

Camden Cyclists Meeting

Minutes 11th April 2022



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

Attending

John Chamberlain (chair), George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore (minutes), Meade McCloughan, Steven Edwards, Ema Arvati, Elena Moynihan, Susan Seymour, Steve Prowse, Paul Allen, Simon Pearson, Geoff Stilwell.

1. Introductions

No need this time.

2. Minutes of the March meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2022/04/ccm-meeting-minutes-21-march-2022/>

The minutes of the previous meeting were read through and approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 5: Plans for the May AGM

The AGM will be held online. John has emailed Ed Milliband about speaking but no reply yet. Ema and Meade confirmed that they are willing to continue as Secretary and Treasurer.

Item 10: JC organised a discussion with a Camden officer about continuous footway junctions. See item 6 below.

4. Climate Safe Streets Campaign update (Steve Prowse)

Steve reported that >1000 people had used the LCC website to contact party leaders (of whom >20 had pledged to support their local asks).

In Camden the subgroup (SP, JC, GC and JD) had met Labour, Green and LibDem leaders and Greens have pledged to support [our asks](#). JC had reminded Labour that we were waiting for their reply.

Climate ride (see AoB).

JC: noted that [our campaigning map](#) is very effective in explaining the asks.

EM: raised the issue that the LCC site says "mail your candidates"; JC noted that only party leaders can pledge and that we had already asked LCC to change the wording. [List of](#)

[Camden candidates](#)

Action: JC/JD to tell members (via Civi and groups.io) about our asks and the map on the website.

5. **Cycle buddies (Paul Allen)**

Paul reported: in 18 months 30 new and 40 experienced cyclists had made contact.

He had managed to match 25 pairs (mostly female) according to area. There have been no complaints although many have not reported back.

EA: was matched to someone who didn't appear.

MM: who participated in a mentoring scheme in the early 2000s which was focussed on cycle to work asked whether most of the new cyclists were interested in commuting. Paul confirmed that is often the case, but some want shopping trips and others help with cargo bikes.

6. **JD report on discussion with officer: junctions with continuous footway**

Presentation [here](#). Camden are working on a 'Dutch' style design for use when the pop-up cycle lanes are converted to stepped tracks. The cycle lane will be at the same level as the footway and a sloping concrete 'entrance kerb' will be used; so that the cycle lane will be set back from the main carriageway (sometimes narrowing from ~2m to 1.5m) as it passes the junction.

PA: showed us (real time) video of a continuous footway junction in Prince of Wales Road.

SP was very concerned about example 2. With cyclists so far from the carriageway, would drivers give way as they crossed the mouth of the side road?

Camden tells us that the design is 'evolving' so we need to await final designs.

7. **Financial Statement (Meade)**

Meade needs committee approval of the Financial Statement for sending to LCC and presentation at the AGM.

Each year we are spending our reserves and will eventually need to ask for the LCC grant.

Income of £200 from City Farm payment to volunteers who did two Dr Bike sessions.

EM: why do we waive the LCC grant? MM: as a charity LCC advises that we should not hoard reserves we are not using.

SP: why do we keep the bike bus grant? MM: it is the remains of a grant obtained by Stefano Casalotti and we need to find projects that fit (LCC would permit us to use it for general purposes). PA: has some connections for possible bike bus.

Budget as last year. Funds down to ~£1600. On John's suggestion, Meade agreed to include £100 in case we go back to meeting at PHCA.

Financial Statement Approved.

8. **AoB**

Face-to-face meeting. Sat 21st at 11:30am at Camley Street Natural Park - to welcome new coordinator and thank retiring coordinator John.

Rides. Sunday 1st May. CSS ride. Geoff/John to plan route. Leaders Geoff and John.

PA: may be willing to lead a ride e.g. to Walthamstow Wetlands.

GS: Freecycle 29 May. Meet Swiss Cottage

Future Minute takers (Ema) May: Paul, June: Ema, July Elena and August: Steve

Next Meeting AGM 16th May at 7:30 pm. Minutes: Paul.