

Camden Cyclists Meeting

Minutes 18 September 2023



19:30 - 21:00 on Zoom

Attending

John Chamberlain (JC, chair), Steve Prowse (SP, minutes), Jean Dollimore (JD), George Coulouris (GC), Paul Allen (PA), Susan Seymour (SS), Steven Edwards, Peter Marsh, Rachel Wrangham, Elena Arvati, Romit, Slavi

1. Introductions

The group introduced themselves to Peter who lives in Judd Street and is a long-time LCC member who was involved in the Tavistock Place campaign. Rohit & Slavi joined later, they are Masters Students in User Experience Design at London College of Communication, University of the Arts London..

2. Minutes from the July meeting

 Meeting minutes 21 August 2023

The minutes were approved.

Matters arising:

None

3. Over taking & queuing in cycle lanes

A lively discussion ensued with several examples of bike lanes in Camden including crossing from Midland Road to Judd Street. Several observations were made; mirrors can be good, look forward to see if the lane is narrowing, behaviour matures over time (as seen on the Embankment). The inputs and suggestions have been incorporated into the [CCC Etiquette](#).

4. Kiddical Mass

24th Sept. Going to be a big and magical event. Already publicised by CCC. Everyone encouraged to spread the word and help build participation.

5. Kilburn High Road

Jean presented what is known about this joint Camden/Brent scheme. The timescales for it coming to consultation are not clear - it has a long history! Highlights:

- Very little for cycling on KHR itself.
- Proposed alignments for Q3 & C51.
- KHR seen as a barrier and several crossing points are proposed by the planners. [See the presentation here](#)

6. Feedback from Quarterly Meeting with Officers:

As time was limited we agreed to discuss at the next meeting, once the minutes are published. George reported that the Cycle Counter issue will be resolved.

Action: Everyone is invited to provide examples of excessive 'Beg' time on pedestrian crossings for feeding back to Officers/TfL.

Action: Paul to forward his email on lack of enforcement on Haverstock Hill to Anthony Christofi (Done).

Action: A new consultation on Holmes Road scheme will soon be published; [See here](#) & [here](#).

7. AOB

Steven raised questions about a number of locations where cycle provision is poor. We agreed to defer this to the next meeting & invite all members to ask any questions about any particular locations of interest ahead of the next meeting. We will compare them to Camden's 3 year plan and discuss each in turn.

Action: All. Submit your questions to Ema.

Cycle storage email received from member about the difficulties of cycle hangers:

Issues with the Falco hangars reported:

- It is difficult to lock your bike inside the hangar.
- It is very difficult to close the hangar.
- The pod is always full of leaves and rubbish.
- Lack of maintenance.
- Low occupation (but not able to get a space).

Action: Steve to pass the members email to Camden & ask for engagement with CCC on solutions (Done). Question: Do other Boroughs have better hangar utilisation?

Rohit & Slavi presented their Master project in User Interface design related to their love of cycling. They are looking for volunteers between 18 & 30 to get involved and test /provide feedback on their designs. If you want to get involved Steve can pass on your details.

Action: Steve to pass Paul's email to Rohit & Slavi (Done).

Sunday 24/09 will be Car free day on West End Lane.

Sat 30/09 is LCC [Urban Hill climb](#) (Swain's Lane, Camden). Do come along to support and promote LCC/CCC.

Sat 30/09 [Safe Streets Day of action](#).

Sat 30/09 [Transport Action Network Day of Action](#).

Future minute takers: October JD

Future Topics: Holmes Road, Etiquette, location Q&A (Steven's list),

Next Meeting: 16th October at 7:30 pm on Zoom

