

## London Cycling Campaign in Hackney

### Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014

### Marcon Court and Aspland Estates Community Hall

**Present:** Siobhan Blackshaw (rides co-ordinator), Kate Charteris (committee member without portfolio), Marian Farrugia (committee member without portfolio), Bill Ferguson, Dave Lukes (sustainability officer), Trevor Parsons (co-ordinator), Brenda Puech (events co-ordinator), Rosalind Readhead, Oliver Schick (secretary, minutes), Adrian Weidmann.

**Apologies:** Dave Harris (treasurer), Jono Kenyon (committee member without portfolio), Richard Lufkin, Nick Perry, Chas Wilshere (workshop representative).

### Agenda:

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Election campaign follow-up
3. Bike Week feedback
4. Current consultations
5. Rides
6. Other events
7. Any other business

### Action Summary:

Item	Action	Who
June 2014: 9. Current consultations	Submit a response to the consultation on Hoxton Street Market.	TP
2. Election campaign follow-up	Help organise a residents' meeting in the Middleton Road area.	BP
2. Election campaign follow-up	Contact residents in the Frampton Park area, possibly hold a stall.	SB
2. Election campaign follow-up	Create display maps of filtered areas.	TP
2. Election campaign follow-up	Provide storyboards for videos or animations.	TP
3. Bike Week feedback	Write a report on the Showcase for the next meeting.	KC
3. Bike Week feedback	Draw up a checklist for organising future breakfasts.	KC
6. Other events	Organise London Fields stall for the start of the Dunwich Dynamo.	KC
7. Any other business: AGM	Think of a possible speaker for the AGM.	All

1. Minutes and matters arising

**Cross-boundary modal filtering in the Mildmay and Clissold areas:** TP had been for a walkabout in Shacklewell Ward to think about steps towards modal filtering and had suggested starting with a PlayStreets scheme.

**Old Street/City Road:** TP had submitted a Freedom of Information request to Transport for London about the Old Street/City Road junction.

**Hoxton Street Market:** We hadn't yet submitted a response to the consultation on Hoxton Street Market. Action carried over.

## **2. Election campaign follow-up**

We had contacted the office about the ward ask supporters' data so we could follow up with them and received assurances that we would soon get it. We had also fed information back to the office about the post-election mode of the election campaign web-site. TP had tested the site on five different web browsers under Android and had found that it hadn't worked.

OS had met campaigners in Middleton Road and in the Chatsworth Road area.

**Chatsworth Road:** The Chatsworth Neighborhood Development Plan, which was well advanced, was going to incorporate cycling policies, and we hoped to provide some input to those. Interestingly, there had been complaints about the nature of the modal filtering in the Chatsworth Road area, north of Powerscroft Road, as the cell was filtered on one side only and not in its centre, causing residents to have to take long detours to drive to their houses. This could probably be improved in a re-jigging of the filtering.

**Middleton Road:** There was going to be a public meeting of residents to discuss modal filtering. This would most probably be towards the end of July, perhaps on Monday the 28th or Wednesday the 30th July. BP said that most residents there were not organised in a residents' association, but that there were some groups, e.g. the Albion Square residents. Councillors had already responded to campaigners. We might have a stall in the street to galvanise support. A Car-free Day event/weekday event in Middleton Road was also a possibility. The 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, the traditional date for Car-free Day, was a Monday.

**Frampton Park area:** We were going to contact residents about the 'ward ask' for Homerton ward. It would be interesting to determine car ownership in area and to compare residents' journeys with other journeys.

We discussed potentially holding a Car-free Day in the Frampton Park area. OS said it would be difficult to do this here, as the location of our proposed modal filter, in Elsdale Street would be very far away from the origin of the main rat-run, at the Mare Street/Darnley Road junction. It would be hard to steward and we would need a lot of volunteers to do it. An alternative possibility would be to hold a stall in Elsdale Street and speak to passing residents. We would put up display maps to illustrate the idea. This should be an evening stall. SB was interested.

**Brooke Road area:** OS was going to talk to councillors about this proposed scheme.

The other filtering 'ward asks' that we had had related to Woodberry Grove (Woodberry Down ward) and to the western arm of the East Road gyratory (Hoxton West ward). We had not taken action on these yet.

KC mentioned funding. Last year, the Council had given funding to Living Streets for a small event in Mare Street Narrowway. TP said that we wanted a grassroots-led event, so that it would be better not to use Council funding. He also pointed out that we had a contingency which was kept for just such events. We had also learned from the past, in which we had sometimes organised very event-orientated Car-free Days, such as the Shoreditch Carnival. While good fun, these tended to blunt the Car-free Day message. He thought that volunteer effort should go into informing surrounding streets about what's happening and the purpose. We would obviously approach the Council about any possible traffic orders that might be required.

TP reminded the meeting that audio-visual resources to support the principles behind our asks would still be useful. We had decided to produce these at a meeting before the elections, but no action had been taken. We could use animation or video and decided to put out a call for animators to create a short, explanatory animation to explain how area filtering works. TP was happy to provide storyboards.

**Actions:** BP to help organise a residents' meeting in the Middleton Road area. SB to contact residents in the Frampton Park area and to possibly hold a stall. TP to create display maps of filtered areas. TP to provide storyboards for videos or animations.

