

London Cycling Campaign in Hackney

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 4th February, 2015

Baxter's Court/Stage 3 Bar

Present: Olawale Ajibola, Siobhan Blackshaw (rides co-ordinator), Marian Farrugia (committee member without portfolio), Natalie Gould, Dave Harris (treasurer), Dave Holladay, Charlie Lloyd, Richard Lufkin, Ruth-Anna Macqueen, Dermot Macward, Simon Munk (Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign), Trevor Parsons (co-ordinator), Brenda Puech (events co-ordinator), Rosalind Readhead, Oliver Schick (secretary, minutes), Chas Wilshere (workshop representative).

Apologies: Kate Charteris (committee member without portfolio), Jono Kenyon (committee member without portfolio), Rita Krishna (committee member without portfolio).

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Recent cycling fatalities
3. Liaison with Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign
4. 2014 election campaign follow-up
5. Burns Night follow-up
6. Finance
7. Current consultations
 - Cycle 'Super Quietway' 1
8. Rides
9. Other events
10. Any other business

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 4th March, 2015, 7:30pm.

(We were informed at short notice that our accustomed meeting venue was no longer available and initially started the meeting at the Baxter's Court pub in Mare Street before relocating to the quieter Stage 3 Bar opposite.)

Action Summary:

Item	Action	Who
July 2014: 2. Election campaign follow-up	Contact residents in the Frampton Park area, possibly hold a stall.	SB
July 2014: 2. Election campaign follow-up	Create display maps of filtered areas.	TP
July 2014: 2. Election campaign follow-up	Provide storyboards for videos or animations.	TP
July 2014: 3. Bike Week	Write a report on the	KC

feedback	Showcase for the next meeting.	
July 2014: 3. Bike Week feedback	Draw up a checklist for organising future breakfasts.	KC
November 2014: 6. Hackney Marshes	Draft comments objecting to increased car parking provision on Hackney Marshes.	TE; TP to chase up
December 2014: 5. Draft response to 'Hackney People on Bikes'	Send response.	Committee
January 2015: 1. Minutes and matters arising: Old Street/City Road	Write a brief, and slightly late response to the Old Street/City Road consultation, to accompany the LCC's response.	OS
January 2015: 1. Minutes and matters arising: Old Street/City Road	Find letter sent to Cllr Stops by TfL.	RK
January 2015: 3. 2014 election campaign follow-up	Invite Cllr Demirci to the March meeting.	TP
January 2015: 6. Current consultations: Hoxton Street permeability improvements	Submit a response to the consultation.	TP
3. Liaison with Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign	Organise a meeting.	SM, TP
5. Burns Night follow-up	Finalise accounts.	DH
6. Finance: Meeting venue	Action: Venue search sub-group to find new venue.	BP, OS, RL, MF, DH and TP
6. Finance: Budget	Prepare budget.	DH
6. Finance: LCEF donation from Dunwich Dynamo	Organise cheque handover.	BP

1. Minutes and matters arising

Old Street/City Road: OS hadn't yet had time to write up our comments on the scheme properly but was going to do this soon. Action carried over.

Response to Hackney People on Bikes: We had still not finalised this. Action carried over.

London Fields southern entrance: OS had communicated the group's worries about a three-week closure of the entrance to Hackney officers. They had identified some possible mitigation measures.

Hoxton Street: TP hadn't yet sent the response on Hoxton Street. Action carried over.

Hackney Cycling Conference 2015: We had just heard from the Hackney officer who was going to organise the conference and discussed various options. At the previous meeting, we had wondered if it might be worth organising the conference jointly with Waltham Forest. SM said that Waltham Forest had met Enfield and Kingston (the other 'Mini-Holland' boroughs) about a conference, too. He said that there were also plans for the LCC office to do 'roadshows' in Mini-Holland boroughs.

2. Recent cycling fatalities

The meeting expressed its condolences to family and friends of the two cyclists who had lost their lives in road traffic incidents on Hackney's streets in the preceding fortnight. The crashes happened on Seven Sisters Road at its junction with Amhurst Road and on Homerton High Street at its junction with Wardle Street. Both involved lorries.

