

# Camden Cyclists AGM Minutes 15 May 2023



**19:00-21:00 at Calthorpe Community Garden, Grays Inn Rd**

**Attending:** Geoff Stilwell (Co-Chair), Steve Prowse (Co-Chair), Paul Allen (Minutes), John Chamberlain, Meade McCloughan, Steven Edwards, Simon Pearson, Luke Paerson, Neville McKay, Julian Fulbrook, Eugene Regis, Aileen Grey, Rain Chapman, Izzy Romilly (LCC Trustee), Martin, Melanie Etherton (LCC)

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## **1. Introductions**

Steve welcomed everybody to the meeting.

## **2. Presentation by Akwesi Osei**

Guest speaker Akwesi Osei - Car Free Cities Campaigner from We Are Possible - talked about inequalities in current cycling levels in London. Groups including women, ethnic minority communities, and disabled people are under-represented; focusing on research he conducted into Black men and barriers to cycling. More details here [Black Men And Barriers To Cycling](#)

## **2. Approve minutes of 2021 AGM**

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were reviewed and approved. .

## **3. Matters arising from 2022 AGM**

None.

## **4. Equal Opportunities Policy**

*The new Policy was reviewed and accepted. .*

**Action:** An Equal Opportunities action plan should be reviewed at future meetings.

**Action:** The new Policy to be published on the CCC Website; Done.

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/about/constitution/>

Whilst the group does support everyone, there are areas that we could improve, such as working with less affluent areas of the borough and more disability groups. It was pointed out that there is no need to be a paid LCC member to attend meetings and work with the group.

## **5. Coordinator's Report**

Steve summarised the improvements for cycling since the pandemic, with +40% for cycling vs -20% for the tube, leading to 8-14% of journeys now being by bike. Whilst LTNs have had poor media perceptions, the Possible report has shown -50% within the LTNs and only +1% for boundary roads.

Camden Council's 3 year plan is very good, although it may be difficult for them to hold to the plan due to funding challenges. One particular scheme to watch will be the bold pedestrianisation of Camden High Street near the market. School streets continue to be rolled out, and the aim is to have school streets at all schools where possible.

Some objectives for the year are to increase the involvement from the 460 members on our mailing list, for instance through rides and social events. Continue the regular audits of traffic schemes and regular meetings with the council officers.

## **6. Infrastructure Updates**

Haverstock Hill Cycle Lanes - Paul Allen summarised the state of the Haverstock Hill cycle lanes - they are working well, although loading bays, particularly on the downhill side. There therefore needs to be more enforcement, especially as the lanes should be going permanent, but most of the loading bay will remain. The ETRO is ending, and the permanent scheme has been published.

Camden Square is much quieter since the changes, there are some minor changes for the permanent schema and for the C50 which uses this rather than on the main Camden Road.

Prince of Wales Cycle Lanes - the eastbound permanent lanes have been completed.

Holborn area - the junction from Southampton Row to Theobalds Road was quickly improved following the death of a cyclist by a left turning HGV. The Proctor Street changes have been funded. The larger changes to the whole area and gyratory in particular have been delayed due to funding changes.

Agar Grove - the traffic lights at St Pancras Way are unusual in having an all cycles phase. The path from Camley Street has been much improved with bollards preventing the pavement parking by the auto repair company.

LTNs are bedding in nicely and improved e.g. with rain gardens. Savernake Road is an excellent example of this.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Meade summarised the accounts as follows:

- There was no Income
- The main costs were for the web site and for Zoom
- This lead to a deficit for the year
- Reserves are decreasing, but are predictable.

For the budget

- £600 expenditure for the year

- limited income from the Kentish Town Bike workshops
- Leaving reserves of £960

We therefore need

- Claim our LCC grant which would be about £340.
- Possible £150 for running a feeder ride to Ride London.
- Think of ways to raise additional funds

Approval of Accounts 2022-2023 and Budget 2023-2024.

Proposed by Steve and John and agreed unanimously.

## **8. Existing Management Committee members**

Everyone is willing to remain on committee and all will continue their current roles:

Paul Allen, John Chamberlain, George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore, Steven Edwards, Sean Howes, Meade McCloughan, Simon Pearson, Elena Moynihan and Geoff Stilwell.

## **9. Elect committee for 2021-22**

Confirming the committee and its new member was proposed by Geoff, seconded by Luke and agreed unanimously.

## **12. Election of officers for 2021-22**

- Re-election of Steve Prowse as Coordinator was proposed by Geoff, seconded by Paul and approved unanimously.
- Re-election of Meade McCloughan as Treasurer (for his 13th year) was proposed by Geoff, seconded by John and approved unanimously.
- Election of Ema Arvati was proposed by Geoff, seconded by Luke and approved unanimously.

## **13. AOB**

A number of events are planned, these can be seen on the CCC Event Planner on Google Drive.

- CCR
- Ride London feeder
- Lea Valley ride
- Kentish Bike workshop
- Camden circular ride

A strange gap in the rebranding of C27 where it combines with C6 at Sidmouth Street was also raised.

The AGM was formally closed. At the end of the meeting thanks were given to the chair and coordinator.