### 3. Bike Week feedback

**Hackney Cycling Showcase:** KC said that she would write a report on the Showcase for the next meeting.

**Finsbury Park festival:** OS reported back that he had joined ICAG and Haringey Cycling Campaign at the stall in Finsbury Park. It had been a nice festival, not as large as David Shannon, the Islington Cycling Officer, had wanted, but worth doing a stall at.

**Bike the Bounds:** More than 20 people had turned out for this ride, in excellent weather, and 14 did it to the end.

**Cyclists' Breakfast in London Fields:** SB said it had been very good breakfast. There hadn't been quite enough volunteers, but we made a good effort. It had been mentioned twice in Hackney Today in advance publicity. Extra special thanks went to Mr Jones from Tower Hamlets Wheelers. He helped a lot, bringing tables and being Dr Bike for several hours. KC offered to draft a checklist for the breakfast so we have what we need in a more compact format. TP said that we had tables and he would bring them next time. BP raised the question of the trailer, and KC wanted access to a trailer. DL suggested buying a large Carry Freedom trailer for £250. TP said that we should sell the tricycle, as it was no longer required to pull the trailer now that we had a hitch on the Brox. BP offered to take a photograph of the tricycle so that we can put it up for sale.

**Conference feedback:** The third Hackney Cycling Conference had just happened and we discussed our impressions of it. Many aspects were commended, such as the short films on Hackney projects and some of the talks, and the meeting thought that it had been well-organised and that congratulations were due to the Council. On the more critical side, we thought that there had been too many speakers and not enough time for questions and discussion. All thought the venue had worked very well for the plenary sessions, but that breakout areas had been poor, an inevitable consequence of the Picturehouse layout. Several people present thought that the initial idea had been to showcase Hackney, but that it had become too generic a conference, and we didn't think that the Council should think that it had to run one every year. TP said that part of the intention had been to make the conference London-wide, but wondered whether, if London needs such a conference, it should always be in one particular authority. MF said that she had seen the films in the evening, which had been good. OS said he had liked the fact that Hackney's Cycling Conference was probably the first cycling conference in the world to have acquired a fringe conference in the Showcase's Strawbale Sessions the next day.

MF thanked volunteers who worked on all aspects of Bike Week.

**Actions:** KC to write a report on the Showcase for the next meeting. KC to draw up a checklist for organising future breakfasts.

#### 4. Current consultations

**Micawber Street modal filter:** TP explained this scheme, which was included to the Central London Bike Grid. The strategic context was around the London Bike Grid. Murray Grove required signals work to be carried out, so that it was a 2-3 year project to return it to two-way operation, as the Council had to wait for TfL to do the signals. The modal filter at Micawber Street prepared a return to two-way operation of Murray Grove. We welcomed the proposed scheme.

**London Fields:** Parks were doing a consultation on remodelling the southern (Broadway Market) entrance to London Fields. We queried the positioning of the cycle junction, which appeared to have been moved too far west, away from its current position opposite Broadway Market, in the indicative drawings. Other than that, the scheme appeared to move the site a little closer to our vision for the space as a market square, although it was still far away from this.

**Stonebridge Gardens:** Parks were also embarking on a major refit of Stonebridge Gardens near Haggerston Station. This had been in preparation for a few years. It was positive that a new path was planned which connected to the Albion Drive modal filter opposite the park.

#### 5. Rides

SB was planning two rides. She had decided to split into two the murals ride that she had planned earlier in the year, as it was too long to be done in one go.

TP mentioned Photomonth East London in October. We had been contacted and asked to contribute rides to this.

KC mentioned that there was going to be a huge anti-austerity demo in October. She asked whether we should do a ride to that. The meeting didn't think that it was within the remit of the group.

**Freecycle:** TP mentioned that Nick Perry had asked for more volunteers to help marshal the Hackney feeder ride to the Freecycle event on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> August. DL was also helping to organise the feeder ride. The time was still tbc, but we were probably going to leave from Hackney Town Hall steps. BP said that she was unhappy with the pedestrian barriers alongside the ride.

## 6. Other events

**DD catering:** BP said organisation was well underway. KC wanted to do a stall at London Fields for the DD send-off and needed a trailer or the Brox to transport stall stock. All thought that this was a good idea.

**Action:** KC to organise London Fields stall for the start of the Dunwich Dynamo.

## 7. Any other business

**Launch of Leonard Circus:** TP went to this launch on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. He mentioned that it was controversial and would have to prove its worth. BF said that he liked it very much.

**Hackney Council Sustainability Round Table:** DL said that Cllr Demirci had had her brief extended and was now also responsible for sustainability. DL had been invited to this round table and proposed that he could attend on our behalf. All endorsed him and asked him to report back.

**AGM:** KC asked when our AGM would be. We set the date of Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> October. KC suggested using the same hall as last time and doing a special event, so we should think about finding a speaker. **Action:** All to think of a possible speaker.

**Car-free London:** RR talked her vision for a car-free London. She mentioned the plan by Hamburg city council to remove cars from the city centre entirely by 2034 and said that she thought this was possible in London, too. TP mentioned [Car-free Cities](#).

The meeting closed at 10pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2014, 7:30pm.