

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 19 July 2021



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

Attending John Chamberlain (Chair), Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, Steve Prowse, Simon Pearson, Geoff Stilwell, Ema Arvati (minutes), Paul Allen, Steven Edwards, Katy Rodda (LCC network coordinator).

1. Introductions

John welcomed Katy who is the new LCC network coordinator and the rest of us introduced ourselves. KR explained her working experiences before LCC and the reasons why she decided to join six months ago. She sees her role as coordinating the activities of the different borough groups, leads on the cycle training including setting up a training programme, focusing on the LCC campaigns, social media training, and would like to know more about the buddy scheme.

JC mentioned a few IT issues since the LCC website has changed: some links are not working, and lots of info has been lost. KR suggested contacting Rob Eves and Angel in the LCC IT department.

JC asked KR about the climate champion. KR explained that LCC is planning to continue the Climate Safe Streets campaign leading to the 2022 borough elections. They are looking for a person either from the committee or not that can help from each borough e.g. with actions to ask for statements of support from the main parties..

Action: Ask Suami from LCC to come to the next committee meeting in September to explain further following his recent email.

2. Minutes of 21 June 2021 meeting

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

John reported as follows:

Item 4: GLA elections: we had a thoughtful supportive response from Anne Clarke (Labour) who was elected. Our letter and the candidates' responses are [here](#). It was agreed that we should make contact with Anne Clarke. **Action:** JC to reach out to Anne

Item 5: Support for Queens Crescent scheme: this is an experimental scheme for improving Queen's Crescent Market with a pedestrianised area and a road closure in Grafton Road. JC mentioned that we want to encourage people to give their views. **Action:** JC to contact Mick Farrant about holding a Dr Bike.

Item 7: Paul had restarted cycle buddies with new sign ups. EA has asked for some signs to be put up in West Hampstead library. **Action:** EA and JC to arrange. Done

4. Report on Committee meeting and update on consultations

JC noted that this meeting was attended mainly by all who are part of the committee so there was not much need to update the group on what was discussed at the recent committee meeting. The newsletter was sent out asking people to respond to the three consultations on Sandall Road, Savernake Road and Hartland Road, an article on the new Chalk Farm cycle lanes and reminders of our upcoming meeting, Lea Valley ride and Dr bike at Think & Do. Three important decisions are due in August (Haverstock Hill, Camden Square and King Henry's Road) . For the consultation on Savernake Road, Steve and other local supporters have been leafleting. It was noted that at the bridge to Hampstead Heath there are some steep stairs with cycle channels and a ramp where cyclists are told to dismount before proceeding and that would discriminate against people that cannot push their bikes. No major backlash on Sandall Road at the moment.

5. Proposals for Toucan crossings of Camden Road

The new TfL proposed [Toucan crossings of Camden Road](#) (from Rochester Road to Rochester Square and from Canteloves Gardens to Canteloves Road) were discussed: we object to the proposals for shared space between cyclists and pedestrians on the footway. It needs a new design which comprises separated cycle lanes to link to the side roads and separate crossings for pedestrians and cycles, not shared.

6. Update on infrastructure and progress

At the last meeting, Jean and George presented a set of maps showing [progress with cycling infrastructure in Camden](#). It was decided due to time constraints to leave this item out.

Action: GC suggesting catching up with KR from LCC about a possible training as he has been adding lots of data on the CCC website about the cycling infrastructure maps which is very interesting and has received very positive feedback from Camden officers and other members.

7. Update from Steve Prowse on the DfT transport decarbonisation plan

Steve gave a quick update on the [plan](#) which will have more details in summer; the targets are ambitious however, there is not much in the plan about how to measure success and what we are starting from.

Towns and cities are expected to deliver more than the countryside as people have more options to move around.

There is a mention about flying on zero carbon airplanes but no target to reduce the amount of people flying within the country or to other destinations.

School street: the target to get children to walk or cycle to school by 2030 is 50% which seems too far ahead. The cycling element has the highest percentage growth potential given it is at 2% UK wide currently and Holland achieves 25%.

Post mtg update from LCC: The 55% school trip walking mode share is straight out of the CWIS, from baseline of 51% primary and 37% secondary school walk mode share.

There is no cycling target at all.

8 Update from Steven Edwards on opposition to the Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2)

Steven gave a quick update on the Road Investment [strategy 2](#) (RIS2) 2020-25. A small group of XR activists have been working with TAN (Transport Action Network) to oppose RIS2 along with local new road schemes across the UK. Steven is mobilising support to bring about a culture change within XR and include support for active travel locally and nationally. He mentioned a series of webinars coming up and will be happy for more support in due course. The first webinar — Road Building and Climate Chaos — is on Thursday 5th August, and features speakers Lisa Hopkinson, TAN, Larch Maxey and Caspar Hughes.

9 AoB

JC reminded people of the upcoming events; Dr bike, cycle buddies and think and do.

The rota for the minute taker for the next few meetings was agreed.

Aug:PA: Sept: JC; Oct: GC; Nov:JD.

Next Meeting

16th August 2021, 19.30 - 21.00 on Zoom; Chair: JC; Minutes Paul A.