

## London Cycling Campaign in Hackney

### Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

### St Chad's, Haggerston

**Present:** Blaine Cook, Harry Fletcher-Wood (joint consultation co-ordinator), Garmon ap Garth, Natalie Gould (joint consultation co-ordinator), Bill Hodgson, Jono Kenyon (co-ordinator), Richard Lufkin, Dave Lukes (joint web editor), Angus Macdonald, Trevor Parsons (joint web editor), Brenda Puech (events co-ordinator), Oliver Schick (secretary), Peter Snell, David Vellala, Chas Wilshere (workshop representative), James Woodcock.

**Apologies:** Tim Evans, Dave Harris (treasurer), Rita Krishna (fundraising co-ordinator), Dave Lukes (joint web editor), Ruth-Anna Macqueen (community outreach co-ordinator).

### Agenda:

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. London Fields modal filtering
3. Bike Week
4. Hackney Cycling Conference
5. 'Sign for Cycling'
6. Hackney Cycling Survey
7. Finance
8. Missing 'except cycles' signs—two-year update
9. Current consultations
  - Writing consultation responses (e.g., Mare Street between Andrews Road and Westgate Street)
  - Lower Clapton Road/Urswick Road
  - Stamford Hill
10. Other events
11. Rides
12. Any other business

### Action summary:

Item	Action	Who
February 2015: 3. Liaison with Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign	Organise a meeting.	Simon Munk, JK (taken over from TP)
June 2015: 2. Q&A session with Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods	Enquire about sharing traffic count data for Hackney Downs.	FD
June 2015: 2. Q&A session with Feryal Demirci,	Provide more information on the 'ward ask' for Hoxton	FD

<b>Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods</b>	East and Shoreditch.	
<b>July 2015: 1. Minutes and matters arising: Q&amp;A session with Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods</b>	Enquire about progress with Lebon's Corner (Dalston ward ask).	OS
<b>July 2015: 3. Vision process</b>	Create discussion threads on the coming web forum, organise first meetings.	Committee
<b>July 2015: 14. Current consultations: Response to City and Hackney CCG</b>	Respond to C&H CCG's objection to CS1, discuss public health.	JK, RM
<b>August 2015: 5. 20mph</b>	Write to borough commander about 20mph enforcement.	DH
<b>August 2015: 5. 20mph</b>	Find out the likely cost of stickers and to do a design.	TP
<b>November 2015: Hackney members outreach</b>	Draw up a suggested schedule of Vision workshop dates.	OS
<b>November 2015: 6. Current consultations</b>	Draft a response on the Cricketfield Road/Pembury Road/Downs Park Road/Queensdown Road junction.	OS
<b>December 2015: 1. Minutes and matters arising: Actions for Feryal Demirci</b>	Chase up Cllr Demirci about progress.	HF-W
<b>January 2016: 5. Forum</b>	Start implementing the process as soon as possible.	HF-W, NG
	Liaise with DL about putting consultations on the Forum.	HF-W
<b>February 2016: 3. Gillett Square Cycling Festival</b>	Co-ordinate organisation.	AB, BP, RM, RLu
<b>February 2016: 4. Hackney Cycling Survey</b>	Continue preparing the survey and to circulate it in a word-processable format.	RA
<b>February 2016: 9. Other events</b>	Convene an events planning session.	OS
<b>March 2016: 8. Garage</b>	Audit the garage and make recommendations to the group.	BP, OS, DL
<b>4. Hackney Cycling</b>	Think about possible input to	OS

<b>Conference</b>	the conference about Hackney cycling businesses.	
<b>7. Finance</b>	Invite Audrey de Nazelle from Imperial and someone from King's.	JW, DV

## 1. Minutes and matters arising

**Liaison with Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign:** JK said that this had happened at an informal level. OS asked if there would be value in a formal meeting. BH was interested to know how the group saw the 'Mini-Holland' schemes and what was good and what was bad. We wondered whether we could do a visit as part of the 'Sign for Cycling' campaign or later, and whether we might do an infrastructure tour or a sit-down meeting. We decided not to meet as part of the campaign but to ask WFCC in June or July.

**Chatsworth Road:** We had submitted a consultation response to this scheme.

**Vision process:** We did not have a populated web forum yet so had not yet been able to create discussion threads. OS had not yet started work on a series of workshops.

**Care Commissioning Group:** We thought we could use Homerton Hospital's recent endorsement of the London Fields scheme to work with the CCG, as the public health provider for Hackney.

**20mph enforcement:** Various informal kinds of liaison about 20mph had taken place. JK had met the police about the recent discussion on Twitter about helmet-wearing advice and had raised it among a discussion on police information actions for cyclists (to include bikemarking and 'Exchanging Places' (giving cyclists the opportunity to sit in a lorry to show them the driver's perspective) events, as well as practical advice on cycling that went beyond helmets and hi-visibility clothing). Charlie Holland of Lambeth Cyclists had given useful advice and shown how to make the message very brief and easy to remember. HF-W said that we shouldn't be part of a safety campaign that didn't also include enforcement. TP urged caution, as enforcement may well not focus on sources of danger but go for the easy way of enforcing against cycling. There had been plenty of examples of this in the past.

**Bus speed limits:** There had been an announcement the previous week that TfL were going to put speed limiters on their buses.

