



Hackney Cycling - Monthly Meeting on 6 December 2017

Attendees: Kate Charteris (Website and IT), Gus MacDonald (Committee Member), Brian Jones (Committee Member), Dave Harris (Finance), Jono Kenyon (Coordinator and Chair), Natalie Gould (Secretary), Garmon Ap-Garth (Committee Member), and Matt Saywell (Multimedia)

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

1. Minutes and matters arising

Purchase of a new bike trailer for use by the group, NG to email Alix to get a price.

Issues with CS1 can be raised in the quarterly council meeting in January 2018.

JK receives emails from members relating to issues on Hackney streets. There followed a discussion on how we can best record members' gripes so that they can be noted and raised with the council. One suggestion was a publicly accessible spreadsheet. KC suggested putting something on Cyclescape or a map on which you can add problems.

JK said we would need a link from website to a map of Hackney. The map could be annotated, so that members could see what is going on in each part of the borough (for example, by clicking on Green Lanes would produce a pop-up stating that there was a scheme in progress).

2. Finance

DH is still working on the issue in relation to being charged VAT on the room hire by Peabody, and he is currently not getting a response to his letters. He has contacted the Charity Commission, but found that it doesn't cover Peabody, which is a housing association.

We have still not received money from Hackney Council for the BATB and DH is still chasing.

With regard to the haggis for Burns Night, DH has received a provisional invoice which is some £118 - £130 less than last year. We will need to provide more precise volumes in due course.

KC asked for £10-20 for facebook advertising, which was agreed.

3. Burns Night

JK asked everyone to share the facebook post and get your friends to come. He also suggested that people should buy their friends a ticket as a Christmas present.



GM raised the issue of where proceeds for the raffle will be going as he is often asked this question when he approaches local businesses for donations. JK suggested that the proceeds should go towards HCC and the Family Cycling Library.

We need to apply for the TEN licence, JK said that he has just done one and KC said that she would send NG the details of last year's application.

NG suggested that we have a membership stall at the event so that we can encourage new members to come and help us spend the money we raise. It was suggested that we obtain from Blaze lights from LCC as a giveaway to people who sign up.

4. Manifesto

KC said that the manifesto is now up on the website for private viewing (not published). HFW had reportedly wanted councillors to sign up before it launched, which will require letters to be drafted and sent to all councillors. JK said that he did not want to over complicate this or create too much work.

There was then a general discussion about the layout of the pledge pages.

JK suggested that we direct our campaign at individual political parties and get them to sign up. MS was concerned that, in the past, delivery on the promises had fallen short because individual councillors had not signed up, only the parties. JK said that if we want individuals to sign up then there will be lots of work chasing councillors and someone needs to start chasing them up.

KC said that this campaign should involve online clicktivism – something for everybody to get involved in. We need to finalise the layout on each page of the pledges. JK had concerns about certain pledges, and he was not sure they work particularly well. KC suggested that we don't present the pledges, just the manifesto. HFW reportedly wanted the challenges first, but MS thought that the challenges would be better at the end.

Upshot of the discussion was that the pledges would be removed, and photos & maps will go in for each *Achieved By* item; external links will need to be added in relation to each of the challenges.

5. IT Issues

KC said that Trevor needs to take information off the server before he can give us full access. We need to look at other hosting options and she will get quotes from providers such as Wordpress.

JK pointed out that nobody on current committee has administration rights to the Yahoo email groups. The intended replacement of Engaging Networks at LCC is not yet up and running. We should be looking to use Google groups to replace the old Yahoo groups - this will present an opportunity to make sure only those who want



to be on the list (for example, there are likely lots of people who have moved away etc). We should be able to use Civimail (?) for contacting our members, but otherwise we will need to set up a new Gmail group. KC pointed out that we need to maintain access to those who are interested in cycling but are not LCC members.

