

Camden Cyclists Meeting

Minutes 21 October 2024



19:30 - 21:00 Online

Attending

Steve Prowse, John Chamberlain (Chair), Elena Moynihan, Suzanne Weller, Jean Dollimore, Christopher Bewley, Steve Knattress, Mark Ostrow, Stefano Bertolotto, Steven Edwards

1. Introductions

Quick introductions

2. Minutes from the August meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2024/10/ccc-meeting-minutes-19th-august-2024/>

Steve gave an update on the Bluesky Action and reported it was up and running, with over 250 followers already.

The minutes were approved.

3. Demonstration of the new CCC banner <https://camdencyclists.org.uk/>

Suzanne showed the excellent new website page and explained how the new banner focuses on the 3 possible types of audience (seeking advice, support, or offering help).

The page is work in progress, so any feedback is welcome, it will be an ongoing effort. Next will be concentrating on working links in the banner (it was suggested to add a Contact page to the banner, and also to find a way to visualise more the Campaigns).

Also if anybody has any pictures that are more relevant to Camden to please send them through, as currently using generic LCC photos.

Also ongoing effort on how to attract new people to the site.

Action: All - review and send suggestions

4. Fitzrovia Consultation

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/fitzrovia1/>

Jean reviewed the decision which was published in June.

The consultation proposed widening the entry treatment on Whitfield Street at the Howland Street junction which CCC supported. It also proposed a mandatory cycle lane some of the way towards Maple Street. CCC had opposed this, on the grounds that, in quiet streets like this one, lanes were not needed. Camden's report proposes a segregated lane; we debated whether to challenge Camden on this decision.

In the end it was decided to leave as is.

5. Consultation on segregated cycle tracks in Shaftesbury Avenue

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/shaftesburyave/>

Led by John, the group reviewed the details of the consultation for cycle lanes and general pedestrian improvements in Shaftesbury Avenue.

These lanes will continue from the Gower Street cycle lanes which are much used (2/3K cyclists a day): the southbound advisory lane north of High Holborn will be upgraded to a stepped track. The main proposal is for stepped tracks on both sides of Shaftesbury Avenue from Princes Circus down to the Westminster border.

It was found to be a good scheme, and we will support it, although it was noted that there are no proposals to improve the junction at High Holborn, which is a very busy intersection. We would like at least an Early Release. Also the C10 link to Endell St should be improved.

Action: Jean to draft the CCC response and email the main *groups.io* group with the link to ask to support; Steve to post on BlueSky and Jean on X/Twitter

8. Dartmouth Park Liveable Neighbourhood

The consultation is expected soon. CCC has already responded to earlier engagement.

We discussed what else we could do to support, with Steven E suggesting that individuals attend a surgery of Tulip Siddiq's (as this was found to have had positive outcomes in other boroughs). Steve P noted she had already been approached by a couple of people and was supportive "It is important to ensure we have good cycle infrastructure in our area."

Action: Steve Prowse to share the Email correspondence with Tulip. Steven E to create a WhatsApp group in support of DPLN proposals.

9. Discuss Camden's turn to engage with Deputy Mayor for Transport

LCC followed up to the original Email that it's too early to engage. We agreed to put this on ice until further communications from LCC.

10. Suggestions for cafe locations for Camden cyclists meet-ups in 2025

Action: All - Send Steve P your suggestions

Future Minute takers: Elena Moynihan

Next Meeting **25 November at 19:30.**