



Hackney Cycling Monthly Meeting 5 December 2018

Attendees: Jono Kenyon (Coordinator), Dave Harris (Treasurer), Natalie Gould (Secretary), Brenda Puech (Deputy Secretary), Paul Standeven, Richard Lufkin Brian Jones (Committee Member); James Dyson; Matt Saywell (Multimedia); Garmon Ap-Garth (Committee Member), Harry Fletcher-Wood (Consultation Coordinator).

Apologies: Rachel Aldred (Research and Insight), Ruth-Anna MacQueen (Community Outreach)

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Mulled wine and mince pies are dispensed.

2. Burns Night 2019

NG said that there is some difficulty in identifying a piper to play at next year's event because the usual person is busy on the relevant night. It was agreed that we could make do with recorded bagpipes this year.

BP said that our usual master of ceremonies (MC) is unavailable. However she knows someone called Bruce, who is Scottish and used to do stand-up comedy, who may be able to assist. BP contacted him right away by text and received a positive response.

NG said that ticket sales now total 15.

DH said that the price of haggis has increased 23% and that we receive a special charity rate. Owing to the difficulties with the delivery last year, MacSweens are saying that they can deliver only on 19 December. We will therefore have to freeze the order until January. It was agreed that we should go ahead and order the haggis.

JK has applied for and obtained the temporary event notice (TEN) licence.

NG & BP have met Sid who is the new contact at the venue. BP noted that we need to confirm that we can obtain assistance from one of the school cooks.

NG noted that we need all the attendees of the meeting to be there to assist on the night.

BJ volunteered to help with the raffle and he asked what needs to be obtained. People suggested dinner tickets, and a hamper from fresh and wild.

3. Winter Cycling Campaign

JK says that Hackney Council have contacted us to assist with their winter campaign, in which they are looking to give away 2000 sets of cycle lights. RL says that they did this last year, and they run stalls at which they give the lights away to



cyclists without lights. JK said that the council will also be give us some sets of lights to give away to people.

On 25 January the council will run a pit stop cycle event underneath the bridge in London Fields. We should take some leaflets along and have a presence there.

GApG suggested that we have some leaflets to hand out for Burns Night. JK said the he was not sure leaflets are beneficial to ticket sales. PS said that he recalls that it is generally not cyclists who attend the event.

4. Finance

DH said that we have now paid our membership fee for Sustainable Hackney and he suggested that we also make a £50 donation Hackney Living Streets. There was general agreement with this amongst the attendees.

5. Council Liaison

NG provided a summary of the Hackney to Isle of Dogs 'Future Route'.

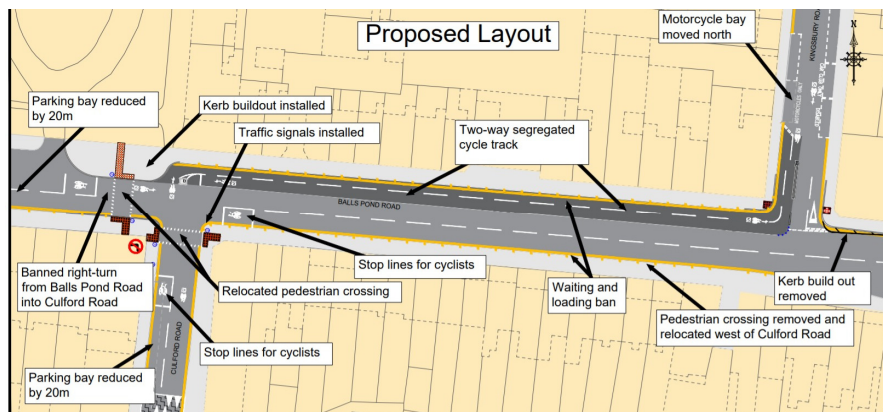
JK said that he had attended the Green Lanes Association Meeting where Ned Hercock, a local councillor, gave a good account of why change to that road would be beneficial. JK considers the proposed tracks along Green Lanes to be a good scheme.

JK would like us to have interactive map on the website setting out new schemes, our desires/campaigns and consultations. GApG to have a look at this – it should be a google map embedded on our website.

JK consider next year going to be a lot going on and will be a tough year with lots of campaigns.

6. Current Consultations.

Balls Pond Road (BPR): The proposed layout, which is similar to few years ago, was reviewed. It is noted that the track will be protected by wands.





BP asked about the traffic signals for southbound cyclists, and it was agreed this should be checked with the council.

JD asked about the right turn from BPR into Culford Road and it was considered by others that it would not be possible to permit that movement with the build-out that is proposed in this scheme, although a 'jug handle' could be introduced.

RL suggested adding an eastbound track on BPR, behind the build-out, to give eastbound cycles access to the protected space; it would be possible to nip back out onto the main carriageway at the east end of the track

PS suggested that the build-out could be a little narrower and the pedestrian crossing a bit wider, to give on road cyclists more space.

JK asked everyone to add their comments to the Cyclescape and said that we should have joint response with Islington Cyclists.

BP said if there was a cycle bypass on the build-out then it would need a zebra crossing to provide priority to pedestrians.

Local Implementation Plan (LIP)

HFW has read the whole document and he summarised it as follows: the plan states that the council wish to make cycling safer, cut motor traffic, increase the convenience of buses and provide step-free access at train stations. There is one matter of concern, in that on one hand, the council want to make all routes safe for cycling, but they also state that they will look at space for cycling only on a case-by-case basis.

BP says that the intentions are very good.

HFW said that with regard to casualty figures, the new target is not ambitious enough and we shall need to push back on this. The plan sets targets for cycling by 2025, but HFW would like to see interim targets. There should be something on Cycling Level of Service. However, the intention is that everybody in the borough will be within 400m of a cycle route, which is positive.

JK said that he is concerned that there is no hierarchy of road use and road classification (i.e. there is no indication what each road is used for – moving people / buses etc) and such classifications are needed to make quick decisions when altering or building the road network.

MS asked about enforcement and HFW says there is a section on enforcement of 20mph limits. One of the most best parts of the plan is that there will be money for Broadway Market and area wide schemes in London Fields, Crossway, and Brooke Road/Rendlesham Road. JK said that we should map these plans.

MS asked about Upper Clapton and JK said this area may be included in the 'Future Route' from Tottenham to Camden. HFW said that there is not so much in the LIP



towards the north of the borough. HFW to get a draft response out soon and he thinks that the whole thing is encouraging.

It is noted that HFW did an amazing job in drafting the group's response on the Stoke Newington Gyrotory scheme.

7. Any Other Business

GApG said he went to the Tavistock Place consultation drop in. This consultation is about making the scheme one way for motor traffic flow (east or west) and Camden Cyclists have a webpage on how to fill it in. Members are urged to respond.

PS told us that he jointly runs *Spanner in the Workshop*, a drop-in workshop that has been running since 1997-8. The workshop has been operating from the Round Chapel old school rooms but now has to move out and PS is looking for ideas for new venues.

The workshop gets between 1-6 'customers' a month, but people are reluctant to make a donation and PS is seeking funds to keep the workshop going.

JK asked PS to put this in writing so that the group can consider making a grant at next month's meeting.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 January 2019 in Pembury Community Centre.