

Minutes Quarterly Meeting CCC, LLS and Camden Council 5 Dec 2022

Monday 5th December 2022 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Present:

Camden: Sam Margolis, Steve Cardno, Karl Brierley, Cllr Julian Fulbrook

LLS: David Harrison

CCC: John Chamberlain (Chair), George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore (minutes), Steve Prowse.

Apologies: Anthony Christofi

[Agenda in black Arial font, notes in blue Times font]

Reorganisation of the Transport Planning teams

SM: The teams under Transport Planning are being reorganised:

- The Public Realm & Planning Team is being closed and Steve Cardno who has led this team since 2019 will become Lead Principal Transport Planner as well as continuing his work on public realm and Santander stations.

SM: thanked SC for his work leading this team; JC and DH thanked Steve on behalf of CCC and LLS.

SC: thanked everyone for the kind words and said he will continue to be available to help.

SM:

- The two new teams will be:

Safe and Healthy Streets led by Karl Brierley

Bus and cycle corridors, LTNs, Healthy School Streets, Holborn LN

Transport and Travel Planning led by Brenda Busingye

- The WEP team will be closed down at the end of March.
- Acacia Hasler will continue to lead work on Euston and Kings Cross until the end of December 2022 and lead officer to be determined beyond that point
- SM will remain as Strategic Lead Transport Planning
- Anthony C will continue to work on junction schemes and the remaining trial schemes e.g. Haverstock Hill.
- The Cross Camden Cycleway will be managed by Karl's team.
- Camden Council has received two awards for Alfred Place (public spaces) (from NLA and BALI) and one for Hawley Wharf (NLA) (Master plan and area strategy)

KB: The *Safe and Healthy Streets* team will have two sub teams: *Healthy routes* and *Healthy neighbourhoods*. Roles still to be assigned. Healthy School Streets (Jon Legge) is not yet assigned.

JC: Requested an organisation chart; SM agreed that should be possible but it would not have full details.

1. Matters arising from previous meetings:

a. Cargo Bike parking (from May meeting) (SP)

SM: with SC is planning a trial for residential cargo bike storage in Lawford Road (Kentish Town).

- Also schemes in Eversholt Street, former loan scheme in Neighbourhoods for Future and in College Place

- Businesses e.g. like Absolute – consultation in 2023.

- Camden's cargo bike fleet will fall under a sub-team of Transport and Travel Planning

SP: enquired about the date for publication of the Draft Freight Plan

SM: Consultation late February

b. Cycle permeability and other quick wins - report on discussion with SC & VL (JC)

JC: We had a good meeting with SC and Vivian Luk

GC: Traditionally CCC has maintained a list for input from members

SM: this is much appreciated

2. Congratulate Camden on achievements to date and ambitious proposals in Transport Strategy Delivery Plan (JC)

JC: congratulated Camden on the CTS delivery plan and mentioned that he has produced a graphical representation that he showed at CCC's last meeting; people there were amazed; noted that Camden is well on the way to the future targets.

DH: asked about deputations to Cabinet Meeting on 14th Dec (where the CTS delivery plan will be considered).

SM: Anyone with views on the proposals can do so.

SP: Impressed by the ambition; leading other boroughs; TfL figures show levels of cycling 40% higher than levels seen before the pandemic. – well on the way to 2041 targets; Camden's work is bearing fruit.

SM: Appreciate the positive feedback;

- Would like JC to share the maps

- There will be more work on the walking program (LTNs help e.g. Murray Street) but should clarify what's in the program e.g. zebras

DH: presentation could be more explicit about walking

3. Apparent lack of area schemes for Hampstead (JC)

SM: legitimate challenge: Appendix A explains prioritisation; the council has limited resources for the current 2.5 year plan. The 25-28 program may get there. Things happening e.g.

Healthy School Streets, zebras, hire bike and scooter slots.

JD: School travel is a big issue in Hampstead e.g. New End School (the only HSS scheme in Camden where the restrictions apply morning only).

SM: will go back to improve in 2025 (also at other schools including Rhyl).

4. LCC Dangerous Junctions Campaign (KX, Holborn, Euston Circus) (SP)
SP: LCC (as part of its dangerous junctions campaign) has highlighted Holborn and Kings Cross (and Euston Circus). Campaigning in the New Year.

SM: TfL are responsible for Kings Cross and Euston Circus; Camden with Islington is lobbying TfL regularly re Kings Cross.

The new Procter Street scheme will also be decided by Cabinet on 14th Dec.

JC: Euston Circus gets forgotten

5. E-W walking and cycling routes - details (DH)

DH: would like Camden to look at the scheme for Dover Court in Islington

SM: asked to have the details by email

DH: asked for details on the possible route on Clarence Way, through the housing estate to Farrier Street (part of the northern branch of the Cross Camden Cycleway)

SM: challenging due to barriers and concerns about motorcycles.

- This scheme is at feasibility stage: consultation a.s.a.p.
- Modelling the Parkway junctions and will pick up on walking issues.

DH: A map has been produced of the Camden Green Loop (network of quiet routes around Camden)

6. Camden High Street (CHS) - north and south sections (DH)

KB:

- *TfL* is doing a study on the southern section of CHS.
- *North of Camden Town station* (project started in 2019 but was superseded by the Arlington LTN) there will be stakeholder engagement and feasibility studies, first up to Hawley Crescent and later up to Hawley Road which would have to be made two way for all vehicles (which relates to the Cross Camden Cycleway).

