

Camden Cyclists meeting minutes

15 June 2026

19:30–21:00, Online



Present:

Steve Prowse (SP, chair) John Chamberlain (JC), Jean Dollimore (JD), Suzanne Weller (SW), Kaveh Kordestani (KK), Ema Arvati (EA minutes), Pete Marsh (PM), Tom (T.), Elena Moynihan (EM)

Apologies:

Meade McCloughan,

1. Introductions

SP welcomed the members and outlined the agenda.

2. Minutes of the April 2026 meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2026/05/ccm-meeting-minutes-20th-april-2026/>

SP summarised the minutes of the meeting in April and they were approved with no outstanding actions.

3. Camden new journal letters

EA shared her recent letter to the CNJ about cycling safety and drivers behavior, which received positive feedback from the group. [Make it safer – Camden Cyclists](#) This prompted someone to write to the paper two weeks later highlighting the fact that cars are getting bigger and drivers are more aggressive and disrespectful.

4. 5th July Women's Freedom Ride & Feeder

SW mentioned the Women's Freedom ride happening the 5th July that has been advertised on the LCC website [Women's Freedom - London Cycling Campaign](#). Camden Cyclists will be running a feeder ride to help people get to the start and back home again. If people are free to help marshal the feeder please contact Suzanne (suzanne@camdencyclists.org.uk). The ride will start from the National Theatre and there will be a picnic.

5. 11th July LCC picnic

The LCC is organising a picnic in [Lincoln's Inn Fields](#) [LCC summer picnic - London Cycling Campaign](#) which is open to all members. If you are planning to attend please RSVP on their website.

6. 14th July LCC flyering

SP mentioned plans for LCC flyering on various London boroughs on July 14th to get more visibility for the charity noting that many people that cycle in Camden do not necessarily live in the area. Coordination will be done through Lorna at LCC and there is agreement to use smaller handouts like business cards for better engagement.

Action: Let SP know if you are available during the day to hand out leaflets.

7. Campaign to get more members

EA raised the issue of CC membership declining in Camden when there are more people cycling overall compared to years ago.

Possible issues could be that the demographic is aging and not attracting younger members, EM said that the campaign-focused name can potentially deter potential members who might prefer a more social cycling group.

The group agreed to explore setting up a stall at Parliament Hill's Saturday farmers market though SP noted they would need to obtain permission and pay a fee. Over the years, these pop ups do not seem to have resulted in more members.

SW questioned the fundamental reasons for seeking more members and suggested reflecting on what value they offer in return for membership fees

which is not that expensive, however there are many charities that people can join .

EM stated that she is not clear what LCC objectives are and does not feel there is a lot of transparency; however, AGM happens each year and the magazine members receive highlights of the various campaigns they focus on.

The group discussed strategies for increasing membership and engagement with Camden Cycling Campaign. Key points included focusing on providing tangible benefits to potential members, such as bike maintenance services and community engagement activities like bike marking events, which could increase visibility and participation without necessarily leading to immediate membership sign-ups.

The discussion highlighted that while direct membership growth may be limited, building engagement through activities and expanding the email newsletter list could be more effective approaches. KK also noted that LCC membership for under-25s is now only £10, making it more accessible to younger cyclists. In Somers Town there are a lot of people cycling but not much engagement.

8. Celebrating new Infra ride (Haverstock, Goodsway etc.

SP wanted ideas from the group on how to celebrate the new cycling infrastructure in Camden; he is planning to organise rides along completed routes including Belsize to Clerkenwell via Goods way and Haverstock Hill. There was a discussion on Haverstock hill and the fact that the cycle lane keeps on stopping for various reasons and it does not feel safe to use all the time. Tom mentioned a cycling app called CycleMate that helps find protected cycle infrastructure in London, suggesting potential collaboration opportunities.

[Cyclemate: Safe Bike Directions & Cycling App for London](#)

JC mentioned that it would be a good idea to organise an event in August to thank Adam Harrison as he played a key role in implementing cycling infrastructure around Camden.

Action: SP to contact Adam Harrison to inform him about plans for a celebratory ride and check his availability.

Action: SP to follow up with SW regarding inviting the new council leader and cabinet member James Slater for a bike ride.

9. Update on Streets for cycling campaign

Since the elections last month and with quite a few changes of councillors, the group discussed follow-up efforts with new council members, including outreach to Segal Abdi-Wali the new leader of Camden Council and James Slater, the cabinet member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden (includes Transport).

10. Update on Quarterly meeting with Officers

JC gave an update on the recent quarterly meeting with officers, where they addressed concerns about increased cycle KSIs and reviewed infrastructure projects including Goodsway, Clerkenwell Boulevard and Shaftesbury Avenue. SW explained their proposal for larger school zones to improve cycling safety around schools, though the council identified some implementation challenges.

EM reported that a group of residents in the Hampstead Ward submitted a proposal to Camden to replace two existing healthy school streets with a larger one covering the entire area. The proposal, which includes traffic monitoring using TELRAM devices, was sent to Sam Margolis and Karl Brierley for review.

Action: Elena to share the proposal document with the group.

EA shared the new Gov strategy announced last week has potential benefits to increase children's independence through physical activity.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cycling-and-walking-boom-with-45-billion-for-thousands-of-new-routes-and-safer-crossings> to increase children's

independence through physical activity. SW shared this link from Active travel England

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a2a6b64c39255c595b5068e/working-every-step.pdf>

11. AoB

Camden KSI Statistics Review:

SW presented recent KSI (Killed or Seriously Injured) statistics for Camden, showing an increase from 34 to 44 incidents between 2024 and 2025, with a notable spike in February that may be a random fluctuation. The report shows fewer casualties but more serious injuries. The group discussed potential causes including the introduction of e-bikes and dockless hire bikes, with KK noting that similar increases were observed across London and that TfL expects KSIs to have reached 1,200+ in 2025. The team also addressed specific junction safety concerns at Haverstock Hill and Prince of Wales Road, with KK agreeing to investigate the Haverstock Hill junction further and provide observations about cyclist behaviour there. There are various filters in TfL's Road safety data report to see areas that have higher accidents although Islington seems to have steady stats from last year.

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaZTU5YWY5M2ltODhhNi00YWZlLWI4ODAtNTFmYTlzMmVjY2Q3IiwidCI6IjFmYmQ2NWJmLTVkbWVtNGVIYS1hNjkyLWEwODJjMjU1MzQ2YiIsImMiOjh9>

LCC is again organising the car free day on the 20th September [London Cycling Festival - London Cycling Campaign](#) . There will be a feeder ride from Camden to Westminster and many other boroughs are also organising rides.

JC mentioned that a climate change film was going to be shown at the Sidings community centre on the 16th June however no one from the group could attend. He was planning to share some cycling materials with the organisers.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th July (on Zoom)
Minutes Jean