



Hackney Cycling Monthly Meeting 7 February 2018

Attendees: Jono Kenyon (Coordinator), Dave Harris (Treasurer), Natalie Gould (Secretary), Gus MacDonald (Committee Member), Rachel Aldred (Research and Insight), Ruth-Anna MacQueen (Community Outreach), Matt Saywell (Multimedia), Harry Fletcher-Wood (Consultation Coordinator), Kate Charteris (IT).

Apologies: Brenda Puech (Deputy Secretary), Garmon Ap-Garth (Committee Member).

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

NG looked into trailer purchase from Carry Me Bikes. There are two options – the Carry Freedom and Outer Edge. The Carry Freedom is more expensive and we will need to budget about £200-250.

2. Manifesto

HFW said that the finalised manifesto (Appendix 1) was sent to Mayor Glanville and Cllr DeMirici and it now needs to be circulated more widely. We need to think about what to do in April so that people are thinking about the HCC manifesto as councillors are knocking on their doors in the run up to council elections. JK said that we should spend some time doing artwork and video(s). MS said that videos should cover the three key areas, and do the rest should be done with images. RL said that we need people to raise the manifesto with their councillors.

JK suggested that we have a social media campaign with a 10 day countdown of our asks, and this should be set up for the beginning of April.

RA said that we should not forget to send the manifesto to the other political parties.

HFW pointed out that the mayoral election was concurrent with the council elections, so we can produce another set of 'Mayoral asks' because Philip Glanville, the current mayor, had either delivered on the previous asks, or delivery was in progress. The new asks should be put up on website and sent to the four main parties. Attendees should have a think about what we do for this in March and April.

There was some general discussion about lobbying rules, but given that we are not spending any money, there was not too much concern. HFW said that he will look into it.

Regarding organising a hustings, we should offer the candidates a date of Monday 26 March 2018 subject to room availability (DH to make enquiries about room availability and let HFW know).

3. Finance and Burns Night

DH said that Burns Night ticket sales were the big gain and we were well up on 2017. The bar take was up 50%.



There was a discussion of what we should do with raffle proceeds. RAM said that the Family Cycling Library could use the money and it was agreed that the money should go there.

DH said that the bank balance looking healthy and we are due a VAT refund for the monthly meeting room of about £180.

DH arranged with NG and JK to add them as signatories for the bank account. The bank requires that the change in signatories is recorded in the minutes, and signed off by the relevant group officers.

4. Current Consultations.

City Fringe ULEZ.

The council are proposing this scheme which is essentially a partial modal filter; the funding has come from an air quality fund. There are timed access restrictions during which the area will be accessible only to cycles, low emission hybrid and electric vehicles. This matter was discussed with Simon Munk and it was agreed that the proposal was a useful first step. Whilst we should approve the scheme we should ask for more. RAM suggested that restrictions should be 24 hours, but HFW said that there would then be problems with deliveries. The scheme is up on Cyclescape and people should comment. JK said that cab drivers are set against it, so there is a risk that the consultation may receive some negative responses. There was, however, general agreement that this was not a scheme where we should be spending lots of time asking our members to respond.

New Inn Yard

There was general agreement that the scheme was acceptable but we should be asking for filtering.

JK met with @hackneycyclist (who had contacted JK over Westfield cycle parking) and the Building Development Manager (BDM) of Westfield Shopping Centre. Westfield have recently removed their best cycle parking spaces because of a new building development. It was a genuinely positive meeting with Westfield (BDM), who agreed that the current offering of cycle parking was not good enough. They walked around the site and the BDM agreed to lots of new cycle parking and he hinted that the ring road may be modified. Apparently 1% of visitors to Westfield come by cycle - some 500,000 a year. Westfield have a team working on signage and they are involving Cyclehoop in the installations of cycle parking.

JK and @hackneycyclist also had a look at Fish Island where a new road bridge is being built by London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC). JK observed that with all the new roads going in, there is little greenery left in the middle section of the park – there are new roads going in around the stadium and a new school. There appears to be an accountability gap with LLDC.



