

Camden Cyclists meeting minutes

17 August 2026

19:30–21:00, Grafton Pub



Present:

Steve Prowse (SP - chair), John Chamberlain (JC - minutes), Paul Allen (PA), Steven Edwards (SE), Ema Arvati (EA), Peter Marsh (PM), Susan Seymour (SS), Councillor Richard Atkins (RA), Nang Loh (NL), Jessica Pike (JP)

Apologies

Jean Dollimore

1. Introductions

SP welcomed the attendees. New faces were Richard Atkins, Green councillor for Gospel Oak and opposition Transport spokesperson, Nang Loh from Tulip Cycle Wands and Jessica Pike from the LCC head office.

2. Minutes of the July 2026 meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2026/07/ccc-meeting-minutes-20-july-2026/>

SP reviewed the minutes of the July meeting. Outstanding action items:

- SP to plan a return route for the September 27th infrastructure ride.
- JC to follow up with another email to James Slater (Transport portfolio holder) asking for a meeting.
- JC to produce list of wards and councillors on cross-Camden cycleway

The minutes were approved.

3. Discussion on Hackney Cycle campaign and Lime

- PM suggested we look at the Hackney model for controlling dockless hire bikes.

Action: SP to contact Hackney Cycling Campaign¹

- RA said that he was talking to Lime about geofencing to prevent hire bikes being used on footpaths. PA felt that the options were limited.

Action: JC to ask officers about progress

¹ SP reports no reply from Hackney

4. Share best cycle apps that members use

- PM suggested asking the membership via the newsletter and then putting information on our website.
- Going round the table, everyone had their favourite application including; [AirTrack](#), [City Mapper](#), [CycleMate](#), [cycle.travel](#), [from sofa to saddle](#) and Apple Maps; and some didn't use apps at all.

5. London cycling festival on the 20th September

- We will lead a ride to the Victoria Park hub from Kentish Town. Camden council have no plans for an event this year.

6. AOB

- SE proposed more ambition to increase membership e.g. a big new campaign like 'Love London Go Dutch' (mk II?) that LCC started in 2012 - and also proposing this to LCC as a wider campaign. Three stages:
 - (1) an upgrade for long standing major schemes as we have higher cycling levels now. The following are amongst possible examples:
 - Tavistock Place - remove west-east thru traffic?
 - Royal College Street - Bus gate and restrictions on side-street motors (eg Baynes St)
 - Tottenham Court Road - extension of hours of operation (ideally 24/7 including Sundays)
 - Judd/Hunter St. - eliminate rat-running
 - Savernake to South End Green (network link is needed)
 - (2) Accelerate completion of the borough-wide cycling network using mix of cycle-lanes - with wands as intermediary measures (as on Hunter St) along with a greater focus on through-traffic removal. Camden High Street (Mornington Cres. to Parkway) could have contra-flow lanes (replacing kerbside-car-storage).
 - (3) Options for implementation of 'cycle street(s)' - RCS and Parkway possible examples (TCR template).
- NL discussed the trials of Tulip wands in Camden and Westminster and suggested that CCC could ask officers for more locations. Others agreed that they were attractive and probably less likely to be destroyed by vehicles than conventional ones. SP thought that they were good for temporary measures and had the advantage of preventing parking in cycle lanes or on the footways.

Action: SP and NL to discuss further²

- SE raised the idea of removing through motor traffic from some streets eg Royal College Street - following the example of the recent Cambridge 'Cycle Street'. SE noted that progress on traffic reduction in Camden was very slow and that more could be done to promote distribution hubs, replacing vans with cargo bikes for last-mile deliveries.
- JC mentioned the upcoming ride with the new Regents Park ward Green councillors on Friday 21st. RA asked to join and will be very welcome.

Following the meeting, PA gave an entertaining presentation of photos from his ride from Lands End to John o'Groats (LEJOG).

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st September (online)

Minutes - Jean

² SP reports that he met Nang and they took photos along the proposed East/West route. Nang will photoshop Tulips in.