

# Camden Cyclists Meeting

## Minutes 16th January 2023



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

### Attending

Steve Prowse (chair), Stefano Bertolotto, John Chamberlain, George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore (minutes), Meade McCloughan, Steven Edwards, Ema Arvati, Elena Moynihan, Susan Seymour, Luke Pearson, Simon Pearson, Geoff Rickman, Travis Nelson, Anna Voelker, Tony Woolf, Rachel Wrangham.

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### 1. Introductions

Steve welcomed Travis who rides with his cat Sigrid on a fixed gear bike.

Anna who arrived later introduced herself as a qualified ride leader and mother of small children who has led some children's rides out of the Sidings.

### 2. Minutes of the November meeting - we did not meet in December

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2022/12/ccc-meeting-minutes/>

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

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters came up.

### 4. Report on CCC and LLS Dec 5th Quarterly Meeting with Camden Officers

John summarised the main points from the minutes of the meeting which are [here on our website](#)

- Camden's Transport Teams are being reorganised
- CCC and LLS (London Living Streets) congratulated Camden on their Transport Strategy Delivery Plan 2022-25. [Download from Camden's website](#)
- Apparent lack of schemes in Hampstead. [Appendix A](#) of the CTS delivery plan explains prioritisation. Hampstead will get school streets, zebras, hire bike and scooter slots. Improvement to school streets including New End (which still suffers from the school run) in 2025.
  - Rachel made the point that more LTNs e.g. in Dartmouth Park would force parents to drive on the main roads and lose a time advantage over using a bus.
  - Interest in seeing the data on journeys through before an LTN is created.
- Dangerous junctions: The new Procter Street scheme was agreed in December; Camden and Islington are lobbying TfL regularly regarding Kings Cross; Euston Circus is ignored.

**Action:** Steve P to contact Sian Berry to request a meeting to discuss TfL junctions
- Camden High Street north of the station to be pedestrian and cycle only (initially up to Hawley Crescent).
- Holborn LN modelling currently in progress; CCC asked whether some aspects could be brought forward (e.g. bus gate on Great Russell Street).

## 5. Ride Planning 2023 (Steve P)

Local groups in Camden, Islington, Hackney, Haringey and Enfield are to promote each other's rides.

Steve will meet Geoff Stilwell on Thursday to discuss plans for our rides. Currently:

- Feeder from Swiss Cottage Library to Speakers Corner for women's ride on 5th March. Marshalls are needed; volunteers: Elena, and John if needed. Anna can't marshal as she wants to take her own children on the ride. Geoff will ask Jenny.
- Ride to Parliament. 22nd April. Organised by XR who are now non-disruptive.

**Action:** Steven E to put in monthly newsletter

- Ride London 28th May. John said: we could lead a feeder from Swiss Cottage if the entry point is the same as last year; need to coordinate with Joy Riders and others.
- Ride round Camden: John: we need to agree a date; we now have fewer leaders than in the past.

## 6. Jean's report on Infrastructure highlights in 2022

The presentation was based on [this post on our website](#) and covered the Haverstock Hill cycle lanes, C50 through Camden Square, pop-up cycle lanes being made permanent (with stepped tracks to replace the wand protection already started on Prince of Wales Road eastbound), school streets, Holborn junctions, permeability and the completion of the West End Project.

**Holmes Road School Street:** Camden is currently consulting on [Commonplace](#) and JD urged everyone to respond in support. The school street protects only St Patrick's School but should it be extended to the French School? *Rachel:* yes because people drop off at the French School (CFBL) but not so much at St Patrick's (although pupils from the closed St Dominic's school will be joining them and will live further away). But Camden's depot is on Holmes Road opposite CFBL and a school street is not practical in this part of Holmes Road.

We can ask Camden to extend the scheme with measures to prevent parking close to CFBL.

Rachel also suggested asking for the street to be 'open' for only 4 hours instead of closed for 4 hours.

**Anglers Lane.** The closure of Angler's Lane to through motor traffic together with two-way cycling has provided an excellent link between East Kentish Town and the Prince of Wales Road cycle route. George said what a positive change this was for the area.

Rachel reported on two locations on Kentish Town Road where parking can cause problems:

- [Outside Boots](#) which causes larger vehicles to mount the island (protecting cyclists turning right into Anglers Lane)
- Near Franchi's which causes cyclists to have to pull out.

**Action:** Jean put on agenda for March quarterly

## **7. C50 Finsbury Park to Camden**

John reported that TfL have provided plans to build protected cycle lanes on Parkhurst Road, Seven Sisters Road, Isledon Road, Tollington Road, Camden Road – that is on the one way roads between Warlters Road and the west side of the Finsbury Park railway bridge. To be built Jan-Nov 2023.

TfL also mention that a connection will be needed between York Way and Caledonian Road to be built late 2023 - mid 2024.

We deplore this planned 'gap' between the Camden section and the new work further east that will persist until the gap is filled and is difficult or dangerous for cyclists to bypass.

## **8. A0B**

### **Geoff Rickman of American School in London**

Asked for volunteers to go to the school on 26th January to talk to pupils about cycle campaigning before they go on a trip to Amsterdam. Steve P and John said they were available would be spare.

**Action:** Steve and John to attend

### **Our bank account and potential card reader**

Meade reported that

- Steve P is now a signatory together with John, Jean and Meade
- Getting a card reader from the bank requires too much red tape and Meade advises us to abandon the attempt
- John has taken up an offer from LCC to have a QR code generated which enables individuals to make payments to LCC's bank account (which they transfer to our account). John has tested this and it works
- It is also possible to use a similar scheme with PayPal with the advantage that payments would go straight to our account.

**Next Meeting** 20th February at 7:30 pm. Minutes: Elena in February and Steve in March