

London Cycling Campaign in Hackney

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 6th May, 2015

6 Olympus Square, Nightingale Estate, E5

Present: Kate Charteris (committee member without portfolio), Marian Farrugia (committee member without portfolio), Natalie Gould (chair, consultation co-ordinator), Fran Hall, Harry Fletcher-Wood, Simon Hughes, Jono Kenyon (committee member without portfolio), Dave Harris (treasurer), Brenda Puech (events co-ordinator), Oliver Schick (secretary, minutes), Adrian Weidmann (committee member without portfolio), Chas Wilshire (workshop representative).

Apologies: Siobhan Blackshaw (rides co-ordinator), Fran Hall, Rita Krishna (committee member without portfolio), Dave Lukes (sustainability officer), Ruth-Anna Macqueen, Trevor Parsons (co-ordinator).

Agenda:

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. LCCiH-eng membership
3. Meeting venue
4. Events around Bike Week
5. Dunwich Dynamo catering
6. 2014 election campaign follow-up
7. Finance
8. 2015/16 budget
9. Rides
10. Other events
11. Current consultations
 - Wenlock Road/Sturt Street entry table
12. Any other business

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 3rd June, 2015, 7:30pm.

Action Summary:

Item	Action	Who
February 2015: 3. Liaison with Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign	Organise a meeting.	SM, TP
1. Minutes and matters arising: Draft response to 'Hackney People on Bikes'	Enquire of Hackney POB if a response was still required.	JK

10. Any other business: Homerton Row contraflow	Find out what input we had had.	OS
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1. Minutes and matters arising

Response to Hackney People on Bikes: We decided to ask Hackney People on Bikes whether a response to their open letter was still required, considering as many of them were now actively attending meetings. If they said that it wasn't, we considered not sending a response. **Action:** JK to send enquiry.

Liaison with WFCC: Action carried over.

2. Meeting venue

We discussed options for the meeting venue. KC said that the Round Chapel might be an option in a couple of months if the bike workshop's tenure there went well. They were going to do a trial run for a couple of months.

DH mentioned the possibility of meeting at St Chad's, but as the vicar had been ill, he hadn't been able to check.

BP reminded us of the possibility of the Napier Grove Community Centre, where we had held the March meeting.

We decided to investigate other venues and to make a decision later.

3. Events around Bike Week

We summarised the events that would be taking place in June and July, including the Bike Workshop dates.

2nd June: Hackney Bike Workshop at Hackney City Farm

3rd June: Monthly meeting

5th June: Hackney Cycling Conference at Hackney Picturehouse

6th June: 'Fringe' conference at Hackney City Farm

10th June: Hackney Bike Workshop at the Round Chapel Old School Rooms

13th June: Bike the Bounds, 10am, Hackney Town Hall

14th June: Finsbury Park Festival of Cycling

16th June: Hackney Bike Workshop at Hackney City Farm

17th June: Cyclists' Breakfast in London Fields

18th June: Bike Around the Borough

21st June: Bikes and Picnics

5th July: Workshop event

MF said that the workshop was also planning an event on the 5th July to coincide with the start of the Tour de France. This would include a screening at a pub and fundraising for the workshop's work. The venue and other details were to be confirmed.

Post-meeting note: Event details [here](#).

We decided to make a donation to Hackney City Farm for allowing us to use the Strawbale Building for the Strawbale Sessions.

The Strawbale Sessions programme would include sessions with Bruce McVean of the [Movement for Liveable London](#) on how to make streets more liveable, with Claudia Draper of the [Hackney Play Association](#) on [Hackney PlayStreets](#), with OS on modal filtering, using maps and Lego to enable people to play around with the possibilities, a session on 'ward champions', and with [Anna Hughes](#), author of 'Eat, Sleep, Cycle: a bike ride around the coast of Britain', who will be talking about her trips.

We wondered who could chair the 'ward champions' session and decided on having a panel for this.

All liked the programme.

We would have a special web-site URL at <http://hackney.cc/strawbale>.

