

Camden Cyclists Meeting

Minutes 15 April 2024



19:30 - 21:00 On line

Attending

Steve Prowse (SP, Chair), John Chamberlain (JC minutes), Steven Edwards (SE), Elena Moynihan (EM), Paul Allen (PA), Suzanne Weller (SW), Peter Joanes (PJ), Conrad Lindner (CL)

1. Introductions

Steve invited the regulars to introduce themselves followed by the people attending their first meeting or returning (Peter Joanes, Conrad Lindner). Conrad lives in the West Hampstead/Kilburn area and commutes to Holborn. Peter and Suzanne live in Kentish Town.

2. Minutes from the March meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/CCC-Meeting-minutes-18-March.pdf>

Steve summarised the main points and actions. The minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising

There was a brief follow-up discussion on Holborn (progress on the cycle lanes and CCC response to the consultation on the [Holborn Vision](#)), Dockless Bike parking, and enforcement of ASLs (to be discussed with Camden at next quarterly meeting on June 3rd).

Action: JC to add ASL enforcement to the agenda for the next quarterly meeting

4. Cyclist fatality in Camden

The recent tragic fatality on the Farringdon Road at Clerkenwell Road was noted and sympathy expressed to the family and friends. The collision would likely not have occurred if Farringdon Road had cycle lanes in both directions, rather than northbound cyclists being expected to use the narrow and indirect route via Saffron Hill.

Action: CCC to coordinate with LCC on campaigning for a northbound cycle lane.

5. Whitestone Pond audit

SE reported on the recent audit of this area which is dominated by motor traffic and is unsafe and unpleasant for pedestrians and cyclists. In the short term, provision of cycle lanes and signals on all arms and closure of Whitestone Walk to motor vehicles would be a minimum. He reported that there was plenty of space. EM said that the cycle track on Spaniards Road should be extended to the junction with Whitestone Walk and linked to new lanes. JC mentioned that Haringey Cycling Campaign are currently campaigning to extend this track eastwards past the Spaniards Inn.

Action: SE to finalise draft report for committee to review.

6. Camden Bike Bus

SP reported on the success of the inaugural run of the new Bike Bus from Primrose Hill (the pedestrianised bridge) to the schools in Belsize, running every Thursday at 7:30 am. There were 8-9 really happy and enthusiastic children. Guests are welcome.

7. Mayoral Campaign

SP spoke about the Mayoral election campaign and encouraged everyone to use the hashtag #LondonLovesCycling on all related SM posts.

8. Little Big Ride 27/28 April

There are loads of rides over the weekend of the 27th/28th, all organised by LCC borough groups in support of the mayoral campaign. JC is leading one to the Lea Valley on the 28th and there are still spaces available as of the 25th. See <https://lcc.org.uk/events-calendar/>

9. Plan for May AGM

The AGM will be in person, possibly at the Kentish Town Health Centre (as was the December meeting) or possibly at a pub or other venue.

SP suggested that in lieu of a speaker, each Committee member does a very short speech on 'why I love cycling', to be captured for Social Media & the Website.

Action: Paul to check on cost and availability at the Lansdowne Pub in Primrose Hill

10. AOB

Following a discussion about the difficulty of finding things such as how to report problems on the website, EM restated her interest and her offer to help in simplifying the Home page.

Future Minute takers: Not decided

Next Meeting in person only 20 May at 7:30. Venue TBA