

Meeting Minutes 21 July 2025

Camden Cyclists Meeting

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19:30 - 21:00 Online

Attending

John Chamberlain (JC Chair), Jean Dollimore (JD), Susan Seymour (SS), Suzanne Weller (SW), Ema Arvati (EA minutes), Oliver Hobson (OH), Mark Ostrow (MO), Christopher Bewely (CB), Steven Edwards (SE), Simon Pearson (SP), Kaveh Kordestani (KK).

1) Introductions

The meeting began with introductions of new and existing members, including OH, MO, and KK (who joined the committee recently).

2) Minutes of the May meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2025/07/ccc-meeting-minutes-19th-may-2025/>

JC gave some brief updates from the May meeting and asked if attendees had thoughts on them:

The group discussed the successful AGM in June and the response to the Oxford Street consultation which has been submitted. CCC is in favour of pedestrianisation but there should be cycling provisions for access to Oxford Street as a destination. JC expressed concern about the lack of pre-consultation meetings with Camden, suggesting that such meetings could prevent issues from arising during consultations. The committee agreed to follow up on ongoing issues, including Camden's mapping and the Albany Street project.

The minutes were approved, no outstanding actions.

3) Healthy Streets Scorecard 7th annual publication 2025

The result for this is in this link [HSS result](#)

JC presented Camden's performance in the annual Healthy Streets Scorecard, which measures boroughs on healthy streets indicators. Camden ranked 4th in London, behind Hackney, Islington, and City of London. Using certain metrics to compare boroughs, particularly for physically protected cycle tracks, is not very fair as the need varies significantly between areas. John noted that while Camden officers take the results seriously, there has been limited progress in some areas like LTNs. SE mentioned that a working group is still active for the Dartmouth Park project, which was put on hold due to local opposition. John mentioned that the current Green Party councillor took credit for blocking the project, despite previous support during the election campaign. The group also discussed school streets implementation, which was at 41% of all schools, and road

collision casualties, which showed an upward trend despite overall improvements in safety. **Action:** CCC needs to ask Camden where the 41 % comes from.

4) Fitzjohn's and Swiss Cottage discussion

JD presented an outline for the discussion including cycle network connections and Swiss Cottage gyratory, highlighting the planned continuous footways and contraflow cycling on College Crescent. She emphasized the need for parallel crossings to be designed to facilitate right turning in and out of side roads and referred to Kaveh's report on the gyratory system at Swiss Cottage, which suggests short-term improvements. The design of parallel crossings – the one at [York Way - Randells Road - Beaconsfield Street](#) is a useful example. They agreed this design was effective but not standardised, with OH noting that cyclists need to learn each intersection's unique layout. JC and KK discussed College Crescent's proposed contraflow cycle lane, which aims to maintain existing cycling routes while restricting motor traffic, though SS raised concerns about the junctions at the top of the crescent.

We discussed the status of a 2016 proposal regarding Swiss Cottage and the need to update the CCC website.

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/campaigns/current-campaigns/swiss-cottage-gyratory/>

Action: Jean to update the website article about Swiss Cottage to include the outcome of the 2016 proposal that was blocked by Westminster Council's judicial review.

The discussion shifted to Swiss Cottage gyratory improvements, where John reported that Camden's bid for funding through TFL's local infrastructure program was unsuccessful. The group agreed to focus on improving the missing link between the bottom of Fitzjohn's and College Crescent, with Kaveh planning to present the study at a future meeting.

5) Camden summer bike adventure on 27th July

SW will lead this ride on Sunday from 12:00 to 3:30pm and asked attendees to advertise it as there are 4 places left <https://lcc.org.uk/events/camden-summer-bike-adventure/> It is a gentle 5 miles ride suitable for everyone. Ideal for families including children who can ride independently, cargo bikes and trailers etc. Meeting at Talacre Gardens, Kentish Town.

SW will also lead the Kentish Town pedals ride on the 2nd August.

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/events/kentish-town-pedals-2025-08-02/>

6) Result of “calling in” the decision to approve school streets on Kidderpore Avenue, KA gardens, Ferncroft Avenue and Hollycroft Avenue

JC explained the process of calling in decisions, specifically regarding School Streets on Kidnapore Avenue, which was challenged by Conservative councillors but ultimately approved by the Scrutiny Committee.

7) CCC stance on Outer Circle new crossing and rumble strips

We discussed the proposed pedestrian crossings and rumble strips for the Outer Circle of Regent's Park. CCC is supportive of the crossings but there is opposition to rumble strips due to concerns about accessibility for disabled cyclists. LCC has responded to the consultation which is still open.

8) Discussion on Newton, Parker and Macklin Streets

We discussed the proposed cycle infrastructure changes for Newton Street, Parker Street, and Macklin Streets. Is a segregated cycle track the best option in this case? JC argued against it due to the low traffic volume and practical issues at junctions. CCC suggests segregated lanes when the road is too busy or unsafe. The group agreed that junction treatments and wider cycle lanes were more important than segregation.

9) How we should celebrate the opening of York Way cycle lanes

Steve P who raised this item was not at the meeting however JC suggested everybody could think of how to celebrate this event at the end of summer. **Action:** all to come up with suggestions.

10) AoB

JC and OH discussed secure bike storage and parking issues, with Oliver sharing his experience of using a Spokesafe parking lot in Soho. They agreed that more secure bike parking facilities were needed at major transport hubs like St. Pancras and Kings Cross.

KK shared this link with the group

<https://www.camdennewjournal.co.uk/article/tory-deputy-leader-resigns-after-angry-shop-in-cident>

OH shared this link related to the Waterloo area

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-04/WSM%20Section%205%20-Multimodal%20Interchange%20Hub.pdf>

Next minutes: JC

Item moved to the next meeting: KK to present the Swiss Cottage cycling infrastructure study and improvement suggestions.