

Camden Cyclists meeting minutes

21 September 2026

On Zoom



Present:

Steve Prowse (SP - chair), John Chamberlain, Steven Edwards (SE), Peter Marsh (PM), Jean Dollimore (JD - minutes), Simon Pearson (SPe), Suzanne Weller (SW), Elena Moynihan (EM)

1. Introductions

SP welcomed the attendees.

2. Minutes of the August 2026 meeting

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2026/09/ccc-meeting-minutes-17-august-2026/>

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

- SP has had no reply from Hackney Cyclists
- SW: The cycling festival was a lovely day with a route via the Lea Valley (17 riders and 8 marshalls) to Victoria Park and back. Pleased to be able to lend a bike to someone who otherwise would have been unable to go.
- SP had met Nang Loh and they took photos along the proposed East/West route. Nang will photoshop Tulip Bollards in.

The minutes were approved.

3. Future minutes takers

JD had hoped to ask Ema why we no longer have a rota, with the result that a volunteer is requested at the start of each meeting – and that JC had done it three times this year.

SP asked for volunteers for the rest of 2026: SE offered November

Action: SP to organise a rota

EM questioned why we always meet in Kentish Town, suggesting for example Primrose Hill.

JC: we need a room with a screen (which is available at the Grafton Arms)

SPe: suggested St. Saviour's Church Hall, Eton Road

Action: EM to search for suitable locations

4. London Living Streets and Camden officers meeting outcome

JD summarised the minutes:

- The meeting started with a preview of achievements and upcoming projects, including three small LTNs: in Somerstown, close to Shaftesbury Avenue and Clerkenwell Road
 - The Clerkenwell Road scheme is complete
 - Filtering close to Camden Street to start in October
 - Eleanor Palmer and St George the Martyr school streets to start after half term
 - The Agar Grove junction scheme - autumn
 - Fitzjohns Avenue - first quarter 2027

- Swiss Cottage: TfL is carrying out a thorough survey of the area including casualty counts and a study of heat risks. Camden has been talking to the Belsize Society and is working with TfL
- Geofencing of DHBs: There is a 'Go Slow' area on Camden High Street. There is a potential danger of 'No Go Zones' if the connection drops out. Camden is currently preparing a new DHB contract (to include accuracy of GPS sensing)
PM: I thought TfL were taking over the management.
JC: We don't know when this will happen and how it will work.
We didn't ask about the payment model.
- KTR/Castle Road junction (raised by SPe). JC will be meeting a Camden officer on site on Thursday (24th) to discuss design issues and possible remedies.
- BSBs were also discussed with reference to the [Living Streets report](#)

Action: JD to post minutes on the website when finalised.

NOTE: posted on 25th September

After some discussion of how to get more done more quickly, JC pointed out that some other LCC groups have meetings with councillors rather than officers. The political parties made pledges at the May elections and we should hold them to that. We have still had no reply from the new Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden, James Slater. SW is in his ward and agreed to try to make contact.

Action: SW to attend James Slater's Councilor Surgery

5. **Celebration Ride 27th September Steve**

SP announced this ride to celebrate the expanding new infrastructure. It will start at 10 am in Granary Square. An earlier ride with Adam Harrison will start at 9.30 near Pond Street on Haverstock Hill (joining the main ride in Granary Square). All committee members are urged to join.

JC: the route makes a u-turn in Clerkenwell Road: how is this going to work?

Action: SP to establish the best place for the u-turn.

NOTE: done on the pre-ride on 26th

6. **Upgrading existing routes/places eg side-impact junctions on RCS / TCR hours of operation**
7. **Acceleration action on missing network links: areas where motor traffic still poses objective & objective threat**
8. **Dutch-style cycle street feasibility Steven**

SE spoke about upgrading long standing major schemes now that we have higher cycling levels, mentioning as examples Royal College Street and Tavistock Place. He mentioned improving side road junctions and considering Dutch style cycle streets – *Fietsstraat*. He clarified that in these streets, cycles have priority and motor vehicles are not allowed to overtake. He also mentioned the missing link on Brecknock Road (to connect to York Way) as an example.

EM: Camden needs to be more ambitious in developing car-free situations.

SP noted that Camden's transport strategy and its delivery plan to 2028 is fixed. We can campaign on the updates. Camden's political parties had made new pledges at the May elections, all related to expanding the cycle network.

JC: This is all the more reason to apply political pressure.

SW: Agree that Camden is behind with traffic reduction and LTNs. But this is due to opposition by local residents. We need to do more to get people on side.

9. AoB

o Event at Netherwood Youth & Family Hub.

SW said that after the Kilburn Pedals ride on October 17th there will be a repair day, She needs helpers for taster rides and the stall. Contact SW if you can help.

o Bike Bus on BBC Sounds and YouTube

SP provided these two links: [BBC Sounds](#) and [YouTube](#)

o By-election: SPe: Should we approach candidates?

JC : We have found that Westminster politicians are not interested in local issues. The meeting agreed not to put effort into this.

o CNJ letter:

SP congratulated EM on composing [the recent letter](#) about Fitzjohns Avenue that had been signed by several committee members,

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19th October (online)

Minutes - Steve