

Camden Cyclists AGM Minutes 16 May 2022



19:30-21:00 On Zoom

Attending: Geoff Stilwell (Co-Chair), John Chamberlain (Co-Chair), Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, Paul Allen (Minutes), Steve Prowse, Meade McCloughan, Steven Edwards, Simon Pearson, Rachel Wrangham, Neville McKay, Susan Seymour, Elena Moynihan, Jon Stone, Ellen Gates, Julian Fulbrook, Malcolm Bush, Stefano Bertolotto, Jean-François Paris.

1. Introductions

John welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Approve minutes of 2021 AGM

John summarised the minutes of the 2021 AGM which are at

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CCC-meeting-minutes-17-May-2021-AGM.pdf>

Approval of Minutes of the 2021 AGM: Proposed by Geoff Stilwell and agreed unanimously.

3. Matters arising from 2021 AGM

None.

4. 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 led to a deficit for the year
- Reserves are decreasing, but are predictable.

For the budget

- £725 expenditure for the year
- £0 income
- Leaving a balance of £1,500
- So whilst we can cope this year, we are likely to need the LCC grant in future years. The grant would be about £350.
- Therefore we may need other funds as well.

Approval of Accounts 2021-2022 and Budget 2022-2023.

These were included in the Annual AGM & Report 2022.

Agreed unanimously.

5. Coordinator's Report

John started by thanking the committee, in particular:

- Jean and George for their work on infrastructure and consultations
- Steve Prowse for his work on the climate safe streets LCC initiative
- Helen Vecht for 17 years in various roles in Camden Cyclists, she is now stepping down from the committee

Other aspects that were raised:

- Holborn had two deaths. There were protests by LCC and Stop Killing Cyclists to increase pressure on TfL and Camden for safer junctions.
- Meetings have continued to be online using Zoom.
There was a short discussion about returning to face to face meetings, but it was decided to keep them to online for now.
- There were 6 rides over the year and 5 planned for the summer.
- There were quarterly Infrastructure meetings with Camden (online, joint with London Living Streets)
- Thanks to everyone for campaigning to get support for the large number of pop-up and permanent protected cycle lanes, modal filters and permeability schemes - letters, articles, leaflets, emails, Tweets...
- Camden council have made many significant improvements. Summaries were presented including:
It is comforting that we live in a borough that leads the way with such schemes. CCC then lends its support and expertise rather than needing to challenge the council.
 - Grays Inn Road - completed
 - Haverstock Hill - under construction
 - LTNs - 2 new and 5 experimental ones that are now permanent
 - Secondary routes improved
 - Healthy School Streets - 6 new totalling 24 and now all permanent
 - Bike hangers - 52
 - E-bike & e-scooter hire bays - 170
 - Tiger Crossings
 - Permeability - new and older schemes now permanent
- Climate Safe Streets resulted in pledges from 3 out of the 4 party leaders.
Thanks to Steve, Simon, Neville, Jean, George and Steven for explaining and getting these pledges.
- Lots of behind the scenes work has also been done:

- Formal response to consultations
- Auditing of installed schemes
- Publicising the resulting improvements for cycling in Camden
- Meetings and conversations with Camden and contractors to sort out road closures, diversions etc
- Responses to Planning Applications (cycle storage, construction plans)
- Monitoring construction impact

7. Existing Management Committee members

Everyone is willing to remain on committee and all but John Chamberlain (Coordinator) will continue their current roles:

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

10. Invitation to others to join Management Committee

Neville McKay was invited.

11. Elect committee for 2021-22

Confirming the committee and its new member was proposed by Elena, seconded by Jean-Francois and agreed unanimously.

12. Election of officers for 2021-22

- John Chamberlain is stepping down as Coordinator and Steve Prowse has offered to take over. He was proposed by Jean, seconded by John and approved unanimously.
- Re-election of Meade McCloughan as Treasurer (for his 13th year) was proposed by George, seconded by Elena and approved unanimously.
- Election of Ema Arvati was proposed by Meade, seconded by Jean and approved unanimously.

13. AOB

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

- 21st May at Camley Nature reserve 11:30. This will be an opportunity to meet face to face again and particularly to thank John for his excellent work as Coordinator.
- 29th May Freecycle feeder
- 12th June Camden Clean Air Ride

The AGM was formally closed. At the end of the meeting thanks were given to the chair and in particular to John as the outgoing Coordinator and good wishes to Steve as the new Coordinator.

General Meeting

Talk by Sam Margolis on Camden's Cycling Action Plan

These were the topics that Sam covered.

- Policy context: brief summary of what the Healthy Streets transport programme is, the wider policy background and types of initiatives Camden council deliver
- Outputs: what we've delivered for cycling and active travel in the last 3 years since the adoption of the Camden Transport Strategy and supporting Action Plans (including the Cycling Action Plan)
- Outcomes: a flavour of the impacts of this work
- What's next: what are our plans going forwards? What are the big challenges/ opportunities?
- Questions and Answers

See this link for the full presentation.

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2022/05/talk-by-sam-margolis-on-camdens-cycling-action-plan/>