

Wednesday, 1 Feb 2017 7:30 -9:00pm

Pembury Community Centre, Pembury Estate, E8

Present: Jono Kenyon (Co-ordinator), Brenda Puech (Secretary), Natalie Gould, Harry Fletcher-Wood (consultation co-ordinators), Richard Lufkin (Hackney Cllr), Rachel Aldred, (Research and Insight) Richard Lewis, Markus, Selina & Ross Alexander (Haringey), Alex Jenkins (Tower Hamlets), Vince Cifani (Joyride)

Apologies: Matt Saywell, Dave Lukes, Gus Macdonald, Kate Charteris, Garmon Ap Garth, Ruth-Anna, Trevor Parsons, Alison Heard

1 Minutes and matters arising from meeting 11 January 2017

- **Letter to LCC re Hackney Committee member:** Jono will follow up with Mustafa Arif, chair of LCC Board, as we have not heard back from them.
- **Cycling collisions:** Rachel has tried to find out if we can receive information about collisions involving cyclists from the police with no success. Will now follow up with Simon Munk (LCC) as information not available from police but possibly from TfL.
- **Video of traffic movement at Whiston Road /Goldsmith Row traffic junction.** Brian Jones to be asked to do this.
- **Consultations report back**
 - Mare St/London Lane consultation response went in
 - Charlotte St/ Rivington St junction Consultation response has gone in.
- **Goldsmith Row Cycle Counter display:** Natalie has asked Tyler Linton about repairing the display and has had a response that this is being done.

2 Cllr Phil Jones talk (Camden Council, Cabinet Member for Transport, Regeneration and Planning) gave a talk on the following headings:

- Camden's policy approach
- Schemes relevant to Hackney
 - Torrington/ Tavistock corridor
 - West End Project (due completion 2018)
 - Holborn Project
- Issues and challenges
 - Growing opposition to cycle schemes
 - Cyclists being blamed for congestion in London
 - Air quality
 - Working with Mayor and TfL.
 - Growing complaints about disability issues
 - Borough elections 2018 and ward asks
- Building support for new cycle infrastructure
- Future ideas

The presentation slides will be available on our website.

On the Q & A session, it was noted that regarding traffic schemes ostensibly causing congestion, more research and data is needed on traffic evaporation and impact of schemes to counter misinformation.

3 Group 2017 Planning Workshop

It was agreed this would be held at our current meeting venue, the Pembury community centre, on **Saturday 4 March 2017** with a three hour session in the morning from 11-1:00pm.

This will inform our campaigning for the 2017 and also longer term planning.

We will have a broadbased agenda based partly on Hackney Cycling Survey.

We will also look at schemes coming up so that we can be proactive rather than reactive.

This will be followed by the launch of the Family Cycling Project the next day **Sunday 5th March** which will be a family friendly event on London Fields.

It was noted that this would provide us an opportunity to feed into political party manifestos. It is essential to get in at an early stage before the manifestos are finalised. It was noted that the Labour Councillor selection will take place in early May. There will be series of Labour Party events in the summer with opportunities to feed into the manifesto. It was emphasised that costings are also required for the manifesto, so asks need to be realistic.

4 Website and communications update

Website: It was reported the group held a 'webjam' session to develop new content and structure for the website on Tuesday 24 January. The new look website has been launched and has gone live.

All previous items are retained on the site.

It was noted that we need a database of imagery of good schemes and engineering in Hackney. All members are encouraged to take photographs and email to the Group.

Communications: It was reported we have a Slack Group and a Whatsapp for the committee, and have started using Google Docs to share information.

5 Forthcoming committee meeting with Cllr Feryal and Andy Cunningham

It was noted we need to develop an agenda for this. Possible items include

- a site meeting at Wick Road. In relation to this it was noted that a new consultation with cycle tracks both sides will be consulted in this spring. We need to push for filtering Cassland Road if Wick Road becomes two-way to reduce overall capacity for motor traffic.

- London Fields Area report, Broadway Market Sustrans report and Council pledge to implement a 'school street' outside London Fields School on Lansdowne Drive.

