

Camden Cyclists Meeting

Minutes 17 October 2022



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

Attending

Steve Prowse (chair) John Chamberlain (meeting coordinator), George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore, Elena Moynihan (Minutes), Steven Edwards, Ema Arvati, Susan Seymour, Rachel Wrangham, Luke Pearson

1. Introductions

No need this time.

2. Minutes of the August meeting to be approved

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2022/09/ccc-meeting-minutes-15-august-2022/>

3. Matters arising from the August meeting

- Long term goals for the KX gyratory; Jean reported that the report had been sent to Cycle Islington. **Action:** Jean to remind CI about a meeting to discuss the document
- Card reader for use at fairs and workshops **Action:** Meade to pursue the application for a card reader from the bank

Bank Account Action: Meade to add Steve as a bank signatory.

In September the group skipped the monthly meeting to have a Committee meeting.

4. Bike Shed in Conservation areas

The group discussed that the Council is turning down a number of requests from households to install bike sheds in their drives/front gardens.

It was felt there should be a rethink of this policy, as people do not have access to protected bike storage and bike sheds are no uglier than parked cars or other structures that are routinely put in place.

It was also discussed that bikes are sometimes abandoned in the street and subsequently left to deteriorate. However using the Camden CleanStreet App can address this problem, as when reporting abandoned bikes these are usually removed very quickly.

5. Green School Runs

Updates and suggestions have been sent to the people managing the groups, and they are working on re-publishing the maps. Add to the agenda for the next Meeting if Stefano available

6. LCC Conference

John reported from the Conference. It was a largely positive event with good panels and workshops, with only 4 people from CCC attending.

7. Quick Wins

The list was compiled and sent to Camden, although the submission continues to be open for future submission: anybody with a quick win idea should have a look at the page on our website at the following address:

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/campaigns-2/quick-wins/>

And send their suggestions to the email address quickwins@camdencyclists.org.uk

The suggestions sent for Avenue Road improvements were briefly discussed: these would feed nicely into the Swiss Cottage Connector but neither can be classified as a Quick Win, although they should be put in a list for consideration to the Council.

8. Finchley Road (O2) bike parking

The bike parking in the O2 car park (outside Starbucks) was inexplicably removed.

It was not replaced with anything, but this is not Council property: interested parties should contact the site's Landlord to inquire about the removal of this facility.

9. Christmas Social

We are looking at the possibility of a joint social event with Islington (either a cafe/pub on the borders such as the Lord Palmerston, Primrose Hill Community Association or Islington Town Hall).

Action: Steve to organise, if anybody has a suggestion for a venue let Steve know

10. Bus Stops in cycle lanes

Jean compiled a very informative presentation of the 3 types of bus stop bypass.

The group discussed it and it was generally felt that the Bus Stop Bypass model was by far the best, space permitting, followed by the Shared Use Bus Boarded (SUBB) when no space is available. The In Line Bus Stop was felt to be unsafe and not to offer enough protection to cyclists, particularly young and inexperienced cyclists.

The presentation can be viewed on the website at the following address:

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2022/10/bus-stops-and-protected-cycle-lanes/>

Euston Road bus stop outside the British Library

Luke said that before the eastbound cycle lane was removed (see [StreetView](#)) the island from the bus stop bypass enabled the bus to pull up close to the kerb. But now that the cycle lane has been removed, the bus leaves a gap and it is hard for disabled people to get onto the bus

JC noted that here is another argument in favour of cycle infrastructure.

11. AOB

The group discussed the new consultations circulated by Camden, with particular emphasis on the proposed changes for the junction of High Holborn and Procter Street. See [here](#) and also the excellent [video](#) that is included.

It was agreed that these were very good and a definite step in the right direction to make this area safer and more green-travel friendly, particularly as the Council states to have ambitions for a wider scheme (the [Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood](#) for which TfL offered funding in 2019 and then withdrew it).

The group also discussed the problem with Loading Bayson cycle routes: the view was that these should be discouraged more, and the Council should attempt to follow its commitment to place loading bays in side streets.

An additional problem with loading bays is that these are also widely used for parking and the enforcement of the specified hours is lacking.

Future Minute takers: Nov Ema ,(then Dec John, Jean, Elena, Steve, John etc)

Next Meeting 21st November at 7:30 pm. Speaker Carla Francone