

## London Cycling Campaign in Hackney

### Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 3rd September, 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), Jono Kenyon (committee member without portfolio), Rita Krishna, Richard Lufkin, Trevor Parsons (co-ordinator), Brenda Puech (events co-ordinator), Oliver Schick (secretary, minutes), Adrian Weidmann, Chas Wilshere (workshop representative).

**Apologies:** Dave Harris (treasurer), Dave Lukes (sustainability officer).

### Draft agenda:

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Annual Meeting
3. Draft Hackney Transport Strategy
4. 2014 election campaign follow-up
5. Finance
6. Current consultations
7. Rides
8. Other events
9. Any other business

### 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 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
2. Annual Meeting	Produce maps for Vision presentation.	OS, AW
2. Annual Meeting	Buy snacks (BP) and wine (TP).	BP, TP
2. Annual Meeting	Bring stall stock.	KC
2. Annual Meeting	Prepare a photo slide show.	CW
3. Draft Hackney Transport	Read the draft and participate in the 'brunch'	All

<b>Strategy</b>	workshop.	
<b>4. 2014 election campaign follow-up</b>	OS to contact the LCC office again about obtaining campaign supporters' data to send out two e-mails, one for London Fields and one for Stoke Newington. BP to draft the e-mail for London Fields.	OS, BP
<b>4. 2014 election campaign follow-up</b>	Send e-mail to campaign supporters in Hackney Downs ahead of the 8 <sup>th</sup> October Ward Forum.	OS

## 1. Minutes and matters arising

**Bike Week feedback:** KC hadn't yet caught up with Hackney officers and so hadn't been able to complete the report on the Showcase yet. Action carried over. She had begun to draft a checklist for the breakfast.

**Old Street/City Road:** OS had submitted an [FOI request to Islington](#) and TP had submitted an [FOI request to TfL](#) for crucial documents. The deadline for both was Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> September, two days after the meeting. At the time of the meeting, no responses had been received yet.

## 2. Annual Meeting

We discussed the format that the meeting was going to take. We were going to have 'stations' introducing the parts of the draft Vision, as well as maps with icons on them for the major interventions. OS encouraged everybody to read the Vision drafts at <http://hackney.cc/vision>. OS and AW were going to look into producing maps.

We discussed how many tables we would have. MF highlighted that the risk was that people would bring their bugbears, but RK said that part of the point of the Vision was that it was strategic. MF said that if we wanted people to think strategically, we would have to produce maps to encourage people to think strategically. OS said that one of the ideas behind the Vision was that it could incorporate both localised improvements as well as a wider borough-wide understanding of traffic movements.

Out of our budget of £200, we aimed to spend £75 on hall hire and £125 on catering for snacks, with a donation bucket for contributions towards drinks. The venue had many tables that we could use. We were going to ask John Discombe whether we might be able to use his projector again.

JK offered to bring things by cargo bike. TP asked if we were going to be able to buy wine on sale or return. KC said that Borough Wines had pronounced themselves happy to give prizes for future events. TP volunteered to look after the wine. BP volunteered to buy snacks, and KC was going to obtain stall stock. BP suggested asking people to bring something to share. TP added that they might also call in a pizza. OS thought that we'd end up with more food than we could eat if we asked people to bring something.

We asked for committee candidates. TP was considering not standing as chair again. KC, CW, JK, MF, SB, BP, OS, RK, and AW were going to stand for the committee. CW volunteered to do a photo slideshow from the year, to play in the background.

**Actions:** OS and AW to produce maps. BP to buy snacks. TP to buy wine. KC to bring stall stock. CW to do a photo slide show.

### **3. Draft Hackney Transport Strategy**

We had some more discussion about the draft transport strategy, which was out for consultation (deadline of 24<sup>th</sup> October).

RLu introduced the draft, which was composed of one core document and six daughter documents. The strategy took into account Hackney's rapidly rising population. It set targets for improving air quality and quality of life. The Council saw cycling as very much part of that, and had an ambitious modal share target of 15% by 2020. It set out proposals towards achieving this target.

The cycling 'daughter document' was 96 pages long and made up a significant part of the strategy. It listed about 40 different interventions for cycling, such as the proposed 'cycle superhighway' through the borough, as well as improved cycle parking, or cycle training.

TP said that while RLu had been focusing on the cycling document, there were also other documents whose content was of importance to our work. They covered walking, road safety, public transport, sustainable transport, etc. MF thought that the summary was neatly presented and very legible. BP thought that the overall vision statement, to make Hackney the top cycling authority, and 'the best place for walking and cycling' was very positive and strong. RK thought that the rest of the draft transport strategy didn't seem particularly integrated. JK said that the draft was miles ahead of neighbouring boroughs.

