

# Minutes of CCC Committee Meeting 3rd October 2022



**19:30-21:00 on Zoom**

Present: Steve Prowse (chair, SP), John Chamberlain (Minutes, JC), George Coulouris (GC), Jean Dollimore (JD), Meade McCloughan (MM), Simon Pearson (SP2), Elena Moynihan (EM), Steven Edwards (SE)

Apologies: Neville McKay (NM), Stefano Bertolotto, Ema Arvati

## 1) Lining up a speaker

SP offered to approach Carla Francome for November's meeting

**Action: SP (done)**

All agreed to hold an in-person social near Xmas (possibly at PHCA).

## 2) Update from quarterly meetings with the officers

JC summarised the key points (minutes are online at

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2022/10/minutes-of-quarterly-meeting-12th-september-2022/>)

EM asked about progress on reporting illegal parking. JC summarised that Peter Mardell had asked us to email him with locations of persistent offending. His email address was circulated to the committee. But Camden have limited powers. Offenders often just pay the fines and treat it as a cost of doing business.

SP2 suggested contacting local councillors. He pointed out that questions from councillors had more weight and officers were required to answer. EM did not feel that this would be effective in her ward.

## 3) Clarifications on committee roles

SP summarised the current roles and pointed out that it was important that the 'infrastructure team' had the knowledge and background to discuss Camden's roads with officers. EM suggested rotating people through this team. GC suggested that people could get involved with auditing new schemes as an initial step. An example would be Haverstock Hill.

**Action: JC to set up Haverstock Hill audit**

SP said that he and NM would be following up on the CSS campaign pledges and asking Camden to update the Transport Strategy.<sup>1</sup>

**Action: SP**

## 4) Consultations

South End Green Consultation: JD summarised the plans which would do little for cyclists and had many left-hook and other dangers. The scheme would fail LTN 1/20. She suggested a number of changes including Tiger crossings at the pedestrian crossings. SE said that Fleet Road and/or Constantine Road should be closed to traffic but the committee felt that this would not be feasible at this stage. JD reminded the committee that there was a long-standing plan for two-way cycling on Fleet Road but that this had not been progressed.

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<sup>1</sup> Note added after the meeting: Done for Labour (SP)

EM asked about the Covid build-outs further up South End Green. These are outside the scope of this scheme.

**Action: JD to produce draft response and send in**

Gordon Square. JC had drafted a response and would send it in

**Action: JC**

Camden E-W route: Cabinet had agreed to consult on two east-west routes through the borough, one on approximately the Delancey-Pratt alignment, the other further north. JD summarised and stated that we would start discussions with Camden about some of the details.

**Action: JD/GC/JC**

#### 5) [LCC AGM & Campaigners Conference 15th Oct](#)

SP mentioned the conference and encouraged people to attend. JC said that he was on a panel to lead a workshop on building relationships with council officers and councillors. EM said that we should work more closely with other organisations. JC has a list of contacts and we do involve them in promoting our campaigns. SE said that Possible should be added to this list.

#### 6) Newspaper Letters & Articles

SP mentioned the great letters and articles from JD and GC in the CNJ and Ham & High.<sup>2</sup> JC suggested that we should log positive responses to these especially if we can capture names for future support. SP and SE mentioned the good coverage of the Make the Lane protest on Old Street. Cycle Islington will be following up and asking for a high level meeting with Camden, Islington and TfL. SE suggested repeating it. JC felt that as long as Camden were progressing schemes we should aim protests at TfL rather than them.

#### 7) Cycle parking at Belsize Park tube station.

JD summarised the situation; she had written to TfL to ask about using the space for a cycle hub.

**Action: JD to follow up**

#### 8) This year's campaigns

Swiss Cottage update - JC had had a meeting with Regents Park Cyclists and Westminster Cycling Campaign and had spoken with Adam Harrison. Simon Munk had contacted TfL informally and felt that though they were supportive of a link south from Regents Park they were not as supportive about changes to Swiss Cottage. So some serious campaigning will be needed.

**Action: JC to progress and report back**

CSS update - see above under item 3

#### 10) Credit card reader

MM summarised the situation. All agreed that a credit card reader would be very useful and that the costs (£29 for the device, 1.75% of each transaction) were reasonable. Due to our status as a subsidiary organisation of LCC there might be some complications; MM would follow up.

**Action: MM**

#### 11) AOB

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<sup>2</sup> Note added after the meeting: We record links to letters and articles on the website homepage (middle footer). JD

- 150 Words on CCC highlights the past year - needed for LCC conference. JD agreed to draft something. **Action: JD**

- New Camden Circular Economy Scrutiny Panel: JC mentioned this new panel which will be chaired by Julian Fulbrook. We will probably be asked for ideas and to testify at some point.

- Make the lane - See item 6 above.

- Traffic calming British library - agreed to cover this item in the next full monthly meeting.

- Quick Wins - JD and GC are collating responses to the request for simple things to address blocked cycle lanes and ASLs. **Action JD/GC/JC to respond to Camden**

- Apple Day ride feedback - JC reported that this went very well with a reasonable turn-out. Next ride is to the Lea Valley on the 16th. JC and Geoff Stilwell are also involved in organising and leading a tour of Camden for Westminster councillors and a ride round central London for senior NHS staff.