KC asked whether we should make a donation from our budget to subsidise tickets to the main conference. The meeting thought this would be a good idea. OS mentioned that we were getting a few free tickets from Hackney and we should investigate

Preparing the breakfast, MF said she would order croissants, but might not be around that week. DL collected them last year and we would contact DL to ask him if he could do this again.

We discussed various other details, such as whether we should prepare porridge, how to advertise the event, whether to have a box for donations, and whether membership leaflets would be ready in time.

BP had registered the breakfast on the Bike Week site and was also registering other events.

AW suggested chalk marks to alert cyclists to the breakfast. All thought this was a good idea and more effective than signage.

DH asked whether any help was needed with shopping, but BP said this was in hand and it was more important to actually be there, as it was quite a lot of work on the morning.

We agreed to source good-quality fresh coffee, to ask London Fields Cycles if they would do a Dr Bike again, and to ask Council officers if they could enquire whether the police could do bike marking.

The Council were going to have a small presence at breakfast in displaying materials about their activities. They were also looking for ideas for early morning pop-up events for commuters around the borough on the day of Bike Around the Borough, which they were

keen to transform into a bigger celebration of cycling in Hackney.

We decided to do 'bookmark'-shaped flyers as well as A5 flyers for the Strawbale Sessions. KC pointed out that the dates had to be added to the diary on the web-site.

We also decided to hold evening stalls with the gazebo in London Fields on Thursday the 21st and Wednesday the 27th.

NG asked whether we should use the Culford filter as a location for events. KC suggested we concentrate on London Fields. OS said if we had enough volunteers, we might well hold other events. He said that we had used Northchurch Terrace as a breakfast venue fifteen years ago, but that the London Fields alignment had now become so much busier that it was worth holding the breakfast there.

KC had ordered stall stock and said that somebody needed to collect it from the LCC office. OS said he would be able to pick it up.

4. Dunwich Dynamo catering

We discussed catering for the Dunwich Dynamo riders at Sible Hedingham again. This was going to be on the night of the 4th and 5th July, 2015. We asked for volunteers. NG, BP, OS, and AW all volunteered. CW and MF said they might be able to do a couple of hours. SB might also be able to help, BP would ask her. We had already heard from some other volunteers who didn't live in Hackney that they would help again. We would have a meeting beforehand at the Royal Festival Hall. One thing we wanted to do this year was to sell merchandise, using Richard Lewis' T-shirt designs.

5. 2014 election campaign follow-up

We had a look at the 'ward templates' that KC had begun to prepare. They looked very good and there were lots of suggestions on the format they should take.

SH volunteered to become ward champion for Dalston and to take the 'ward ask' to the Dalston Ward Panel.

BP had already been championing the ask for London Fields and said she would be happy to continue.

KC was going to use the ward ask templates to make individual WordPress pages for each ward ask on our new web-site design.

6. 2015/16 budget

DH said that the Budget had been submitted to LCC and that they had thanked us for renouncing the Local Groups Grant for this year. The meeting thanked DH for his work on the budget.

We discussed the garage and shared use of it with BP's neighbour, who could begin

contributing to costs now that the platform for our vehicles had been constructed. The meeting thanked JK, CW, and DL for creating the platform.

7. Rides

CW reported back from the last ride and said SB was thinking of organising more rides over the summer, including rides themed around engineering history.

8. Other events

There were none. KC again pointed out that the move of the Stoke Newington workshop to the Round Chapel was in progress and the 10th June workshop would be held at the new venue.

9. Current consultations

- **Wenlock Road/Sturt Street entry table:** OS explained the context of this scheme. Hackney officers were working on filtering the area between Wenlock Basin and Shepherdess Walk, for which two filters would be required. He had spoken to the engineer and it was possible that this table would only be taken forward when a filtering scheme had been agreed.

10. Any other business

Homerton Row contraflow: BP said that there had been some on-line complaints about this new scheme. **Action:** OS to find out what input we had had.

Ponsford Street scheme: This TfL scheme was now on site. While it improved the junction slightly, we considered it a missed opportunity.