A very important future project was the return of the Stoke Newington gyratory to two-way operation.

MF said that we should suggest restraining levels of motor traffic cutting across the borough and reducing motor traffic around strategic cycling points.

OS said that he was keen to see how the Vision work would integrate with the Hackney Transport Strategy. He also mentioned our two traditional criticisms of Hackney's successive transport strategies. While we were very happy that cycling received such a large amount of consideration in the draft, we always wanted cycling to be fully integrated into the strategy, and there was also still a lack of integration of land use planning and transport planning. The latter was not easy for the Council owing to the lack of good legislation at the national level.

OS suggested a separate meeting to work on our response to the draft strategy. We decided on a 'brunch' meeting on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 11am, at LMNH Mare Street.

**Actions:** All to read the draft and participate in the 'brunch' workshop.

#### 4. 2014 election campaign follow-up

KC hadn't been able to make progress with stalls yet, as our new trailer was unconfirmed and it was therefore difficult to carry stall stock.

We hadn't yet received supporters' data from the LCC office but it was in the pipeline.

TP hadn't yet created display maps of possible filtered areas or provided storyboards for videos or animations.

We had had a letter from the LCC office asking about some e-mail follow-up survey they wanted to send to councillors. Councillors would have three weeks to fill in the survey. They also wanted to run Space for Cycling petitions, which would launch in October. JK said that ICAG had asked for the survey not to be sent. We felt that the survey wouldn't do any harm but were less sure about petitions.

MF said that there was a disconnect between a Central London organisation trying to generate grassroots work that the groups should be doing. OS explained that not all groups were set up as well as we were and would appreciate the help.

BP announced that there would be a London Fields Ward Forum meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September (London Fields ward), at 7pm at the Pensioners' Hall on the Regent's Estate. She was going to organise a door-to-door leaflet drop. She had drafted a leaflet and asked TP to spruce it up. We also noted that the LCC can send e-mails out to members. BP, OS, and TP volunteered to help with leafleting.

RK mentioned that the Stoke Newington Ward Forum would be talking about gyratory on 30<sup>th</sup> September. We thought that we should e-mail members in Stoke Newington ward.

**Actions:** OS to contact the LCC office about sending out two targeted e-mails via LCC's resources, one for London Fields and one for Stoke Newington. BP to draft the e-mail for London Fields.

**(Post-meeting note:** Another Ward Forum had been scheduled for Hackney Downs, on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, and a similar e-mail should be sent.)

#### 5. Finance

OS proposed doing a T-shirt based on Richard Lewis' Dunwich Dynamo design. TP suggested doing this via the CafePress web-site, where we could set the price ourselves. We also thought of different designs, including one with: 'In Hackney, every week is Bike Week.' KC also wanted to print a few T-shirts to have for sale at events.

KC suggested caps printed on the LCC design, or badges. The meeting thought caps would be good but there was little enthusiasm for badges.

KC suggested spending £40 to have two PVC banners with the Hackney Cycling

Campaign design, and to complement the flags. We agreed, subject to funds being available.

TP said that Tim Evans has mentioned that an old project, The Bike Project, still had £5k of unspent money in an account. It was looking for suitable places to pass this money on to. We thought of possible deserving targets, such as the new bike shop/social enterprise, Better Health Bikes, the Hackney Bike Workshop, or training courses.

RLu mentioned a project at the Petchey Academy in his ward, which sought to address the fact that the biggest barrier to cycling for pupils was not having a bike. OS mentioned the London Bike Kitchen. KC said that there was also the Hackney BMX Club, which did great work with children, and the police's project with police cadets. Finally, we also thought that we could ask for some of the money, for instance to buy the new trailer.

## **6. Current consultations**

We had responded to several consultations by Hackney recently. These included a junction scheme at Portland Avenue/Darenth Road, schemes on Marsh Hill and Northwold Road. Ongoing consultations were about Morning Lane and Hoxton Street Market.

## **7. Rides**

MF thanked SB for a great Murals Ride part 2. Ten people had come and there had been great weather for it.

TP had had a message from a newcomer about short rides. We thought that it might be best to put her in touch with the Breeze programme, who did many such rides. SB knew two rides organisers for Breeze. British Cycling and TfL had also made an announcement about an expanded local rides programme.

We didn't have a report back on the Freecycle feeder ride but would hopefully have one for a future meeting.

SB announced that the next ride would go to Lesnes Abbey (Thamesmead), with the date TBC.

## **8. Other events**

There were no other events to discuss.

## **9. Any other business**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 1st October, 2014, 7pm (Annual Meeting).