CL briefed the meeting on recent progress in improving equipment and design of large goods vehicles. The recently-introduced enhancements of the London Lorry Control scheme had mandated sideguards and better mirrors. He stressed that there were other issues about lorry design which remained unresolved. The lorry involved at Seven Sisters Road/Amhurst Park had sideguards, whereas the one in Homerton High Street did not.

BP questioned whether operation of tipper lorries could not be more tightly controlled and said that poor investigations by police caused a climate in which such crashes were not seen to lead to serious prosecutions.

SM suggested that as a 'quick win' all operators should sign up to the Freight Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) Gold Standard.

CL said that Hackney Council wanted to be 'bullet-proof' on best practice for safer lorries, but in neither of these crashes the lorry involved was one over which Hackney had any control.

NG said that the problem was really in the courts, and that pressure on the courts would lead to better outcomes. BP cautioned that cases often did not even get to court.

3. Liaison with Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign

SM had come along to talk about liaising on cross-boundary issues. Waltham Forest had been awarded £30m for their successful 'Mini-Holland' bid and were moving towards implementing their proposals. These included a segregated cycle track on Lea Bridge Road, which would stop at the Hackney borough boundary. There was liaison between Hackney and Waltham Forest officers on the issue. It would link to the 'Quietway' through

South Millfields. SM proposed lighting South Millfields better and to install CCTV on account of worries about personal safety there at night. He also said that there should be a better crossing of Chatsworth Road.

We discussed various other parts of the borough boundary, including Ruckholt Road, Temple Mills Lane, and Victoria Park (which is not in Hackney but in Tower Hamlets).

We decided to meet separately to discuss these issues in detail. SM said that Waltham Forest could either bring officers, or we could come along to one of their regular stakeholder liaison meetings sometime. WFCC went along to statutory stakeholder meetings as well as more informal meetings for interested cyclists. We thought that a meeting with Hackney officers and both our groups on the second phase of the 'Quietway' would be the best way forward.

Action: SM and TP to organise a meeting.

4. 2014 election campaign follow-up

OS reported on progress with modal filtering work in the Middleton Road area. This was now going ahead, hopefully on both sides of Queensbridge Road.

5. Burns Night follow-up

We had been very happy with the way Burns Night had run. The night had gone incredibly smoothly and had been well-received by all, with a huge amount of positive feedback. We had had around 170 guests and all shifts had been fully staffed with volunteer helpers. We decided to record a vote of thanks to all who helped. Our initial estimate of the profit put it at around £2k (post-meeting note: around £2.5k) and TP proposed that since the profit was so good, we should consider forgoing the LCC local groups grant. We said that we would make a decision on that at the next meeting. DH was going to draw up full accounts for Burns Night soon.

Action: DH to finalise accounts.

6. Finance

Meeting venue: As we had just lost our regular meeting venue, finding a new one would have financial implications. We convened a venue search sub-group consisting of BP, OS, RL, MF, DH and TP.

Action: Sub-group to find new venue.

Budget: DH was in the process of drawing up a budget for 2015/16, which he would present to the next meeting.

Action: DH to prepare budget.

LCEF donation from Dunwich Dynamo: We had not yet handed over the cheque from

our takings at the 2014 Dunwich Dynamo to the intended beneficiary, the London Courier Emergency Fund (LCEF).

Action: BP to organise cheque handover.

7. Current consultations

Cycle ‘Super Quietway’ 1: As it was already getting late, we decided to hold a brunch meeting at Look Mum No Hands Mare Street on the Sunday following the meeting to discuss the CS1 consultation. *Post-meeting note: The [public consultation](#) opened on the 17th February.*

‘Wetlands to Wetlands’ Route proposal: NG pointed out that [this project](#) was now open for voting as part of Transport for London’s [Big Green Poll](#).

8. Rides

SB said that there were no rides planned at present but they would be picking up again soon as it got warmer.

9. Other events

There were no other events of note.

10. Any other business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 11pm.

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