

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 15 February 2021



19:30-21:30 On Zoom

Attending John Chamberlain (Chair), Jean Dollimore (Minutes), George Coulouris, Linus Rees, Steven Edwards, Paul Allen, Stefano Bertolotto, Susan Seymour, Ema Arvati, Jean-François Paris, Steve Prowse.

1. Introductions

John welcomed Steve Prowse, who was joining us for the first time and the rest of us introduced ourselves.

2. Minutes of 17th August 2020 meeting

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no outstanding issues.

LR reported on outstanding issues with the West End Project:

- The transfer of northbound motor traffic from TCR to Gower Street (expected on 31st January) has been postponed due to administrative issues.
- Some incomplete details at the junction of High Holborn and Endell Street (no visible signal at top of Endell Street and no gap for turning right into High Holborn)

4. Status of LTNs and infrastructure

JC presented the latest status of LTNs by means of the [progress map](#)¹ in which there is a new category for the LTNs currently under consultation.

JD then presented from [a set of slides](#).

The following points arose:

- Some LTN's (e.g. Savernake) can be created with a single point closure (e.g. a bollard).
- When problems arise, Camden modifies them rather than taking them out e.g. in the Arlington Road LTN, a new southbound filter was added to Inverness Street. There is still an issue with the camera on Mornington Street.

Action: JC to check with Michael B and take it up with Camden if necessary.

- Hartland Road - Clarence Road: a single point closure on Harwood Road increased the area by more than 50%. PA noted that the banned left turn from PoW onto Malden Road had put more traffic on Harwood. JD pointed out that this LTN should be expanded so that the eastern boundary is on Kentish Town Road (not Castlehaven Road).

¹ The map is updated regularly so may look different when viewed in the future

- **King Henry's Road scheme:** strong opposition from the residents who say this will make an already privileged area even more exclusive! PA noted that removal of the Swiss Cottage gyratory would help and that the scheme will also reduce traffic on Primrose Hill Road.

To get support:

Actions: PA to ask Rachel Wrangham to use her contacts via St Paul's School and to contact the Primrose Hill Dog walkers
SE: to contact Greenpeace

- **The Camden Square scheme** improves the cycle route which is a substitute for TfL's CRF2 on Camden Road which isn't going to happen any time soon. PA: crossings of Camden Road (e.g. Rochester Square to Rochester Road) important;

Action: JD to put on agenda for next Quarterly Meeting with officers

- **Queen's Crescent scheme** would produce a very large LTN; local traders are concerned about access to their shops.
JC, GC and JD invited to a stakeholder discussion on 17th February at 18:00.
- JC: as the number of new LTNs increases then, together with some historical ones (e.g. Primrose Hill and Argyle Square) a significant proportion of Camden will be protected from rat runs.
- SP was concerned about the negative images associated with the term LTN: if we are to use different terminology, what shall we call LTNs? SE pointed out that XR had wondered whether to drop the term 'Climate Change' and replace it with "Climate Breakdown" but then people came to accept it as a fact.
- SP noted that the recently consulted scheme for Estelle Road will be an asset. GC said that CCC responded in favour but objected to the unnecessary use of 'shared space'. JC said that the arrangements at Savernake Bridge discriminate against anyone who can't push their bikes.
- SS: the recent one-way section by the bend on Millfield Lane has reduced parking and felt there was less motor traffic
- EA: The Minster Road school street signs are covered until September due to road works in Cricklewood Lane. **Action:** JC to check with Camden to see if there was an alternative solution that would keep the HSS.

5. Review of Ongoing Consultations

King Henry's Road area:	Deadline 21st February
Queen's Crescent:	Deadline 28th February
Camden Square:	Deadline 28th February
Haverstock Hill Pop Up lanes:	Deadline 14th March

They are all on our website and on CycleScope. The first three have been sent to our groups.io list.

The **Haverstock Hill Pop Up lanes**: consultation just opened and will run until 14th March.

Action: JC to send prepared letter to Ham and High and to call a meeting to discuss strategy for supporting the scheme (provisionally 18th Feb at 18:00)

6. Letters to Newspapers

[GC introduced a campaign](#) whose aim is to get a balance between positive and negative letters printed in the CNJ. [His own letter](#) was published in the CNJ on 4th February. He has already recruited half a dozen people with a view to getting one positive letter each week. The first letter by Jon Crowcroft is [here](#). Three more people (SP, J-FP and LR) agreed to help.

7. Re-introduce our Facebook page

JC noted that he has admin rights to our Facebook page and had granted the same to PA who will maintain the page. PA plans to use a Facebook group for communication between Cycle Buddies. He will look into setting one up, saying that each social medium has its own feeling - Facebook at its best can be a good place for like-minded people to share.

8. Cycle Buddies, WhatsAppGroup, JoyRiders

PA noted that LCC's idea is that Cycle Buddies should be virtual until they can ride again. He has set up a WhatsApp group with 14 pairs of people. A Zoom meeting may follow.

[JoyRiders](#) based in Waltham Forest take women out on weekly rides with a view to getting them cycling. They have asked PA to find ride leaders for a group of mainly ethnic minority women in Camden.

Geoff Stilwell has agreed to look for candidate women. JC noted that Mick Farrant can help LR offered to advertise in Fitzrovia News.

9. Bike Week Proposal from Camden Clean Air

JC: a consortium including Green School Runs, Mums for Lungs, Clean Air Camden want something in Bike Week (e.g. Virtual Bike Rides on May 30th). If they are able to have 1-1 or group rides we could help to organise. If there is a Ride Round Camden it will be on the last Sunday.

10. Annual Survey for LCC

JC has filled in the factual answers. He thanked EA and JD for contributions and asked the rest of the committee to participate.

11. Any Other Business

- Haverstock Hill W.G.: volunteers SP, SE and J-FP.
- JC report on Borough Group Meeting: Sylvia Gauthereau (Brent Coordinator) talked about the barriers to non-standards bikes. We need to plan for the Mayoral election. LCC optimistic about the implications of the J.R. for StreetSpace

Next Meeting

15th March 2021, 19.30 - 21.00; Chair: JC; Topic: ?