

# Camden Cyclists Meeting

## Minutes 19 August 2024



19:30 - 21:00 Online

### Attending

Steve Prowse (Chair), Elena Moynihan, Paul Allen, Suzanne Weller, Conrad Lindner, Ema Arvati (Minutes), Meade McCloughan, John Chamberlain, Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, Christopher Bewley, Linus Rees, Kaveh Kordestani, Eugene Regis, Tanuj, Izzy Romilly (Speaker from Possible).

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### 1. Introductions

As there were lots of people attending and everyone has been to a meeting before, Steve skipped the introductions.

### 2. Minutes from the July meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2024/08/ccc-meeting-minutes-15th-july-2024/>

The minutes were approved.

### 3. ULEZ expansion findings, guest speaker Izzy Romilly from “Possible”

Izzy Romilly from Possible <https://www.wearepossible.org/> presented the ULEZ expansion findings to the group; she gave a quick summary of when it was first introduced, its aim, as the biggest source of air pollution in London is cars and vans, and Pollutant emissions across London in 2023 are “dramatically” lower than expected in a non-ULEZ scenario. Despite the fact that the Mayor’s target is for London to be a Net Zero city by 2030, he is not on track to deliver this and traffic has been rising year on year. [Here](#) are the slides, anyone with the link should be able to view them.

### 4. Dartmouth Park Healthy Neighbourhood

<https://dartmouthpark.commonplace.is/>

There have been two rounds of engagement, not yet a consultation which will be later in the year; so far the reaction has been negative. CCC submitted their comments before the deadline of the 18th August. Some roads will not have all the traffic removed and as it was suggested last month, if Chetwynd Road is made one way, traffic volume & speeds might increase. Organisations including the Highgate Society and others are opposing any changes. LCC has been campaigning for changes to Swain’s Lane.

We discussed the plans at last month’s meeting before our comments were submitted.

### 5. Rathbone Street

[Rathbone Street & Hanway Place Consultation - Oxford Street Programme – closes 16 August 2024](#)

JC shared the slides from Westminster Council to show the proposed changes, it is a very short street close to Oxford Street. Although the borough has started to do a bit more in terms of cycling infrastructure, it is behind other areas and some schemes will take a few years before they are fully implemented.

## 6. Camden Cyclists Social media activity

SP would like to pass on the role of social media lead to someone else in the group. Although LCC still uses X, we could prefer to move to another platform. Instagram, Mastodon or Bluesky were mentioned but they do not offer the same functions. Paul has taken over Instagram and Facebook. ER said that Mastodon is a bit clunky and Bluesky would be better. JD pointed out that we have over 3,000 followers on X so should continue on there until established elsewhere. JC suggested that we find out what LCC and other borough groups are intending to do.

**Action:** Steve to create a CCC Account on Bluesky but continue to post on X pending clarity on how we can get followers to move to the next platform.

## 7. Finding a venue for the monthly meetings

We discussed meeting up face to face every so often. EA tried to secure a venue for this month but it was booked. It would be good to move the meeting around the borough. The bike workshop location could be an option or The Lansdowne Pub near Chalk Farm underground where the group met in the past. There is also The Grafton pub in Prince of Wales road however these are around the same areas. It would be good if the venue could move around different areas of Camden.

**Action:** All to suggest venues for the monthly meeting.

## 8. Urban Hill Climb

<https://lcc.org.uk/events/urban-hill-climb-2024/>

This year e-bikes are allowed. People are encouraged to sign up and volunteer on the day.

## 9. 24th September mass LCC Flyering

Planned date of flyering around different areas (where people want to do that). SP can provide materials to volunteers to get more people to sign up to the newsletter, to look at the website etc. JC SP and Peter Marsh volunteered.

**Action:** All - more volunteers required.

## 10. Stickers / QR code

Since our AGM meeting where stickers (with QR code links to the Home Page on our website) were handed out, the CCC Home Page has seen many hundreds more hits. As people's attention span is limited, we need ideas on how to change the Home Page to get them to engage with it better and keep them interested in certain topics. What main information do we want them to know when they click?

**Action:** All to suggest ideas. Especially how to target people new to CCC e.g. a 'New to cycling - click here'.

## 11. CCC Rides

SW led a discussion about the group rides organised by Camden Cyclists.. Many are to help build confidence for people to ride in London or to showcase infrastructure, some are family friendly. But what groups are we trying to reach?

The discussion aimed to ask those at the meeting about their appetite for rides, what types of rides they would like to see more of, and what we could do to spread the word and raise more awareness to increase attendance. [Here are the slides that accompanied the discussion.](#)

**Action:** Discuss this at next month's meeting - convene a discussion with a group of members who are interested in attending or organising rides to plan out some rides over the coming months.

**Future Minute takers:** JC in September.

Next Meeting in person **16 September at 19:30**. At the Lansdowne Pub.