KC suggested that the three LCC groups closest to Fish Island could together write to LLDC. HFW to contact Alex from Tower Hamlets and the Newham Group.

5. AOB

RAM & KC said that it would be good to have a stall at the Hackney half marathon on 20 May 2018. We will need to contact the council to make sure we are mentioned on the promotional literature. It was suggested that we borrow the LCC cargo bike and put up a gazebo. JK said we should consider setting aside, say £400, to give 40 people £10 off LCC membership. HFW said that LCC are about to launch a new membership area. Any membership promotion may need clearance from LCC. RAM said we should have something to actually give out when people sign up (such as cycle lights) and something for kids. RL to ask whether we can get a stall but warned that the whole thing is over before lunch.

Regarding the website and IT - KC sent email late this afternoon to previous members who currently run the group's website & server, because we still do not have access to the group's domain name, the Yahoo email lists and the web server. She suggested that we purchase another domain name as a back-up – we could use Wordpress to host the website and google groups for emails.

HFW will be set up with new username for the new LCC email system Civimail so we can contact all our members, but is concerned whether people can respond on the same system.

JK uses Trello and suggested that we experiment with this platform.

KC has resigned from the committee because she is moving to New Zealand in May. The whole meeting made a note of thanks to Kate for all her hard work, and we are sorry to see her go.

AM said that the London Bike Kitchen is offering discounted workshops to HCC members and we should promote this by putting it up on facebook. NG will put this up on FB once Gus sends over details.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 March 2018 in Pembury Community Centre.



APPENDIX 1 – Hackney Cycling Manifesto 2018

Hackney Cycling Campaign Manifesto

Hackney has taken ambitious steps to make walking and cycling safer, but it faces significant challenges:

- **Growth** - An [extra 40,000](#) people living in Hackney in the next ten years
- **Roadspace** - [65% of households only walk, cycle, or use public transport](#), but road space is dominated by cars
- **Rat-running** – Three quarters of journeys on Hackney Road [originate outside the borough](#)
- **Obesity** - [4 in 10](#) Year 6 children in Hackney are obese and overweight
- **Pollution** - [20,000 Hackney schoolchildren](#) breathe illegally polluted air at school
- **Danger** – [Three quarters](#) of those injured or killed on Hackney roads are walking or cycling
- **Inequality** – Women particularly [prefer to cycle separated from traffic](#), yet almost any journey in Hackney requires mixing with vehicles.

We call for a cleaner, greener, happier, healthier Hackney in which:

- **Main roads are safe** - Residents and visitors are attracted to cycling as a safe, quick and convenient means of transport, physically protected from drivers on main roads
- **Streets are homely** - Residential streets are homely environments, redesigned to be free from rat-running drivers
- **Children are safe** - 90% of children walk or cycle to school
- **Design is inclusive** - All new schemes allow all-ability cycling on cargobikes and trikes and meet the manifesto commitments of Wheels for Wellbeing
- **Sustainability comes first** - Roadspace is reallocated from motor vehicles to make it easier to walk and cycle - and to park bicycles
- **Cycling is safe** - The police actively enforce 20mph limits and safe driving; where enforcement is insufficient, roads are redesigned

This can be achieved by:

1. Ensuring all new road schemes meet the London Cycling Design Standards
2. Creating protected space for cycling on Seven Sisters Road, Amhurst Park, Green Lanes and from Stamford Hill to Stoke Newington on the A10
3. Creating a traffic-free East-West route parallel to Regents Canal
4. Removing through motor traffic from the length of Cycle Superhighway 1 and creating safe crossings of major roads
5. Ensuring protected space for cycling as part of the redesigned Stoke Newington Gyratory
6. Improving South Hackney by resisting new road building and modally filtering Victoria Park Road.
7. Providing school streets to every school that wants one
8. Allowing residents to apply for cycle parking on road space
9. Closing Broadway Market to through motor traffic