



Hackney Cycling Monthly Meeting 4 July 2018

Attendees: Dave Harris (Treasurer), Natalie Gould (Secretary), Brian Jones (committee member), Garmon Ap-Garth (Committee Member), Tom Watson, Gordon Quilty, Richard Lufkin.

Apologies: Jono Kenyon (Coordinator), Harry Fletcher-Wood (Consultation Coordinator), Rachel Aldred (Research and Insight), Brenda Puech (Deputy Secretary), Ruth-Anna MacQueen (Community Outreach)

1. Finance

DH said that we have traditionally made small donations to friendly supportive organisations, such as Hackney Society and Sustainable Hackney. He suggested that we should also donate to Hackney Living Streets and people agreed, so DH to contact BP to make arrangements.

DH has received two credit notes from Peabody relating to the VAT refund for the room hire.

2. Letter to Will Norman

RL will draft a letter to Will Norman (Mayor of London's cycling and walking commissioner) regarding the segregated section of CS1 along Balls Pond Road to ask what is going on since we have now been waiting two years for this.

3. Bike Week – Report Back

Bikers' Breakfast – RL reported that we promoted membership and gave away magazines and information. However, it would be useful for us to see how many people signed up as a result. RL notes that LCC are advertising for a Subscriptions Coordinator and it would have been useful to have such a person at our event to sign up new members on an iPad. GAG thinks that a monthly subscription option would assist with signing up new members. RL was concerned that LCC do not do enough advertising and promotion and he suggested they should offer monthly direct debit membership: the suggestion could be made at the LCC AGM. Perhaps LCC could employ some existing members to go out and talk to people.

DH said that he found the Bikers' Breakfast to be most enjoyable and it was a success. However he was concerned that some cyclists had never heard of HCC (one chap had been cycling 15 years and never heard of us).

TW suggested that LCC could consider a partnership with OFO since they seem to be quite good at engaging with councils.

DH thought that the recent offer of a free pump would have attracted people.

GAPG said that we need to have a monthly update from LCC of the number of Hackney Members.



BJ updated us on the London Cargo Bike Championship. The largest group of participants were the people from Pedal Me App and one of them won the top prize. BJ did some filming and he will put this together into a short film in due course. It was noted that E5 Bakery donated brunch for 2, for which they are thanked, and JK provided the rest of the prizes (some beers).

4. School Streets

Matt Saywell is absent so discussions on the School Streets promotional film delayed until next month.

GQ said that he would like to see Queensbridge School participate in the scheme – using the Albion Drive entrance. He said that he had heard school staff complain about the speed of cyclists but never heard them complain about motor traffic. The council is spending money on Queensbridge Road to improve air quality and street environment but people are still using cars and dropping off their kids outside the school. GQ will draft a letter to the school from the group asking them whether they would like to take part. GAG said that it would be helpful to have the School Streets promotional film to support the letter.

GAG said that the London Fields School Street is progressing well and there has been no significant negative feedback from parents. In general, people seem to be happy and supportive. GAG said that if this can be done on Westgate Street, with 5-6000 cars per day, then it should be possible in other places.

5. Car free day

Cllr Demirci suggested that the council would be supportive of a car free day in the Broadway Market area. International Car Free Day is on 22 September which is a Saturday, so there would be a market. Delay discussion of this until next month.

6. Ride London

Ride London is going ahead on 28 July 2018. RL said that he would collect some promotional material from HCC. NG said that we are still short 2-3 marshals and BJ said that he is willing to assist with this.

7. Current Consultations

Churchwell Path – scaffolding is to be erected as part of converting the old Police Station into a school. A diversion is to be set up via the churchyard access road.

Charles Square – this is a new consultation involving the replacement of a modal filter gate with some planting and road surfaces. It all looks fine to those at the meeting.

GAG mentioned that, outside Hackney, there are changes being made to Judd Street by St Pancras. Judd Street is to be closed at the north end and north of City Road the road will have segregated track.

Nobody has heard anything about the City Road / Bath Street contraflow consultation. It was noted that JK was looking into this and we may have an update next month.



TW said that the Old Street peninsularisation scheme may be progressed either at the end of this or next year.

8. AOB

GQ made some comments about our role as a campaign group. He would like to see if we can make cycling more enticing for people than using Uber. Every few months we should pick a campaign to promote. We could draft letters for our members to adapt and send to the councillors to build up momentum for that campaign.

NG said we could start with a School Streets campaign; GQ agreed to draft a generic letter suitable to be sent to schools. GAG suggested we do this jointly with Living Streets.

RL said that Enfield Mini Holland won Cycle Scheme of the Year; he has contacted them and found that they are happy to host a tour. We discussed how to get there – some may wish to cycle up the canal and others may want to take the train. We should aim to meet the people from Cycle Enfield at 11:30 hours and spend 2 to 2.5 hours exploring.

GQ asked how we might go about filtering Broadway Market. BJ said that Sustrans survey indicated that there was a majority in favour of this, including the shop owners. NG to raise this with the council at the next meeting with officers.

DH said that in three months we have our Annual Meeting and asked for suggestions for speakers. Suggestions included Chris Boardman, Will Norman, somebody from the Richmond Mini Holland, Paul Gasson (Waltham Forest), Peter Walker (Guardian), and Ian Simmons (City of London chap who put in Bank Junction scheme).

NG asked DH to look into Sumup and iZettle for Burns Night bar card payments.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 1 August 2018 in Pembury Community Centre.