Action: Natalie to push for this meeting.

6 Current consultations

- **Calvert Avenue/ Boundary Road** – Scheme to narrow junction mouth and have contraflow cycle lane section into Boundary Road to make it two-way for cycling. However, though does not link with other schemes. Noted inset car parking bay causing danger to cyclists and would recommend removal.

- 7 **Broadway Market and London Fields area:** It was noted that Garmon Ap Garth had written to Hackney Council about the London Fields area report and asking for progress regarding the promise to initiate a 'school street' for London Fields School on Westgate Street, but had not heard back.

Ben Alden-Falconer had written to the Mayor regarding issues with width restrictions on Middleton Road and had received a response regarding speeding and monitoring.

- 8 **Garage and Family Cycling Project:** There was a garage clear –out and tidy up on the 22nd Feb and all those who turned up were thanked for their efforts.

The launch date for Project is Sunday 5^h March to populate garage with new Family Cycling related items and have an event in London Fields park.

9 Cycle Super Highway 1 Update:

It was reported there had been a delegation to a full Council meeting that was opposed to scheme. Opposition was based on diversion of motor traffic to other residential streets, but no concrete proposals were put for the way forward. The delegation was asked if they would prefer further filtering – some would but some want to remove the scheme altogether. Council will look at implications of filtering roads north of Butterfield Green.

Hackney LCC did present written response to Council officers in relation to issues raised by the delegation

It was noted a delegation to Council is a good mechanism for putting forward views to Council. It would need to be introduced by a councillor.

It was reported that at there was a Twitter account that had been set up in support of the scheme. Response to this has been mixed.

10 Burns Night 2017 Update:

The event was reported to be a success providing good publicity for the Group and raising essential funds. While we are still in the process of reconciling final accounts, we have made approx. £1200.

11 Inter-borough schemes

As there were quite a few members from neighbouring boroughs, there was a discussion regarding interborough cooperation focusing on plans and ambitions for Green Lanes spanning between Hackney and Haringey.

It was noted there were plans to protect protected cycle lanes on Seven Sisters route. At the last Hackney LCC meeting with Council it was confirmed cycle lane segregation was being proposed, with consultation due this summer.

The group ambition is to remove the fencing along the park and put a cycle path on the perimeter edge of the park, and upgrading lighting as many cyclists use the park at night in the dark to make it safer to use.

Filtering of surrounding streets was discussed to reduce motor traffic rat running and bring down overall traffic levels in the area.

12 AOB

- We agreed to support LCC delegation to Camden Council re the Tavistock Place scheme. Members are encouraged to join the delegation. Rachel will circulate details once she hears back from Phil Jones.
- **Joyride initiative:** Vince Cifani introduced himself as part of Joyride, a new start up partnership with Future Cities Initiative.

They are testing a commercial product which is usually used to collect route data for bike sharing/hire schemes. They now want to collect data particularly with regard to parents and children cycling. They are testing to see if the LoRa network is viable for cycling. The hardware is mounted on to bike and tracks speed, location and temperature.

Contact details: Vince@joyride.city Website www.joyride.city

It was felt this would be relevant the Family Cycling Project.

- **Talk on hit and run collisions at next meeting:** Rachel Aldred would present findings on cyclists' collisions, including hit and runs.
- **West Midlands Police close passing initiative: Action:** Jono to write to Hackney MPS about Midland Police initiative and invite to our meeting addressing hit and run.
- **Hackney Cycling conference 27 April:** Agreed we would run a stall. RL and NG agreed to volunteer.
- **Summer fundraising event:** We have been offered use of Haggerston Park after the *Cycle Round the Borough event*, and plan to use this as summer fundraiser. Details to be worked out.

13 Next meeting date: Wednesday 1st March 2017, 7:30pm

Important dates to note:

- **Saturday 4th March 11:00am to 1:00pm:** Campaigning planning workshop at Pembury Community Centre, Pembury Estate, E8.
- **Sunday 5th March 10 am:** Launch of Family Planning Project, London Fields West Side
- **Thursday 27th April:** Hackney Cycling Conference