

Camden Cyclists Meeting

Minutes 18 July 2022



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

Attending

Steve Prowse (chair) John Chamberlain (meeting coordinator), George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore, Meade McCloughan, Steven Edwards, Ema Arvati, Simon Pearson, Elena Moynihan (Minutes), Jean-François Paris, Neville McKay, Rebekkah Abraham

1. Introductions

Introduced Rebekkah who joined the call for the first time. She met a few people at our social event last month at Bohemia House.

2. Fundraising ideas

As council funding has dried up the group discussed options for fundraising, such as:

- Donations from Dr Bike
- Merchandise
- Charging for organised rides (like the Camden Clean Air ride)

It was generally agreed that fundraising should mostly be project-led. As ideas for projects and campaigns are brought forward, we can then fundraise for those specific projects.

3. Rides

The group discussed ideas for upcoming rides, with possible Northbound or Westbound rides joining with neighbouring LCC groups. John said he plans to lead one or two rides in the remaining summer months. Geoff Stilwell had been considering organising a round-Camden ride (Peripherique).

Rides are currently primarily organised at week-ends, but we should look at evenings or week-days to potentially gather a different audience

4. Campaigns

Options in the Agenda were discussed, and the following was agreed:

C50 - no need to campaign as the work that needs doing is mostly in Islington and Hackney and the Camden part of it has recently been upgraded to a high standard

C11 - we should definitely concentrate on this, specifically the Swiss Cottage part of it, to substantially improve cycling via the roundabout. **Action: John** has taken an action to set up a Working Group including Camden and Westminster people to progress this plan and follow up with the two Councils

C6 - John Chamberlain said that he and Steve would lead an auditing ride of the entire Camden portion of C6 (Hampstead Heath to Farringdon Road junction with Charterhouse Street (probably on Saturday 23 July). The ride will leave from outside 1 Estelle Road at 1030.

Climate Safe Streets - post election we should follow up with the councillors/party leaders to ensure their election pledges are monitored and targets achieved. **Action: Neville and Steve** have taken the action to follow up.

5. Dangerous Junctions

Kings Cross

Meeting with TfL. Jean reported back on a meeting at which TfL officers presented their approach to the KX gyratory to LCC (Simon Munk and Katy Rodda) and David Harrison representing London Living Streets and JD representing CCC.

TfL showed a map showing the scope of Phase 1 up to 2024 (an area around the north section of Gray's Inn Road and a bit south of Caledonian Road).

JD asked whether TfL knows of Adam Harrison's campaign to make a two-way connection between the York Way and Gray's Inn Road cycle routes across Euston Road

The TfL officer is aware that linking the two cycle routes is an important aspiration for both Camden and Islington Council. TfL aims to make the northbound connection during Phase 1 using the crossing over Euston Road built in 2015. Southbound cycles will have to use a roundabout route further east.

JD said that a better route would take a more direct route via Kings Cross Bridge and a contraflow on GIR.

Subsequent meeting with LCC (Katy Rodda and Steward Dring) on junction safety attended by JC, JD and David Harrison. (LCC have identified three junctions - KX gyratory, Holborn gyratory and Old Street). [See these notes](#) which describe the route discussed at a walk-about with Adam Harrison on 9th Dec which we sent to LCC before the meeting as our short term aims for KX gyratory. LCC asked us to present a long term goal for the KX gyratory

Action: John is working on our long term goals for the KX gyratory which when agreed with others in CCC he will send to LCC.

Holborn

Camden Council has already made one of the 4 corners of the gyratory safe. It has plans ready to go to remove the gyratory and make the entire area safe for cycling and walking waiting for funding. JC+DH suggested that LCC should concentrate on getting the funding from TfL as plans are already in place.

6. Money raised from Kentish Town Bike Workshop (KTBW)

KTBW ran from 2012-2020 during which time donations were used to buy tools and equipment and JD looked after the excess funds (a few hundred pounds). JC+ JD have asked advice from MM as to whether this money could be kept in the CC bank account.

MM proposed and It was agreed that the funds are to be used for bike workshops in the Kentish Town and/or the LB Camden area, with the proviso that if the account becomes inactive for more than two years the funds become available for Camden Cyclists to use for general purposes, subject to management committee approval.

Actions: **Jean** to transfer the bulk of the funds, **John** to maintain a cash kitty for future events,

Card reader for use at fairs and workshops

Meade to investigate the possibility of getting a card reader from the bank (pending question on cost)

Bank Account: agreed to add Steve as a bank signatory: **Meade** to organise.

7. AoB

Steve to circulate the LCC Survey

John mentioned that he, Jean and George felt that the LCC Dangerous Junctions [webpage and report](#) was in need of revision and they intended to write to the relevant people at LCC about that.

George mentioned that Jean has been working on a survey of all the junctions on cycle routes in Camden. Jean reported that she has completed [this Google Sheet and map](#), which includes assessments of many of the junctions using the widely-recommended Junction Assessment Tool (see Appendix B of [this DfT document](#)) Jean to draft a paper on safe junctions and present the ideas at the next CC meeting .

Future Minute takers: August: Steve

Next Meeting 15th August at 7:30 pm.