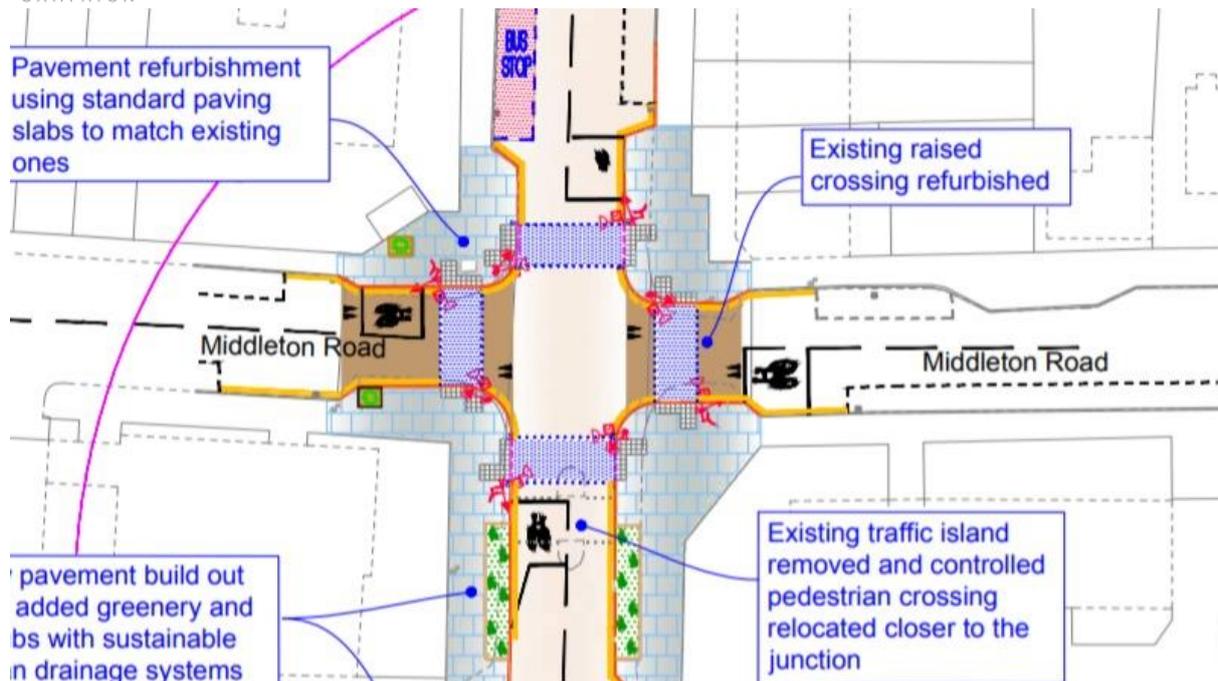
KC will be amending the *About Us* section of the website, as well as the resources section for the bike workshops. We need to have a campaigning section of the website where we can put items such as the manifesto, other live campaigns, and the 'problem map'.

6. London Fields and QW2/Queensbridge Road Crossing

GG told us that children in the LF local schools were being issued with leaflets regarding the school streets proposal. The ward forum, which was moved from November, was in the town hall last week. A number of different schemes were presented and there were about 100 people in attendance. Whilst there was the odd anti-cyclist remark, it was not a major feature of the meeting and it was not focused. No one mentioned Westgate Street and no one raised any significant objections to the school street proposal. Broadway Market was raised and there were complaints about bikes / cars. There appeared to be no coordinated campaigning against the proposals on the table. It was notable that some of the people who had previously campaigned against Option 1 were now complaining about rat running motor vehicles.

Scriven Street has recently reopened, but there is no modal filter; Hackney Council is reportedly still considering putting in something, such as a width restriction.

There was concern about the absence of a consultation in relation to the removal of the zebra crossing on Haggerston Road.



Middleton Road crossing (see above) - Middleton Road residents are worried that the signals may change the nature of the street and result in queuing traffic. However, people have had their concerns partly mitigated because the signals will be put in as part of a larger intervention including the school street and bus gate.

JK raised an issue with the narrowing of Queensbridge Road which creates a pinch point. Moreover, it is not clear how cyclists access the ASL when travelling north/south along Queensbridge Road. These concerns will be included in the consultation response,

GG told us that the consultation for the Westgate Street bus gate will come out soon and will likely offer 3 options for bus gate operation times.

Oldhill Street – NG said that the response has gone in.

Gayhurst School - School street consultation is finished.

It was noted that new modal filters were going in on Darnley Road and St Thomas's square, which were favourably received by all at the meeting.

7. Any Other Business

JK has got a meeting with TfL cycling delivery people next Friday, he has noted that many of the cycling people, including Brian Deegan, are leaving or have left TfL – report to follow.

JK noted that a meeting with the council regarding Green Lanes was coming up on 12 December – report to follow.



Healthy Streets initiative – the new money for Hackney Council is welcomed.

Brian Jones and Garmon Ap-Garth were co-opted onto the committee.

January meeting – postponed until second Wednesday of month because of proximity to New Year and we need to remind DH to change room booking. Next meeting is at **19:30 hours on 10 January 2017**.