



Hackney Cycling – Monthly Meeting on 1 November 2017.

Apologies: Harry Fletcher-Wood (Consultation Coordinator), Dave Harris (Treasurer), Brenda Puech (Deputy Secretary), Gus MacDonald (Committee Member), Ruth-Anna Macqueen (Community Outreach)

Attendees: Jono Kenyon (Coordinator), Natalie Gould (Secretary), Kate Charteris (Website and IT), Matt Saywell (Multimedia), Richard Luftkin (Councillor), Adam Wilson (Social Action for Health SAFH and Guest Speaker), Alastair Binnie-Lubbock, Garmon Ap-Garth, Rachel Aldred (Research and Insight)

1. Presentation - Adam Wilson - *Does Hackney Make You Fat?*

SAFH's *Does Hackney make you Fat?* is a campaign aimed at local people who struggle to maintain healthy weight. SAFH is a volunteer organisation.

One of the specific campaigns is called Pedal for Pounds which aims to empower people to cycle regardless of their fitness level. There is a facebook page which all are encouraged to like and share.

Hackney is known for promoting cycling so it was important to find out whether there are enough overweight people cycling so Adam went out with clipboard to conduct his own traffic count. He found that: 14% of cyclists on the Kingsland High Street were overweight or obese; 15% of those on Mare Street were overweight; and 9% on Clapton Common.

AW has met with Feryal Demirci to discuss his ideas.

Pedal for Pounds have organised an event for 7 November 2017 in London Fields to provide overweight people with an opportunity to try cycling around the park using a hire bike.

JK said that cycle campaigns are typically not good at making the point that cycling has a public health benefit and he suggested that AW could contact Hackney CCG for support.

RL said that London Fields was the best place to hold such an event because there are hire bikes on the south side of Broadway Market.

AW said that, in Hackney, 41% children are overweight or obese and 21% are obese but he is finding that different sources provide different numbers so it is difficult to know what is correct. The figures for Kensington and Chelsea are generally higher than Hackney.

AW discussed another initiative called 'Bags of Taste'. For £1 people can attend a cooking class and learn how to cook a specific meal for 4-5 people; they can buy all the ingredients to make that meal for £3. AW said that SAFH have also been working on outdoor gyms more user-friendly and holding fat friendly classes.



KC suggested that AW could ask the Police to attend and carry out bike marking, but that this may not be target the audience. It may draw people in from neighbouring boroughs.

JK said that AW may be able to get GP surgeries to refer people to the ride; the scheme fits in with our draft manifesto – where we are aiming for cycling for all.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

JK said that the Wick Road scheme was mentioned in Hackney Today and it appears to be going ahead. However, he does not know it may have changed from the consulted plan.

Purchase of a trailer for use by the group is to be carried over.

JK wrote to/blogged about Hackney Council CS1 failures/problems.

KC said that we need blog section of website because it is not clear where blog items can be found.

3. Report on Council Meeting on 11 October 2017

NG briefly reported back.

JK suggested that we keep an open list or spreadsheet of matters to raise with the council.

4. Labour Group Meeting

JK attended Labour Group in the capacity of a party member and he raised a few cycling matters. He noted that there was an appetite for change in the north of the borough. Cycling came up in connection with a couple of items. People were asking for CPZs in Stamford Hill because there is a general recognition there was a problem with inconsiderate parking, and the area is almost lawless. The case of somebody removing a bollard using a jackhammer was cited as an example. More pressure will be required to get the CPZs put in.

Feryal Demirci (Neighbourhoods Transport and Parks), Caroline Selman (Comm safety) and Andy Cunningham (Streetscene) were all in attendance.

JK also recently attended a Police Community Action Panel where the issue of parking on Dunsmore Road was raised.

5. Finance

DH (absent) asked that we discuss the issue of the outstanding invoice for £500 from the BATB event. Hackney Council have not paid this invoice and DH was having difficulty in contacting Tyler. RL to look into this and report back.

6. Burns Night



NG, BP, DH and KC had pre-meeting, just before the monthly meet. It was agreed to set up ticketing and contact the chef and the volunteers. We need to remind people to save the date - 27 January 2018. The price of tickets will be increased by £1 - £1.50.

7. Rides with Councillors

We could ask members to organise rides with their local councillors, but it was noted that a ride with Mayor Glanville remains outstanding.

8. Manifesto.

KC raised issue of whether we want pledges or a manifesto. JK said this is matter of semantics. MS considered that a manifesto was likely to be taken more seriously. ABL said that we should take pledges from the manifesto which can then be supported/ signed up to. GA asked whether people would need to pledge to all the items and JK said that Islington came stuck on the Space4cycling campaign because councillors wouldn't sign up to everything, so we need to be careful. RA suggested that people can pledge to support items in general.

There then followed a discussion about the order of the document and whether we placed the 'problems to be solved' at the beginning of the document.

KC said that she would add a pledge section to the website document.

RL asked that the filtering of Broadway Market was added as a specific item and this was not disputed. It was agreed that the committee would follow up the manifesto and get it put up on the website.

9. Current Consultations/Schemes

CS1 Update

JK said that Hackney Council has highlighted a number of issues which are in accordance with our line of thinking. Balls Pond Road is not progressing because of Islington, who are raising questions/objections. In summary, the route needs more filtering and Hackney need to get on with it.

RL north of Butterfield Green there has been an increase in the motor traffic but a new scheme, which is being discussed with residents at the moment, will be coming out soon. Matter should be discussed in December, when we should discuss what we want to do.

GA said that some people on Twitter are highlighting that the Council is ignoring the issue of increased traffic on local roads that remain open.

Manse Road/Rectory Road and Shoreditch schemes

NG said that we have provided input to council on these schemes prior to consultation, so we can be relaxed about submitting a formal consultation response.



New River Crossing

JK said that this is a good scheme – a new tiger crossing and should be supported.

Queensbridge Road Crossing

BP asked that this matter be raised in her absences. GA said that there is concern amongst residents that signals at the Middleton Road junction would make the road feel more like a major road, and there were concerns about traffic queues at lights. NG said that at present, the Queensbridge Road crossing is difficult for those on QW2 and it is not child friendly.

10. Any Other Business

RL attended the LCC AGM where he spoke to people from Enfield and they invited us to visit to see the Mini Holland progress. He agreed to organise a ride for the new year.

Congratulations to Ruth Anna Macqueen (HCC committee) and Alix Stredwick (Carry-Me bikes) on winning the 'Best Family Event' category in the LCC Campaigner awards 2017. Also note that Brenda Puech won a highly commended for the people parking bay.

KC updated the meeting about the website server handover. Trevor needs to remove data from server before he hands it over and this is in progress. Also KC has approached LCC to ask about replacing the Yahoo groups.

Next meeting is Wednesday 6 December 2017. Mince pies and a festive drink will be served for those attending.