



Hackney Cycling Monthly Meeting - 1 August 2018

Attendees: Dave Harris (Treasurer), Natalie Gould (Secretary), Rachel Aldred (Research and Insight), Ruth-Anna MacQueen (Community Outreach), Richard Lufkin

Apologies: Harry Fletcher-Wood (Consultation Coordinator), Jono Kenyon (Coordinator), Brenda Puech (Deputy Secretary), Garmon Ap-Garth (Committee Member),

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

NG to find out about obtaining the grant from LCC in connection with organising the feeder ride for the Prudential Freecycle event.

2. Finance

DH said that he has received a letter from *Unity Trust* bank indicating that they will be charging for our bank account from 4 September. DH has alerted LCC, who think that this is wrong and they are trying to sort it out. DH noted that the Hackney Society moved their bank account after fees were imposed by *Unity Trust*.

DH has looked into card payment systems - he made enquiries of *iZettle* but received no response, so he is not impressed. For example, DH spent 20 minutes waiting for them to answer the telephone and an enquiry submitted through the website was ignored. There are alternatives and DH shall look into *Sumup*. If anyone has any knowledge of *iZettle*, particularly how it operates and what fees it charges, please let DH know. RAM said that she will ask Alix Stredwick about what arrangements Carry Me have for card payments.

On other matters, DH has still not resolved the issue of the credit note from Peabody for the room hire.

NG has bought a first aid kit which is available for group events and rides.

3. Schools streets

The idea for this new campaign was raised last month, in which we draft a letter in support of a new school street scheme; the letter can be downloaded from the website by parents, and then sent to the head teacher of a school.

There was then a general discussion about school streets and situation with other primary schools.

DH asked that this be kept on the agenda for next month.

4. Car Free Day – 22 September 2018

RAM said that Better Streets Enfield are asking people to do Playstreets for that day. This might be a good idea to get more people involved in Hackney. RAM will email Claudia of Hackney Playstreets, to see if she has anything planned.



5. Ride London Feedback.

NG provided a brief summary of the Ride London feeder ride – we had some 80 riders, and the day was a great success. Photographs were shared on social media. HCC would like to thank Richard Drew, Nick Perry, Jules Mattson, Ikko Evans, Paola Butler-Zanetti, Tom Power, Brian Jones for their invaluable assistance with the marshalling. Thanks also to Charlie Lloyd for assisting with the risk assessments

6. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is on 3 October 2018 and we now need to make arrangements urgently. RAM likes the idea of having Paul Gasson and there was general agreement amongst attendees. RA (Rachel) to ask Paul Gasson if he will come and talk and DH will book the bigger room.

7. Schemes

There was a general discussion about some of the new cycles routed being proposed by the council. However, these were still confidential, so comments are not recorded in the minutes. Points raised will be fed back to the council by NG.

8. AOB

RL raised the proposed trip to Enfield to tour their mini-Holland schemes. Two dates were suggested for the event: 15 and 22 September, and there was a general preference for 22 September. Attendees can either cycle up the canal (River Lea) or get the train. We should leave Hackney at 10:30 hours to arrive in Enfield at 12:00 hours; there would then be two hours for a tour, time for some lunch and then the cycle/train journey back.

RL has had an acknowledgement from Will Norman to his letter regarding the Balls Pond Road section of CS1. Updates to follow.

RAM provided an update on the Family Cycling project.

Alix Stredwick has done a number of mobile events including a muslim group, Wheelie Tots, a session at the Round Chapel for those in temporary accommodation/vulnerable families. These have been a great success: for example, there were 18 people at the Tots and Cargo bikes sessions earlier today at the Olympic Park. The monthly sessions in London Fields remain very busy and the last two sessions of the year are on 12 August and 9 September.

RAM recorded a note of thanks to Bike Works who donated a number of children's seats (some of which was brand new) to the project. Bike Works have moved their business to the velodrome in the Olympic Park because of the cost of rent in their former location. A note of thanks to the people from Pedal-Me App who transported the items to the HCC garage.



The Family Cycling Project also ran a ride to the Olympic Park, and it was encouraging to see that 5 or 6 children cycled their own bikes. However, the number of marshals was sub-optimal and the group desperately needs more. There were a number of people who had not attended before. The next rides are at Halloween and then at Christmas.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 September 2018 in Pembury Community Centre.