

Camden Cyclists Meeting

Minutes 21 March 2022



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

Attending

John Chamberlain, Ema Arvati, Elena Moynihan, George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore, Julian Fulbrook, Susan Seymour, Paul Allen, Luke Pearson, Steven Edwards (minutes), Steve Prowse.

1. Introductions

JF: Camden are looking at the Holborn junction (where over 8 deaths have occurred in the vicinity in the past 8 years). Keir Starmer was taken to this junction recently.

It was agreed to add 'Holborn' to AOB Minutes item.

2. Minutes of the February meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2022/03/ccc-meeting-minutes-21-february-2022/>

Green School Runs

Stefano's action to provide update still stands

Brent Parks Ride. Twenty-six riders participated in Geoff's family ride on Sunday; credit was given to him for arranging and leading it.

The ride had to be split into two groups to meet LCC ride regulations.

There was a nice note from a 5 year old who "liked the ride and the playgrounds"

Queens Crescent: JC reported that 400 cards had been given to cyclists to encourage them to reply to the consultation support the filtering scheme.

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Action: No Action Items arising

4. Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum (HNF)

Elena (who has just joined the committee) gave an update.

She is helping HNF to organise world car-free day (a mini LTN in South End Green on Thursday 22nd September) (access is required for buses and emergency services).

She met Steven Taylor and Adam Harrison.

5. Plans for the May AGM

JC: Asked if people felt ready to have meeting(s) in person (noting rise in Covid cases are up). Suggested we have an informal meeting anyway (outside somewhere).

A speaker is needed.

SE: has still not arranged for Ed Miliband to speak.

JC: Committee Officers:

- need to ask Ema and Meade if they are willing to continue as secretary and treasurer.
- Would like to step down as co-ordinator;

Action: SE or JC to contact Ed Miliband to speak.

6. Climate Safe Streets Campaign update

SP: Climate Safe Streets campaign launches on Thursday, with new website where details are input - with postcode and directions to each borough and 'asks; for councillors.

LCC is producing templates for posters.

GC: Asked where materials were being placed and the time scale.

SP: Bike shops / notice boards;

Period of campaigning is two weeks away

SP: Labour meeting on 22nd April) Greens and Lib Dems have agreed to meet but no date.

LCC have teamed up with Beta Streets - which offers a CG rendered image of a street on which you would like to see action taken to make more friendly to humans rather than cars.

Carla Francombe has made a video on how to deal with Twitter trolls

JC: There are good tips from her

JF: Suggested not to wait until May 5 to do this - and also to for all councillors.

JC: The meeting with Georgia Gould and Adam Harrison is tomorrow (Tuesday 22/03/22) and they would be going for a cycle ride.

7. Upcoming bike rides

JC: We would like to do some more rides;

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to lead please contact.

LCC prefer you to have training

JF: Reminder that Freecycle is early this year

JC: Also the 'big ride' into Essex.

Volunteers are needed for the Freecycle feeder ride

JF: A mobile catering unit is needed

JC: There used to be 200 people attending the feeder ride, but more recently only 90 or so. More is better to take over the whole road.

8. Schools streets

Rachel was not present - Item held over to next month

Elena: New End has not produced a suitable scheme.

JC: There were bad reports from NE from those trying to cycle amongst aggressive drivers congesting the streets with their cars.

9. JD Presentation: Parklets should they include cycle parking stands?

This Consultation proposes a parklet with a cycle stand:

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/antrimrdparklet/>

The meeting agreed that in responses to consultations about parklets in shopping streets where bike parking is already provided:

- we should say we would prefer that the space be used for seating.
- Be aware of the sponsors (in this case Camden Clean Air), who may have requested a cycle stand.
- Any cycle stand should be near the end of the parklet, allowing space for several additional seats.
- Neither do we see merit in placing rubbish/recycling bins within the parklet when they could just as well be placed free-standing on the footway.

Requests have been made by residents' groups

JC: Funding comes from companies with input into the design

10. JD presentation: Design of junctions with continuous footway

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TgYxCi_3xJNvYOLQnQAdr0YfgOjghurTX9MzsrkTzUE/edit?usp=sharing

- Camden will be upgrading the temporary schemes to stepped tracks e.g. on Prince of Wales Road
- Drawings (e.g. at Talacre Road) show the cycle lane level dropping to carriageway level at crossing of junction?
- Camden has proposed a different arrangement for Bedford Avenue with the cycle lane rising to footway level and diverting to allow for a 0.75m rising kerb ([see](#))

PA: Better not to have cyclists being distracted (by change/dip in surface level) at a point where cars may be turning in - risking left hook conflict.

SP: Slope outside of cycle lane (road side) offers a bit of extra protection

Action: JC/JD to request meeting to discuss with officers

11. AOB

Resurfacing Camden Road

LP: TfL made no provision for pedestrians

PA: Temporary roadworks should not disadvantage cyclists; road signs behind parked cars etc

When should we contact roads agencies?

Queen's Crescent (continued)

JC, SS & SP who leafletted reported

- cyclists supportive, but some adverse feedback.

Not so many cyclists around but many were taking children to school by bike (on Grafton Road?). There were more cyclists around Queen's Crescent.

City Farm - bike workshop

Holborn

JF: Holborn; Chance for something radical?

Difficult to see where finance will come from. Central St Martins - redevelopment with new houses - have expressed interest.

Also CIL investment levy money.

New development threatens to rival Centre Point.

Could be subject to call in.

Three councillors have Holborn at top of list of action (to take).

Holborn Tube station may be redeveloped.

TCR will have more people than Heathrow

so another exit at Holborn would relieve some congestion.

Sam Margolis - was due to work on this but then TfL had their passenger crisis & funds were taken away.

JC: Need to get rid of Holborn gyratory.

Red Lion Square needs to be 'a square' again.

JF: Hotel is showing interest; we are trying to divert buses also.

There have been 13 deaths, 250+ serious injuries, and (too many) near misses.

It is a death trap

But the incidents are all 'individual'.

Catastrophic report on uninsured banned truck driver.

We need segregated bike lanes.

JF: Used to take children to school on a tricycle on this route.

PA: Gyratories are not good for anyone;

not drivers or anyone else.
When removed traffic goes well.

GC: Any prospect of the £12million that TfL
has earmarked?

JC: Funding could be used that's allocated for Silvertown.

SP: Mayors' vision zero is 2030;
they need to get on with it

JC: To keep 'patching things up' is no good;
they have got to do things properly.

Ema: What about face to face meetings?

JC: Maybe a meetup?
Possibly Camley Street?

Next Meeting

11th April, minute taker Paul Allen