

Camden Cyclists Meeting Minutes 20 December 2021



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

Attending John Chamberlain (Chair), Steve Prowse, Ema Arvati (minutes), Steven Edwards, Elena Moynihan, Jordan Creed, Geoff Stilwell, Jeremy Watson, Meade McCloughan.

1. Introductions

Introductions were made as not everybody knew each other. We welcomed Jeremy Watson to the group.

2. Minutes of the 15 November meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2021/11/ccm-meeting-minutes-15-november-2021/> of the previous meeting were read through and approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

A new venue for the bike workshop is needed. The Bartholomew Road Health Centre could be an option but it needs to be outside so we might be able to reinstate it in spring when the weather is better. Some members of this group met last month in the Belsize streatery despite the weather. We might arrange another date soon.

4. Celebrate achievements in 2021

JC prepared a few slides to show the achievements of 2021. They include, healthy school streets, more cycle lanes in the borough, LTNs and several consultations amongst other highlights. Jean, George and John have mostly been drafting replies to consultations on behalf of the group. JC wanted, on the group's behalf, to thank Jean and George for all their work and commitment in the last year. Credit was due to Camden council for implementing lots of LTNs, however some members of this group have been campaigning for many of them and also suggested changes. There is still a big gap in the north west of the borough.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Gfvno9zhcpPYw7DwX1EfC0CKPkkLRpvMREX7UeaZEEo/edit#slide=id.p>

5. 2022 Camden elections

SP prepared a draft of "asks" for the council's 2022 elections that the group discussed. The asks need to be framed differently to include everybody that does not

drive a car; it is not just about cyclists. The safe and healthy neighbourhood and healthy school streets could be expanded and the hours could be extended.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Tg-B9DhpgSS7EYnfEmRH2rm5BweQjw0bPfJWKjaXC3Y/edit>

6. Discussion on Safe and Healthy Neighbourhoods (aka Low Traffic Neighbourhoods) campaign and other matters

The group discussed how we can encourage more support for healthy school streets. Some councillors in South Hampstead are pro cycling but are either not going to be running in 2022 or are not being put forward by their party. We need to find local groups and engage with them to get them on board. We could use the CNJ article in January's issue to include groups that people might join and promote healthy and safe neighbourhoods. **Action all:** Engage with local groups if you know them.

7. CNJ 'Green' issue in January and the Cargo Bike schemes

ACTION: JC will prepare something in google doc to share with the group so that we can input and add ideas to it. There is no specific deadline for now but it will be published sometime in January. (Following the meeting, the deadline is the 4th Jan).

The neighbour of the future cargo bike scheme is offering bikes to rent and test for a month before buying, if they wish to do so. We can advertise this in the article. For some people the issue is where to park them so a suggestion was put forward asking if it was possible to park them where motorbikes are parked.

8. AoB

JC has received a request from Westminster council for marshals for a winter ride Sunday the 16th January from Marble Arch. If you would like to volunteer or ask questions please email: westminster.lcc@gmail.com. To sign up you can use the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winter-wonder-ride-tickets-228958760817>

Ema mentioned that we had a rota until the end of the year for minute taking but nothing for 2022. Steve has kindly volunteered to take them in January.

9. Next Meeting

7:30 Monday 17th January, online. Minutes SP