

# Camden Cyclists Meeting

## Minutes 18 December 2023



**19:30 - 20:30 at Kentish Town Health Centre**

### **Attending**

Steve Prowse (SP, chair), John Chamberlain (JC, minutes), Jean Dollimore (JD), George Coulouris (GC), Richard Fletcher (RF), Berwyn Rutherford (BR), Steven Edwards (SE), Tanuj Dhir (TD), Simon Pearson (SP), Luke Pearson (LP), Melanie Etherton (ME), Adam Drew (AD), Amanda Evans (AE), Paul Braithwaite (PB).

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### **1. Introductions**

The group introduced themselves. Richard, Berwyn and Paul are long-time members of LCC who we haven't seen for a while. Luke, Tanuj, Melanie and Amanda we know from previous meetings and Adam is new to the group and most welcome. The others are committee members.

### **2. Minutes from the November meeting**

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2023/11/ccm-meeting-minutes-20th-november-2023/>

SP took attendees through the minutes, which were approved. There was further discussion of Camden's plans to close the northern part of Camden High Street to motor traffic.

### **3. Cycling Numbers**

SP gave an upbeat summary of TfL's latest statistics on cycling in London. There has been a 20% rise in the number of cycle stages (journeys or part-journeys) since 2019, 25% of people in London now cycle and KSI<sup>1</sup> figures are down 38% compared to the 2005-9 average. But progress towards Vision Zero (no KSIs by 2041) and CO2 targets are not on track.

LP mentioned that the crossing of York Way near the Sainsbury's store is very poor for pedestrians.

### **4. New works starting: Holborn, Mansfield Road, Chalk Farm, Grafton Road**

JD summarised the short-term and long-term plans for Holborn.

SP explained the changes to the Mansfield Road crossing at Estelle Street now the scheme is permanent (raised junction, better alignment of cycle crossing).

JD then explained the plans for making the Chalk Farm Road cycle tracks permanent (stepped tracks and junction improvements). More details can be found [here](#). There was further discussion of the misuse of parking bays in cycle tracks - Camden have asked that we continue to report this, preferably with photos.

On Grafton Road the temporary planters will be made permanent and the motor vehicle closure moved north from outside Carlton School to north of Cressfield Close (this came as a result of local consultation). Other changes to the Queens Crescent area mostly affect residents and pedestrians. More details can be found [here](#). The junction at Prince of Wales Road/Grafton Road is scheduled to be improved, with separate cycle phases on Prince of Wales Road but no date for the signal works has been given.

PB raised the issue of the cycle gap between Castlehaven Road and Kelly Street, which is apparently unpopular with residents who say it encourages scooters and motorbikes (PTW<sup>2</sup>s). He asked if we

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<sup>1</sup> KSI - People killed or seriously injured

<sup>2</sup> PTW - Powered two-wheeler

needed it. Several attendees said that they use Kelly Street to get to Kentish Town Road and Bartholomew Road. JC said that PTW riders always used it, but previously rode on the footway.

**5. The Joys of Cycle Touring - it's easier than you might think, talk by George Coulouris**

George gave an entertaining talk based on the trips that he and Jean have made over the years. You can see his slides at <https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2024/01/the-joys-of-cycle-touring/>. There followed discussion of other people's experiences.

**6. AOB**

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned to the Lion & Unicorn.

**Future Minute takers: January - Ema Arvati**

**Next Meeting 15th January at 7:30. The meeting will be online using Zoom**

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/events/members-meeting-2024-01-15/>