



## **Hackney Cycling - Monthly Meeting 6 February 2019**

Attendees: Jono Kenyon (Coordinator), Dave Harris (Treasurer), Natalie Gould (Secretary), Charlie Lloyd, Brian Jones, Richard Lufkin, James Dyson, Brenda Puech (Deputy Secretary), Matt Saywell (Multimedia).

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

### **1. School Streets Campaign**

CL said London Fields Scheme, which was carried out under a Temporary Traffic Order, is due for review in 9 months and it would be helpful if Hackney Cycling sent a message of approval to counter some of the remaining push back on the scheme.

Action: CL to draft a message and send it to JK.

JK said that Garmon had drafted a School Streets “how-to” piece, which has been put up on the website; the webpage has been promoted on twitter by ‘Mums for Lungs’. Can people please publicise? JK will be giving a talk to Haringey Schools next month on School Streets.

NG noted that there was a new email address associated with the website but it was not clear who receives those emails. Action: NG to investigate the admin email address and see how it can be checked.

### **2. Hackney and City Cycling and Walking Conference 2019**

The Hackney Cycling Conference will this year be held jointly with the City of London, and will incorporate walking for the first time (hence the title!). The event takes place on Friday 24 May 2019, at Guildhall and the organisers have issued a call for papers. If anyone would like to speak, then they will need to submit papers. Unlike previous years, HCC are not co-hosting the event and our logo is not included.

MS suggested talking about school streets. JK said he believes that there will be a Hackney School Streets piece. However, JK to speak to Rachel regarding what, if anything, we might want to do and then respond to Alex Watson at LBH.

### **3. Cycle Market**



Sylvia at Cyclefox has contacted JK to say that they will be running a cycle market<sup>1</sup> on Saturday 20 April 2019 between 10am and 4pm and asked whether we would we like to take part. It was agreed that we should have a presence. Actions: RL to pick up some promotional leaflets from LCC. JK said that he would like to offer something better than the standard leaflets.

#### **4. Rides**

CL wants to do some mid-week rides, keeping it a low-key affair, and perhaps with new and/or older riders. CL is thinking about once a fortnight, starting at the Town Hall on Wednesdays/Thursdays. JK says we do get a random trickle of requests for rides and it would be good to be able to respond positively to these. Everyone fully supported.

There is a ride around Waltham Forest with the Mayor of Hackney on 2 March. RL would like to come along.

#### **5. Council Meeting Update**

In January, JK met Kate Hart, Peter Hazzard and Malcolm Smith of LBH, together with Emma Dixon from Hackney Living Streets.

With regard to electric vehicle (EV) charging points Emma Dixon wanted to know if there was a policy and she was told that there is no stringent policy but there are guidelines. If the footway is less than 1.8 m, then EV installations are not favoured, and if less than 1.5 m an installation would be a breach of regulations. This may form the basis of a valid challenge for poorly placed EV infrastructure. It is a difficult issue, because we do not want to see the perpetuation of cars but we would also like to see modernisation of the fleet. CL asked whether LBH make money on these EV charging points, or whether it costs them money. There was no straight answer to this question. It is believed that they are more readily placed on the footway because this does not require traffic orders and is cheaper.

With regard to the Liveable Neighbourhoods, LBH wish to make Amhurst Road bus & cycle only and run a cycle track alongside the town hall. LBH are starting a

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<sup>1</sup> <https://makersandcreators.bike/>



'conversation'-type consultation for the scheme. RL added that the consultation is going to use the commonplace platform. JK said that Amhurst Road needs to be dealt with before LHB can remodel Pembury Junction.

Parklets, five have been installed and there will be a roll out of more in due course. LBH have also bid for 10 water bottle fountains.

Wick Road will be complete in May and it has gone in as consulted except for a banned right turn on to Barnabus Place.

West Bank scheme for a protected track southbound as part of CS1, MS said that Dunsmure Road nearby has had some footway works, but there has been no real difference for cycling comfort. MS has noticed that, following the threat of violence by councillors over the West Bank scheme, drivers in Stamford Hill area are more aggressive towards cyclists. RL, who was at the relevant council meeting said that the leader of Hackney Conservatives said that if the West Bank scheme goes in, then he will be leading the rioting. JK said that we should write to the roads policing unit to ask for more stringent roads policing in the area. The letter should not just be sent to the ward officer, it need to go to a higher level. Action: MS to draft a letter.

The Green Lanes scheme is now delayed and will be going out for consultation in the spring. This is because Islington BC have asked for the scheme to be slowed. However, it does give us time to drum up some support prior to announcement.

Other schemes include the Balls Pond Road protected space on CS1, which due for the end of March and Englefield Road, which should go in during the spring.

Queensbridge Road protected space, LBH are planning an early consultation.

## **6. Finance and Burns Night**

Burns Night, DH provided an excel table summary of the financial results of the night. It was a great social event and a successful fund raiser for the group, albeit the profit was a couple of hundred pounds down on last year.

JK noted a special thank you to BJ for sorting out the raffle, which was the best for a number of years. The committee also passes on its thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard on the night.



DH said that we now need to draw up a plan for our 2019-20 program - spending the money raised. We shall forego our LCC grant for this financial year owing to the healthy state of our finances.

## **7. Hackney Winter Cycling Campaign**

Thanks to CL for going down to the Dr Bike session in the cold weather on 25 January 2019. The campaign was a great success. Some people have a few sets of lights left over which we can continue handing out even though the official event is over.

## **8. The Year Ahead**

JK wanted everyone to have a think about how we engage with the enormous changes that are proposed in Hackney and, in particular, how we make sure the non-angry voices can be heard. In considering this we should be thinking specifically about Future Routes, Green Lanes and the Queensbridge Road schemes.

BP said that door-to-door knocking is good. RL said that talking to people at junctions and leafletting cyclists at places where they stop also yielded good results. JK said that when he and MS handed out the free lights for the Winter Cycling Campaign next to Clissold Park, they also discussed the potential new scheme on Green Lanes with some of the recipients.

BP said that we could give away cakes and free tea, perhaps running an afternoon tea event.

JK said that when he was campaigning with Cycleworks they had conference banners made up and he wants to produce some similar visuals for Seven Sisters Road, Queensbridge Road, Green Lanes and the two Hackney Future Route<sup>2</sup> schemes. However, we need some proper artistic illustrations of the new schemes. MS knows someone who may be able to assist with this and JK said that we should pay them 'mates rates', and he suggested that the group budget between £200-500 for artwork and leafletting etc. JK said that for the Cycle Superhighways in central London, it was the images that sold the idea.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/routes-and-maps/new-cycle-routes>



Action: NG to ask Kate about this proposition to put out some conceptual visuals for future schemes. JD suggested that in the pictures, we avoid difficult areas such as BSBs and junctions.

The group then proposed possible schemes for promotion including Green Lanes, Queensbridge Road, Leabridge roundabout, Amhurst road and Finsbury Park (particularly the part that runs alongside the park).

## **9. AOB**

BP said that she is keen to organise a spring event, perhaps in Clissold Park. The Wick Road tracks are nearing completion, and we should have a celebration opening party/engagement event.

Action: NG to ask LBH if they are planning on having an opening event for Wick Road and if they are then we should be there.

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