

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 15 March 2021



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

Attending: John Chamberlain (Chair), Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, Steven Edwards, Paul Allen, Stefano Bertolotto, Susan Seymour, Ema Arvati (Minutes), Jean-François Paris, Steve Prowse, Geoff Stilwell, Ben House, Rachel Wrangham, Eugene Regis, Luke Pearson, Anthony Christofi.

1. Introductions

John welcomed everybody to the meeting including some older faces that have not been attending recently. And Ben House who is the new joint coordinator of Haringey Cycling Campaign

2. Minutes of 15th February 2021 meeting

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no outstanding issues.

- The **Arlington Road LTN** was mentioned following the discussion from last month but nothing seemed to have happened regarding the functioning of the ANPR camera on Mornington Street.
- **The Camden Square LTN and CFR2 route** There will be no cycle route on Camden Road. However, there will eventually be a crossing for pedestrians and cyclists at two points: Rochester Road and Canteloves Road.

RW attended a meeting with locals to talk about Camden Mews and many residents were not happy with the changes that Camden is implementing at the moment however it was noted the lack of diversity at the meeting; how can younger people be engaged? Luke observed that many might be ok about certain schemes but when it comes to their local area they tend to oppose schemes close to where they live.

- **Queen's Crescent scheme** would produce a very large LTN, still waiting for the outcome of this consultation; local traders are concerned about access to their shops.
- The group was pleased to see a few positive letters published in the CNJ in the last month (12 in all) since we discussed being more present in the local newspaper. Some were from non members of this group. Should the group start focusing as well on the Ham and High?
- JC thanked the people who added comments to the annual survey of LCC.

4. Dates for resuming Cycle Buddies (29th March), Group Rides and Workshops (12th April)

JC explained that the cycle buddies can resume rides from the 29th March following the Government's announcements. There are currently 17 pairs.

Laminated ads are available and can be placed around the borough to get people's attention. Maybe in libraries, bike shops etc. Ideas welcome.

The cycle workshop can resume the 12th April but not indoors. RW suggested that there is a place in Kentish Town outside where it could take place. In Highgate Road there is big car free outdoor space that could be used. There is a free market on Saturday morning.

GS has started part-time employment for 10 hours a week at a third age project close to Regent's Park. The current men's outreach worker takes people on cycle rides and we think there is a possibility for some joint activities..

5. Permeability gains - a really good story

JD gave a presentation on [Status of infrastructure March 2021](#). These changes are possible due to Covid funding.

The introduction of two-way cycling in Gower Street–Bloomsbury Street (and in Tottenham Court Road) has helped with permeability e.g. for a route from Drury Lane to Charlotte Street

Gower St and Bloomsbury St are linked by two-way cycling in Endell Street to Q1 which goes to Waterloo bridge.

Grape Street and Coptic Street are two ways for cycling and a good option when travelling north.

West End Project: In Tottenham Court Road, buses and cycles can go in both directions and share the road. On Sunday and at night time the road is open to all traffic.

PA shared a video that shows how to cycle from Camden to Westminster only using quiet Streets <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFYW-H07-ko>

Again there seems to be good ideas in the south of Camden but not much in the area west of Finchley Road – including West Hampstead and Kilburn.

6. New work planned on the York Way junctions

A decision on York way junctions has been taken. [Status of infrastructure March 2021](#)

There are three junctions all of which will have early release for cycles and low-level signals, Agar Grove and Brewery Road has a yellow box due to remain, the other two will have early cycle lanes marked across the junction Freight Lane has a southbound bypass the third junction is at Copenhagen Street – Handyside Street see the presentation.

7. Kilburn High Road recommendations - disappointing

Due to time constraints it was decided not to discuss this item but the group was disappointed at the decision taken on Kilburn High road. The group will comment on the proposal.

8. Publicising Consultations (+ report on HH leafleting)

Some people in the group have been publicising the Haverstock Hill consultation by leaving leaflets on bikes and giving them to people. The feedback received has been mixed.

Kensington Council has done a market research about the segregated cycle lane along its high street and found that 60% of people were in favour. Could Camden do the same and is there a way of finding out who uses the cycle lanes?

ER mentioned a facebook group [The Hampstead resource](#) that people can join.

9. Upcoming/ongoing consultations including the plans for the O2 centre to West End Lane area

JC shared a presentation he prepared to show to the group. [Upcoming/ongoing consultations including the plans for the O2 Centre to West End Lane area](#).

The Camden website [link](#) has the details on how to comment and the deadline is the 6th April. The Group will submit a reply highlighting the need to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists. There is a meeting arranged for the 22nd March to discuss the proposals. EA might attend and report back to the group. EA has mentioned that due to the narrow streets in West Hampstead not much has been done in the area in terms of help for cyclists.

King Henry's Road scheme consultation has been extended until the 21st March: please encourage people to reply and write to their local councillors. A question was asked about the traffic counts. Camden would have done that before consulting.

Action: All - encourage people to respond to the consultation and to write to local councillors in favour.

10. Greening the 'stubs' of filtered road

GC presented [A Greening campaign](#) showing some streets where planters and bollards can improve the streets for residents, encourage people to walk and cycle more, have more greenery and reduce noise.

11. SUBB (Shared Use Bus Boarder) design - How to address people's concerns

Due to time constraints, this topic was postponed until the next meeting. You can see [George's presentation](#) highlighting possible solutions.

12. AoB

EA asked how the cycle buddies are paired up. PA replied that the pairs are done by location and requirements needed. PA has set up a WhatsApp group with 14 pairs of people and will organise a Zoom meeting. He plans to also use a Facebook group for communication between Cycle Buddies.

Next Meeting

19th April 2021, 19.30 - 21.00; Chair: JC; Minutes: PA Topics?