

Meeting Minutes 17 November 2025

Camden Cyclists Meeting

19:30 - 21:00 Online

Attending

Steve Prowse (SP, Chair), John Chamberlain (JC), Kaveh Kordestani (KK), Elena Moynihan (EM), Paul Allen (PA), Peter Marsh (PM), Alex Jones (AJ), Mark Ostrow (MO), Suzanne Weller (SW), Jean Dollimore (JD minutes). Stefano Bertolotto (last 10 minutes)

1) Introductions

SP welcomed attendees and outlined the agenda.

2) Minutes of the October meeting

Matters arising:

- Westminster Cleveland Street Scheme: JC: The threatened Judicial Review has been dropped and Camden has published a TMO for their part of the work
- West Hampstead Black Path: JC has found that Network Rail is responsible and is unlikely to want to install signage
- Albany Street scheme: SP noted that local people were the main objectors.
JC: 53% were in favour

The minutes were approved without changes.

3. Consultation on the York Way / Agar Grove junction

[See SW's news item](#)

SW presented the scheme, making the following points:

- Pedestrians use an outer circuit
- Cycles use an inner circuit
- 3 signal stages:
 - 1 and 2 are for N-S and E-W motors
 - 3 is for cycles and pedestrians (cycles can use a diagonal to make right turns)
- Zebra markings are provided for pedestrians to cross the cycle tracks
- Cycles approaching the junction can turn left at any time
- A parallel crossing is proposed at the junction of Agar Grove with Cantelowes- Marquis Road

JC: Can't see anything wrong! As cycles go at the same time as pedestrians they get plenty of time compared with dedicated cycle stages.

PA: Concern about the pinch point and lack of cycle track on the southbound exit: SW: will ask Camden for signage to ensure that motor traffic is aware of cyclists,

SW: The deadline is Thursday.

ACTIONS

- SW to draft CCC response and contact others on the main groups.io mailing list.
- All present to respond individually.

4. Bloomsbury Vision engagement

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

PM presented this topic:

- The vision is concentrated on an area around UCL. It is oriented towards principles for public realm.
- The map shows roads but should also show cycle lanes e.g. routes should be shown.
- The vision selects topics including:
 - Active travel which we can relate to improving cycle infrastructure
 - Dockless hire bike parking (PM showed a photo of a vast dump of Lime bikes on the footway).

PA: Lime is a large company and has data on the whereabouts of their bikes and could control their placement

EM: In Switzerland all parking is on the road and the number of bikes allowed at a single location is controlled.

- PM: they include an area-wide freight and delivery plan with proposed routes
 - PA: UCL is doing this already
- PM: they single out areas e.g. we could focus on Malet Street, Montague Street and Thornhaugh Street; several people pointed out the utility of the route via Thornhaugh Street and Woburn Square which could be improved for cycling

ACTION

PM will summarise with suggestions for our response

5. Euston Area Plan

<https://camden.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s128562/Euston%20Area%20Plan%20report.pdf>

JC presented this topic:

- The area is mainly between the Regents Park Estate and Eversholt Street plus a small part of west Somers Town.
- The first plan was accepted in 2015 before HS2 was agreed; it has been followed by several updates. CCC has replied three times - our responses focus on accessibility and permeability.
- It proposes a Local Development Corporation similar to Docklands, to be administered by Camden, and sets a delivery date of 2051
- This time there will be no decking over the cutting, so

- no hope for east-west cycle links
- But possibly one through Granby-Danby and/or in front of the station
- There will be restrictions on access to Gordon Street but no subway
- Currently no plan to build more than 8 platforms although Camden plan to future-proof the area to allow room for more

6. Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood

<https://holbornln.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/v3/new-2025-project-ideas?step=step1>

JC presented this topic:

- More details added to the 2024 engagement. Less pedestrianisation. E.g. Bury Place will now have a two-way cycle track; Bloomsbury Way bus+cycle only had been for the entire length but now only west of Bury Place.
- We will ask Camden for traffic routing information as it's hard to understand how it will work
- Overall it's a great scheme, many starter projects are being built but we need to know the planned timing
- Holborn tube junction:
 - PA and EM criticised the approach from Procter Street
 - JC: Holborn will become two-way from Procter Street to Shaftesbury Avenue and there are plans for a bike lane (this is new but presumably only in one direction - eastbound in the illustration)
- See John's presentation [here](#) and the table he presented [here](#) giving proposed details for each street affected. E.g. Great Queen's Street was to have been pedestrianised in the 2024 plans but the 2025 proposal is for opposing one-way sections meeting near to the Masons' Hall.

ACTION

JC to ask Camden about routing information and dates for implementation

19 Nov: We were notified that funds for preliminary studies (concept design) have been approved, with work to start immediately. [See here](#)

7. Woburn Place/Tavistock Square/Upper Woburn Place

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

JD mentioned that:

- This is a bus lane consultation for Woburn Place
 - between Russell Square and Tavistock Place a new 24/7 northbound bus lane (some coach bays and other parking move to Bedford Way)
 - All existing bus lanes to change to operating 24/7
- PM: bus lanes are useful for cycling
- JC: 4.5m lanes are better than 3m lanes
- PA: wider lanes make it possible to pass a bus at a stop

ACTION

JD will prepare response

8. New Social Prescribing ride

SW presented this topic:

- [Kentish Town Pedals](#) is a once a month 5 mile ride with a cafe stop based at the Caversham Practice with social prescribing and has been running for two years.
- Want to start another one in West Hampstead, teaming with:
 - Camden Anchor
 - West Hampstead Medical Centre
 - Netherwood Youth and Family hub have a shed for storing bikes
- Have applied for funding (for bikes) from Share the Joy
- Need a coordinator, marshalls, bike mechanics

PA:: how about hire bikes?

SW: it is OK if someone arrives on a hire bike but in general they are not easy to ride

9. Christmas Social and December meeting

SP suggested a lunch time social on Mon 15th December at The Grafton, 20 Prince of Wales Road. PM suggested making the next meeting face to face.

It was agreed to meet at The Grafton, 20 Prince of Wales Road, on Mon 15th Dec 2025: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm subject to a room being available.

ACTION

SP to check availability and book a room

Next minutes: JC in December. Volunteers needed from January onwards.