

London Cycling Campaign in Hackney

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 4th March, 2015

Napier Grove Community Centre

Present: Kevin Fallon, Harry Fletcher-Wood, Nicholas Fripp, Jono Kenyon (committee member without portfolio), Richard Lufkin, Ruth-Anna Macqueen, Trevor Parsons (co-ordinator), Brenda Puech (events co-ordinator), Oliver Schick (secretary, minutes), Tim Warin, Chas Wilshere (workshop representative).

Apologies: Siobhan Blackshaw (rides co-ordinator), Marian Farrugia (committee member without portfolio), Natalie Gould, Dave Harris (treasurer), Rita Krishna (committee member without portfolio), Dave Lukes (sustainability officer).

Agenda

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. 2014 election campaign follow-up
3. Finance
 - Burns Night
 - LCC local groups grant
 - Repatriation fund for Akis Kollaros
4. Rides
5. Other events
6. Current consultations
 - Kingsland Road/Stamford Road/Tottenham Road
 - 'Cycling Super Quietway'
7. Any other business

Action Summary

Item	Action	Who
December 2014: 5. Draft response to 'Hackney People on Bikes'	Send response.	Committee
February 2015: 3. Liaison with Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign	Organise a meeting.	SM, TP
February 2015: 6. Finance: Budget	Prepare budget.	DH
February 2015: 6. Finance: LCEF donation from Dunwich Dynamo	Organise cheque handover.	BP

2. 2014 election campaign follow-up	Invite Cllr Demirci to the June meeting.	TP
5. Other events: Hackney Cycling Conference	Help with the organisation and perhaps organise a 'fringe conference'.	RM, Kate Charteris
6. Current consultations: 'Cycle Super Quietway'	Organise another meeting.	Committee

The meeting started half an hour late owing to the keyholder not being available on time. However, we were able to have the full meeting time envisaged owing to an extension.

1. Minutes and matters arising

Outstanding actions: We decided to cancel some of the actions that had not been done for some time:

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 feedback	Write a report on the Showcase for the next meeting.	KC
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
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: 6. Current consultations: Hoxton Street permeability improvements	Submit a response to the consultation.	TP

Old Street/City Road: TP had found the TfL letter sent to Cllr Stops about the junction.

2. 2014 election campaign follow-up

TP had spoken to Cllr Demirci about coming about the 'ward asks'. She would have been happy to come to the April meeting, but it was going to be the first day of purdah. We decided to invite her to the June meeting instead.

Action: TP to invite Cllr Demirci to the meeting in June.

3. Finance

Burns Night: DH had produced Burns Night accounts and would present these to the April meeting, along with the 2015/16 budget.

Burns Night had generated a turnover of £5,450, including £2,550 in profit. This was by far our best outcome from Burns Night ever.

LCC local group grant: We had been thinking about forgoing it in view of our high Burns Night income. As we could not reach consensus about this at the meeting, we decided to defer it until the next meeting or the application deadline, depending on what was going to be earlier.

Repatriation fund for Akis Kollaros: At the vigil for Akis Kollaros, who was hit by a lorry in Homerton High Street, some committee members had decided to donate £50 to the fund being collected towards repatriating his body to Greece and asked the meeting to retrospectively agree the expenditure. The meeting agreed.

4. Rides

Siobhan wanted to organise a ride around Easter and called for suggestions of routes.

5. Other events

Hackney Cycling Conference: This was going to take place on the 5th of June. We called for people keen to contribute to the organisation. BP asked if we could provide topics.

OS said that we might be able to organise a 'fringe conference' again, maybe as part of another Hackney Cycling Showcase.

We assumed that Kate Charteris would want to be involved again. RM volunteered to help Kate with organising things.

Action: RM to speak to Kate about contributing to the organisation of the conference and perhaps organise a 'fringe conference'.

6. Current consultations

Kingsland Road/Stamford Road/Tottenham Road: This was a scheme that had been

bubbling away for some time and had reached an iteration where it was soon going to public consultation. We had had an early design view from Transport for London and submitted comments, as a result of which some aspects of the scheme had been changed. The scheme was positive in removing the failed central median opposite Stamford Road from Kingsland Road. This had made turning right from Kingsland Road into Stamford Road very difficult. It also installed modal filters across the junctions of Stamford Road and Tottenham Road. While this, too, was positive in removing two rat-runs (although others remained open), it fell short of our strategic ambition in having the whole area filtered inside the cell, not at its edges. One of the main drivers of the scheme was a large loading bay for a supermarket on Kingsland Road, and this was the measure that meant a different filtering arrangement would have to be sought.

‘Cycle Super Quietway’: We discussed the programme of work here that had been advertised through the consultation process.

We resolved that this route should not be branded as a ‘Cycle Superhighway’ but as a ‘Quietway’. OS was in favour of ‘Cycle Super Quietway’.

We discussed whether or not to call for a ‘Cycle Superhighway’ along the A10 instead. TP suggested that we should avoid committing ourselves to a particular name for it, as the branding of such funding programmes could easily change under new administration. He suggested that our response should include an explanation of why we had supported the funding going into the current alignment and why we had opposed any attempt to designate the A10 as a ‘Cycle Superhighway’ while the Stoke Newington gyratory remained in place. Gyratory removal would never have formed part of the funding for a ‘Superhighway’, as it would in itself be very expensive, and so any arrangement in Stoke Newington would have resulted in a messy and circuitous layout not worthy of a ‘Superhighway’. To reach agreement, we should simply say that we need to vastly improve conditions along the A10.

TP suggested we cover the uncontentious bits first.

- We agreed that there was not enough **modal filtering** in the proposals. We wanted all cells along the route modally filtered. Worthy of particular attention were some of the noted rat-runs along the alignment, such as Bevenden Street—Pitfield Street—Cronwall Road—Falkirk Street, or Boleyn Road—Matthias Road, which was also a bus route. Stoke Newington was also in need of filtering. OS said that the original filter between Wordsworth Road and Nevill Road at Butterfield Green had most likely been one of the reasons why cycling mode share had increased in Stoke Newington in the 80s and 90s.
- We discussed **humps** for traffic calming and agreed that these should be **sinusoidal** as proposed in the consultation. OS said that so far, such profiles had not been implemented successfully and that it would be interesting to see whether it would happen in this project.
- We welcomed **resurfacing** along the route.

- We agreed that there was **not enough reduction in car parking** on the most-used section of Pitfield Street.

We discussed at length the proposed scheme for the 'Apex junction' of Old Street, Great Eastern Street, and Pitfield Street. This was a problematic scheme, as it did not cater for movements of cyclists from Pitfield Street into Old Street west, caused unnecessary conflict with pedestrians, and included a likely crash trap, with cyclists coming from a short section of segregated cycle track designed to facilitate the right turn into Great Eastern Street likely to be hit at the point of entry into Great Eastern Street by drivers doing the same turn. Positives included a signalised link from Rivington Street into Tabernacle Square and a single-stage crossing of Old Street. We agreed to call for the scheme described in our draft 'Vision for Shoreditch' here instead. This included the advantages of the presently-proposed scheme but didn't include any of its drawbacks.

We ran out of time at this point and decided that another meeting was necessary.

Action: Committee to organise another meeting.

7. Any other business

'Gear library': RM had a plan to build up a library of cycling gear for people to share, like child seats. Alix Stredwick had been interested in helping.

Electronic Newsletter: There was a suggestion to produce an electronic newsletter again. No-one volunteered yet, but we agreed to keep it in mind.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st April, 2015, 7:30pm. **New venue:** 6 Olympus Square, Nightingale Estate, Hackney Downs.