



## **Hackney Cycling Monthly Meeting May 2018**

Attendees: Jono Kenyon (Coordinator), Natalie Gould (Secretary), Brenda Puech (Deputy Secretary), Jean Morris, Gordon Quilty, Brian Baturevich, Brian Jones (Committee Member).

Apologies: Harry Fletcher-Wood (Consultation Coordinator), Dave Harris (Treasurer), Ruth-Anna MacQueen (Community Outreach), Rachel Aldred (Research and Insight), Richard Luftkin.

### **1. Minutes and Matters Arising**

JK demonstrated the new website and said that we need to spend some time getting some new content up. JK also demonstrated GAG's map which illustrates the current School Streets schemes and the borough's two main cycle routes: CS1 and QW2. Brian J has offered to add all the modal filters.

NG agreed to put future minutes and the minutes dating back to October on the new website.

NG is to set up a new Google group to replace the main Yahoo groups list by the end of May in time for the next newsletter

### **2. Letter to TfL**

GQ had drafted a letter to TfL to ask for the installation of advance cycle traffic lights at the junction of QW2 and the A10. The letter was edited during the meeting and JK emailed the amended draft back to GQ.

### **3. Finance**

DH sent a statement to the meeting indicating that

- (a) He has submitted completed accounts to LCC by the 30 April deadline, along with the required certification.
- (b) If we are fortunate enough to be one of the two boroughs selected for an audit visit by LCC's external auditors, DH will need an updated inventory of all the



equipment we hold, either personally e.g. projector or collectively in the garage.

JK BP and NG to get in touch regarding group assets.

#### **4. Forthcoming events**

##### *Conference*

HCC members can get free tickets for the Hackney Cycling Conference

##### *Bike Week*

Bike Week is 9 – 17 June 2018.

It was agreed that the regular Bikers' Breakfast, where we provide free tea and coffee, fruit and hold a membership recruitment drive, will be held on Wednesday 13 June 2018. BP to organise.

R-AM (absent) reported that she is planning a family ride for on 16 June, together the Round Chapel Family Project. She is looking to recruit marshals to assist that day.

JK will organise the second London Cargo Bike Championships for 17 June 2018. Brian J suggested that Sainsbury's might sponsor the event because they have just set up a cargo bike delivery network: he suggested that we write to them to ask about sponsorship and put up a banner at the event. JK said that Sainsbury's have a charitable trust and he knows somebody who may be able to assist with this.

With regard to promotional leaflets for events, JK has sourced software (Adobe Indesign) for this purpose. He is intending to produce a leaflet which will detail the group's manifesto, details of how to join LCC, some information about modal filters, contact details and the new Google group mailing list. The intention will be that the leaflet will be valid for approximately two years

##### *Bike Around the Borough (BATB)*

BATB will be on Thursday 28 June 2018 in Hackney Downs and is expected to be a slightly smaller event compared to last year. The event will continue into the evening



– the council is aware that in last couple of years the evening event has not drawn significant numbers of people, so they are looking to expand this part of the day.

The question is whether we want to run a stall or do an event? NG suggested running a simple bar with a few cans of beer and soft drinks. Alternatively we could run a family cycling event / Ofo bike event.

## **5. CS1 Neville Road**

JM briefly outlined the scheme involving filtering in the Walford Road areas. It is likely that consultation results were not announced owing to the recent council elections. Opposition to scheme was based around transfer of motor traffic to surrounding streets and the William Patten School opposed to the closures. JM continued that 20,000 extra cars per week were now using Neville Road following the closure of Wordsworth Road, and as a result Neville Road is more dangerous for cycling.

JK set out that traffic management schemes such as this are not one-off events but form part of a process. Any displaced motor traffic should be moved to main roads, where it can be managed by, for example, altering the phase of traffic lights. Many of the issues now arising from filtering 'step-by-step' arises from the refusal to put CS1 cycle tracks on the A10.

JM raised a concern about the pedestrian 'crossing' at the south end of Neville Road (north end of Butterfield Green); she said that there was no signage to indicate that the area was mixed use, there were 'stick people' painted on the surface, which cannot be seen at night. The result of this was that pedestrians were being close-passed by cyclists. BP said that she would like to see formal zebra markings there because the painted stick people were confusing. JK pointed out that the area was not shared-use but was a road. NG suggested that the whole corner could be made a raised table blended crossing.

## **6. School Streets Promotional Film**

JK made a general ask of all members to make movies and take photos of nice people on cycles (no hi viz or helmets) so we can build up a library of pictures around the borough.



With regard to the School Streets scheme, we should make a short video explainer to upload to our website and youtube channel etc. The council have completed 5 schemes and the Mayor has promised to do another 12 in this term.

One of the schemes involved London Fields school and the Lansdowne Road bus gate – BP says Living Streets is starting a campaign to extend the bus gate to 24 hours.

## **7. AOB**

Half marathon - we should ask R-AM about having a stall at the half marathon and/or NG to ask Feryal Demirci.

JK to do the membership leaflets.

JK to purchase a gazebo.

Rachel Aldred (absent) has asked about speakers attending the next two meetings. This was agreed.

NG to set up next meeting with council officers.

JK raised the issue of a proposed new route from Haringey to Camden, The route would involve four boroughs and the London Mayor has said that he wants to build this in next two years. JK will be hosting meeting next Thursday at his house to bring representatives from all the boroughs together.

Feryal Demirci sent a message about a garage space that may become available for a voluntary / community organisation. It was suggested that the London Bike Kitchen may be interested.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 June 2018 in Pembury Community Centre.