JC: CCC is keen to be involved; very pleased to see it will also be open to cycling. [It was good when closed for Thames water works and two-way cycling was taking place]

DH: At the launch of Camden Green Loop had mentioned to Adam Harrison the lack of a crossing over Camden Street near Camden Gardens.

KB: Consultation soon on a crossing from Camden Gardens across KTR to Water Lane.

7. Holborn gyratory and Bloomsbury Place (JD/DH)

- a. Can the bus gate on Great Russell Street be implemented soon?

JD and GC: A resident of Bloomsbury Place said (on Twitter) that the motor traffic has increased due to small numbers being able to turn right into Southampton Row each time there is a green light, possibly due to the new cycle gate. We think a bus gate on Great Russell Street would be the best solution.

SM: will ask Anthony to investigate the link to the new scheme at the junction of Southampton Row/Theobalds Road.

- Can't do a bus gate soon. Must be modelled together with all of the main roads in the Holborn LN plan.
- Would be good to identify Quick Wins (that don't affect the modelling) e.g. links from Holborn Station.
- The TfL business plan mentions the Holborn area.
- JC: Can the modelling see if some elements could be done separately

SK: Will put that question in the modelling brief.

b. Indicative date for New Oxford Street

New Oxford Street would be more difficult.

8. Spaniards Road cycle lanes (GC)

GC: this request has 2 levels:

- The old 2-way cycle lanes are overgrown (too narrow for two-way cycling). Who is responsible for upkeep?
- The situation is dangerous at the ends where cyclists have to cross the road

JC: email from group in Haringey who are looking for a cycle route to school

- Another email about conditions in North End Way

SM: had visited Spaniards: will ask Steve C to ask David Wells to arrange for regular clearing of overgrowing grass etc from cycle track;

- The Spaniards Road route is isolated from the network but in the long term, parallel crossings are needed; could consider a path on the north side.
- Not currently interested in this but could/will? put in plan for 25-28.
- SC: Volkers are responsible for maintaining the hard surfaces (managed by Highways). Veolia are responsible for sweeping and weeding the hard surfaces (managed by Environment Services).
- No ideas about North End Way.

DH: (on the subject of borough boundaries): Query about Toucan crossing over York Way by Lewis Cubitt Park.

SM: this is already designed

9. WEP progress (Princes Circus) (DH)

SM: will finish late in February (ahead of time).

10. Illegal/obstructive parking/loading app (JC)

JC: The App is ok for reporting single problems but not suitable for reporting places where there is a lot of infringement.

SM: will pick this up with Peter Mardell.

11. Dockless hire bike and scooter bays - success/lack of success of enforcement and progress on expansion of enforced areas (JC)

JC: Camden website lists bays where parking is supposed to be enforced. When will a requirement to leave hire bikes in the allotted bays be enforced with penalties?

SC: The web page is out of date.

- 190 bays borough-wide no distinction of how they are used
- Operators say compliance is 98% for scooters
- 20 more bays will be put in

JC: We have been told that Lime users are told just to submit a photo of where they have parked the bike.

JF: can see from the window bikes spread all over the street; technology exists -why isn't it used for enforcement? Bays on footway in Lambs Conduit Street - all bays should be on road.

SM: DBH bikes are not achieving full parking bay compliance; the GPS needs to be improved; most of the bays are on the road.

DH: echoes JF's point about more bays in busy areas.

JF: Barnet is being sued by a rider of a (private) scooter who was badly injured when hitting a pothole. Barnet claims they need not pay as the scooter is illegal. There have been 7000 accidents on scooters (where?)

- JC: If there are not enough bays, how can the operator be required to enforce their use?

SM: implication is that the user has to find another bay; will expand bays to meet capacity.

12. Could officers put CCC in touch with Lime to discuss the possibility of sharing journey data (SP)

SP: Had spoken to Trier who would share data if they are appointed

- We have the counter data but that applies only where there are counters e.g. KTR is high
- But there may be other places where numbers are high and such information would inform on the choice of Healthy Routes

SC: Lime does provide regular reports with very high figures. Will ask them what they will be willing to share.

SM: Lime data is published in consultation reports (Scooters have a TfL contract)

SP: has been told that data is very accurate AOB

DH: Covent Garden (new consultation on making the scheme permanent): concern about rat runs e.g. between Shelton Street and St Martin's Lane. Data on drops in traffic on key roads: has this been compared with any general trends? Any response to the filtering suggestions sent in by CCC last year?

SM: Not compared; ask David Jenkins about further details

- Westminster is not keen to go too far in changes as part of this consultation but will be looked at in 2023 as part of a new set of public realm consultation measures
- Next stage public realm improvements; CCC/LLS to send in filtering suggestions; work on Shaftesbury Avenue

JF: Cadent issues - need things to settle down

JC: CCC's response will support making the new two-way cycling permanent and repeat our requests to eliminate rat runs and our filtering suggestions.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday March 6th 2023 at 10 am

JC: closed the meeting with thanks to SC for all of his work as team leader.