides, two SUBBs, 3 more to come. Junctions Phase 3.

Chalk Farm Road Pop-Up Cycle Lanes & Ferdinand Street junction improvement scheme: decided 14th July. Work started on 10th August.

Grays Inn Road. ETO to be published in September

b) Status of Pop-Up Cycle Network by TfL

Euston Road: Wide cycle lanes with bollards on both sides of the road between Gower Street and Ossulston Street. Motors restricted to one traffic lane apart from buses and taxis. The new no left turn into Ossulston Street has eliminated its use as a rat-run and made Somers Town into something very close to an LTN.

Euston Circus: dangers still not addressed apart from widening of the Hampstead Road southbound bus/taxi/bike lane near the junction.

Hampstead Road, Harrington Square and Oakley Square: Wide bollard-protected lanes complete except near bus stops. Some blue surface colouring planned and a bus stop bypass promised on Hampstead Road near Netley Street.

Discussion: the banned left turn at Ossulston Street and at three junctions (Dukes Road, Woburn Place and Gordon Street) on the south side of Euston Road are a big improvement. The distancing of the motor traffic is a big benefit for pedestrians on the footway.

Rachel questioned the scope in light of the need to be ready for cycling to school in September. John displayed the [map showing Camden's and TfL's plans](#).

Action: At quarterly. ask Camden to find out whether TfL will do Finchley Road.

c) Camden pre-StreetSpace work

Brunswick Square - is now almost complete. Lansdowne Terrace through road only for cycles. The roundabout has been returned to a square. Some planting to be done.

Prince of Wales Road westbound: open west of Malden Road with early release and low-level signals at that junction. Blended junctions: Talacre Rd, Harmood St, Hadley St and Ryland Road (one more to build). New bus stop bypass opposite Talacre Road: one more to build. Jean to ask Camden to open the section between Talacre Green and Malden Road.

Permeability measures - see [Five new Permeability Gains](#)

5. Low Traffic Neighbourhoods in Camden – how can we promote and support them?

John presented [a map showing CCC's proposals for LTNs](#). If Camden goes ahead with these or any others we must be prepared to get support for them.

Linus noted that for Fitzrovia, the main problem is the three east-west motor routes; there is plenty of positive feedback from residents and businesses; that he plans to ask his (many) contacts to vote.

John noted that the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum survey found 75% in favour of less traffic in their street and 73% supported a trial LTN in the area.

Rachel asked John to display the map layer with Camden Housing Estates and it became clear that these are present in almost all of the proposed LTN areas.

Rachel suggested contacting Clean Air London and BloomsburyAir and followed up by providing us with contacts for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

6. Helping people new to or returning to cycling – Bike Buddies program

Paul volunteered to help organise a program.

Action: Paul and John will discuss with Toby Hopkins (LCC/Wandsworth)

7. Any Other Business

a) Paul announced a Demo against CEPC on Saturday 12th September.

Action: Paul to announce details

b) Ema issues with crossing Finchley Road will still be an issue even when there is a pop up lane on Adelaide Road

c) Ema suggested working with Brent and Stefano noted that Brent council propose a pop-up lane on Shoot-Up Hill (Kilburn High Road) and some proposed LTNs.

Action: John and Ema are to contact Brent Cyclists.

Next Meeting

21st September 2020, 19.30 - 21.30; Chair: JC; Topic: ??