## 2. London Fields modal filtering

We heard reports back on recent campaigning. Owing to the London Assembly and Mayoral elections in May, Hackney had now entered purdah and there was accordingly a delay in further progress. We expected it to resume after purdah ended.

We said well done to London Fields residents for campaigning so hard on supporting the proposals. We also wanted to keep the momentum for other schemes. JK said a look needed to be taken at the way councils went out and consulted residents. We also thought another look had to be taken at Broadway Market again, as the London Fields scheme

was an enabler for further work in the area. There was still the Central London Grid work to progress, as well as our long-standing idea for a bus-and-cycle filter on the Cat and Mutton bridge. Our 'ward ask' was the definition of the cell.

### **3. Bike Week**

We discussed our proposed summer fundraiser in St Mary's Secret Garden, which we decided not to hold as part of Bike Week, but in July.

OS had had an idea for a 'Tour de Hackney' or 'Hackney Classic' loosely modelled on the successful 'London Classic' ride that could not be held this year.

We had to find out when the Finsbury Park Festival of Cycling was going to be held.

### **4. Hackney Cycling Conference**

This was going to be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and its theme was 'cycling in the transport mix'. We wondered if we were going to hold the Strawbale Sessions as a 'fringe' conference this year, or perhaps a 'Hackney Cycling Conference Seminar', as it was a series of informal seminars.

NG asked if there was going to be anything in the Town Hall Square outside the conference. RM was probably going to organise something there. OS suggested looking into something on Hackney cycling businesses as part of conference.

**Action:** OS to think about possible input to the conference about Hackney cycling businesses.

### **5. 'Sign for Cycling'**

This was the LCC's Mayoral elections campaign. There were three demands and a petition, for which the target was 50,000 signatures. No big event was being planned. The LCC was asking local groups to publicise the campaign. RLu suggested picking good spots and leafleting. He was going to pick up campaign materials from the LCC office. TP asked if there was any mechanism for getting new people involved if they'd ticked a box, for instance to offer them easy activities as a 'way in'. OS said that this would be great, but that the LCC had historically not been very good at using data it collected on this.

JK said that he would like to do an event. We looked at the timings. There was going to be the Times hustings on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, as well as another hustings at the Copper Box. OS said that we had organised hustings for our local London Assembly candidates in the past, but that these had not been too successful. We did not decide to do an event.

### **6. Hackney Cycling Survey**

This was on-line but we were waiting with publicising it until a more suitable time. JK said that he had an off-line copy of it now. There was probably going to be a presentation of data at the Hackney Cycling Conference. DV asked how this was going to influence Hackney's plan for action 2015-9. We did not know this yet.

## 7. Finance

DH had given his apologies but had provided copies of the draft budget. In summary, there was less money coming in than the previous year, and we were going to use more money for campaigning and to buy a projector. TP noted that money was still assigned for the 'Cycling Showcase' even though we were not going to hold one this year. OS suggested to possibly use it for the proposed Gillett Square Cycling Festival, if that was happening.

JW asked if we should invite someone from Imperial College to talk about air pollution. DV said that he had been looking at air pollution and the work of 'Client Earth', a group of environmentally-minded lawyers, and suggested getting someone from the Air Quality Unit at King's College. He also suggested doing our own monitoring of air pollution levels, to complement work that had already been done across the borough. JW said he was sceptical whether we'd generate good enough evidence, as this was difficult to do. BP said that any speaker we invited should be able to show us how to use data like this in campaigning. OS suggested having an agenda item in a future meeting on air pollution, to which both possible speakers could be invited. JW was going to invite Audrey de Nazelle from Imperial and DV someone from King's.

OS suggested we should approve the budget in May, as envisaged by DH when he provided the draft.

**Actions:** JW to invite Audrey de Nazelle from Imperial and DV someone from King's.

## 8. Missing 'except cycles' signs—two-year update

TP had put together a list and [a map of missing 'except cycles' signs](#) in 2013. There were about 48 places where they should be installed. The lack of signage not only undersold how permeable our streets were for cycling, but also made navigation uncertain for people who were trying to find direct, quiet routes. Nothing had happened since the original map had been put together. OS said this sort of thing was best dealt with as a job lot. TP suggested buying some signs for Hackney as a campaigning action, as they were inexpensive.

## 9. Current consultations

**Writing consultation responses (e.g., Mare Street between Andrews Road and Westgate Street):** OS had brought a document with tips on how to write consultation responses. He had been unhappy with the standard of some recent responses, especially concerning suggestions contained in them for traffic schemes that it was not possible to construct.

**Lower Clapton Road/Urswick Road:** We were still pursuing a meeting with TfL about this scheme and discussed some aspects of it again, including that one of its motivations was the high rate at which people on bikes were jumping lights at the junction at present. TP said that the London Cycle Network Route 9 passed to the north partly because of the problems with this junction.

## 10. Other events

There were none.

## **11. Rides**

NG had organised a Family Ride on Easter Saturday. This had attracted parents with around 10 'box bikes' containing lots of kids.

## **12. Any other business**

**Meeting venue:** OS raised the fact that the venue was very cold. While this should not have the same impact during the coming summer months, it had been a problem at this meeting. JK said that he was going to start the search for a new venue.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016, 7:30pm.