



Hackney Cycling Monthly Meeting – February 2024

Present: LD (secretary), WP, DH (treasurer), GG (co-ordinator), KG, GQ, BB, BP, RL, GSJ, JK, DM, SK, TM, CK, TM2

Apologies: Frances Cherry

1. Burns Night

GG thanks all involved in organising and volunteering.

DH says profit (~£2300) was less than last time, as we attempted to keep prices same / similar during cost of living crisis, but our costs went up. DH would like to round the £492 from the raffle up to £500 and donate to charities. Likely it will all be sent to Bike Project.

Can we do better than Zettle 10% fee? GG says there is a sunk cost of sorts in terms of the readers.

BP says it went like clockwork and thanks everyone. And mentions help from other boroughs. Says it's good in terms of PR so worth the effort!

Problems with PA system. Problems in both dining hall and during dance. People couldn't hear speeches, or enjoy music. School has seemingly gradually been losing speakers. Should we explore alternatives? GG says we should raise this earlier on next time. BP says we should give feedback now.

Was expressed that there should be more time for local people doing turns (particularly those who only notified us of their intention on the night). BP would like more feedback on this.

Someone said there was a lack of Scottishness. There was a toast to the bard though!

Someone from Islington group mentions LCC has some kind of payment solution that they allow groups to borrow?

RL says there was some concern about raffle prices quite close to the event, local companies that we had approached previously no longer participating. And we didn't go around tables selling tickets this time. JK says raffle is useful in terms of timings.

KG says it was too bright in the bar. JK says staff who were onsite couldn't help. Also says no attempt was made to be helpful when we raised the lights in men's toilets not working.

GG says Mayor was impressed, was expecting something smaller!

2. Council Liaison



Gateways and new cycle route possibilities. Streetscene officer got in touch, said they're looking at our [gateways](#) map and if there was any funding for that. Asked for prioritised list. WP has done some more work, to take the proposed crossings and link them to routes they would unlock, without too much investment. Asked us to email Will Norman / TfL with some specific asks.

WP creating network map on Felt showing routes unlocked by these interventions. Says these aren't a substitute for main road routes, just forming a local network. A lot of them join up at parks, might appeal to mayor with regards to kids and inclusivity. GG mentions one route needs Chatsworth LTN otherwise it doesn't make sense.

Looking at dropped kerbs. St John of Jerusalem, not an official route but well used currently. Tudor Road / Tyson Crescent. If anyone raises other suggested locations we'll pass that on.

Hackney Central. This is progressing. We've commissioned our own design, which is still coming. We're getting a meeting with designer of new Pembury Junction (ideally also with Caroline and Mete). Impression is that they are not considering segregation and that this meeting will not change that. They're keen to start work, at least on Amhurst Road, this year. Once we see designs it may be too late for any real feedback to be taken on board.

We know a resident on Pembury Circus itself campaigning for changes. Many of our aims overlap.

General discussion around need to pin Caroline's intentions down, and ensure that cycling is considered in the design from the beginning and not an afterthought.

C23 latest. TfL have done press release saying it's complete, but there's no crossing over A10 yet. Apparently works will start at end of March and take three months. Bridge over Kingsbury Road has been replaced, and finalised over summer.

3. Consultations

[Clapton Common - Spring Hill Junction](#). GG shares screen, shows designs. Makes permanent changes initially introduced ~2 years ago. Slight downgrade from previous designs we've seen. Crossings are raised which is an improvement, but no continuous pavements. WP says cyclists joining Clapton Common Road will be joining a bus lane and the design (the purple bit) may need to be flared out to facilitate that. Please respond and express support!

RL asks about Mildmay LTN, is it going ahead? Islington not ready to share that yet apparently.



[Hoxton Street Public Realm & Social Infrastructure \(Community Survey\)](#). Early doors for Hoxton LTN? Please respond. We'd like a closure on the bridge to the north. East West rat runs mentioned. Consultation seems to be focusing on side streets and not through traffic on Hoxton Street itself?

Public event on 19th February.

[Amhurst Road](#). We want a presence making sure demand for cycle lanes is heard, so they can't say e.g. as with Downham Road that they didn't hear anyone calling for this at in person consultations.

4. Meeting schedule for 2024

DH mentions increased prices at Pembury Centre. What dates should we aim for this year? GG suggests June, October (AGM) and December. David will book, can always tweak later.

Ad-hoc weekend meeting at some point?

5. Rides

Womens' Freedom Ride - Sunday 3rd March, before international women's freedom day. Some of us have already signed up to marshal a feeder ride, leaving from the town hall at 11:30ish to Lincoln Inn Fields. Any other help welcomed. Invited Caroline.

Kiddical Mass - Sunday 24th March, 1pm. We'll be leading families to the start, around Tate Modern. Again help welcomed. Will likely be big! TM1 asks about loaning cargo bikes so people would can't join the ride otherwise can.

Cycle Buddies - TM1 asks how we can push this more? Every event we have, we should be pushing it. Want a good range of people, in terms of location and diversity. GG asks about leaflets.

6. Better Bike Social

Good event last week organised by local architect. GG gave presentation, as did Simon Munk and Chris Bruntlett (Dutch Cycling Embassy).

7. LIP Funding

Amounts confirmed by TfL. [Link](#). Not specific in terms of projects. Some money for bus priority and greener neighbourhoods.

8. LCC "Thank You" Social

LCC let us know there's going to be a social on Leather Lane, on Wednesday, 21 February, at 6:30pm. More details in LCC Friday Post. If you're interested and don't have access to that, let us know and we'll pass the info on. There will be pizza.



9. AOB

Lansdowne Bus gate. BB / GQ say the LTN isn't really an LTN currently. It's unfortunate that the consultation wasn't set up in a way to let people easily support 24 hour operation, and some respondents which would have ticked such a box may have been interpreted as opposition generally.

WP says Butterfield Green works are underway, no facility for cyclists even though it's a signed route, should we have a moan? Depends how long it's going on for. We'll raise during next meeting with officers.

TM2 mentions Marcon Court, dropped kerb, allows you to avoid Pembury Jct.