

London Cycling Campaign in Hackney

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 6th July, 2011

Marcon Court and Aspland Estates Community Hall

Present: Michael Cordy (treasurer), Siobhan Owens (joint events co-ordinator), Trevor Parsons (co-ordinator), Ana Penalosa, Oliver Schick (secretary, minutes), Shimri Zameret.

Apologies: Patrick Field.

Agenda:

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Proposed Sainsbury's planning application in Stoke Newington
3. Renting a garage

Events

4. Rides
5. London Open 30th/31st July
6. Festival of the Bicycle 31st July
7. Hackney Cycling Portraits exhibition
8. Other events
9. Any other business

1. Minutes and matters arising

OS reported back on Bike Week events. The Bike the Bounds ride had not taken place as no-one had turned up. Likewise, the Bike Day at Hackney City Farm had been poorly-attended, both no doubt to the very changeable weather that day. The bike polo try-out week-end had gone well.

Richard Lewis had not written a summary of our views on Broadway Market yet. (Action carried over from the last meeting.)

2. Proposed Sainsbury's planning application in Stoke Newington

We discussed the proposed planning application for land at Wilmer Place, Stoke Newington, where a development incorporating 50 residential units, a large Sainsbury's supermarket, and a car park with around 90 spaces is in the planning stages. Currently, pre-application planning is being conducted.

Apart from the car parking provision, our most immediate concern was with the impact of the development on a possible return of the Stoke Newington one-way system to two-way operation. This would be of less concern if plans for a vehicular entrance on Stoke Newington High Street and the associated basement car park were dropped.

There was lots of local opposition and we resolved to study the application and monitor meetings. The Stokey Local initiative had also invited us to contribute to their web-site.

Action: OS to get in touch with Stokey Local.

3. Renting a garage

We are urgently in need of storage space for our various pedal-powered vehicles and trailers. A garage would be a great asset but might be too costly. There had been no progress on identifying a suitable storage space. One possibility was Adam Thompson's place.

Action: TP to ask Adam about possibly keeping vehicles at his place.

Events

4. Rides

SO was thinking about organising another ride, this time to the Kirkcaldy Testing Museum near the Tate Modern. She was also keen to look at possible rides for European Mobility Week in September.

AP mentioned good examples of what is possible from Mexico City—one of the city's main avenues is closed to motor traffic every Sunday, and a major ring road is closed to motor traffic once every month.

Action: SO to organise rides.

5. London Open 30th/31st July

The London Open will be the biggest hardcourt bicycle polo tournament in London this year, attracting 60 teams from the UK and the rest of Europe. It is being held in Hackney Downs. We are keen to support the event.

The event's web-site is at <http://www.lhbpa.org/lo2011>

Action: OS to call for volunteers on the mailing list.

6. Festival of the Bicycle 31st July

The Festival is in its first year and will be held in Mabley Green. We are keen to have a stall there.

<http://festivalofthebicycle.tumblr.com/>

Action: OS to call for volunteers on the mailing list.

7. Hackney Cycling Portraits exhibition (30th July)

This exhibition is an output from the Cycling Cultures research carried out by Rachel Aldred and Kat Jungnickel at the University of East London. The portraits will be exhibited in five bike shops, and there will be a ride between the different locations, starting at 2pm

on the 30th July.

8. Other events

We noted that volunteers working with the LCC office were doing a stall at the Shoreditch Festival on the 16th/17th and 23rd/24th July.

9. Any other business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 3rd August, 2011, 7:30pm.