

Haringey Cycling Campaign

10th May 2021

19:30 – 21:15

By Zoom

Minutes

1. **Attending:** Jim Bewsher, Adam Coffman, Toby Edwards, Grant Gahagan, Peter, Sally Haywill, Angela Hobsbaum (Secretary), Ben House (Coordinator), Jake Morris, Michael Poteliakhoff (Consultations), Andrew Rendle, Kim Roberts.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Selena Calder, Elizabeth Payne.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**, 12 April, were agreed as correct.
4. **Walking and Cycling Stakeholder group meeting**, 21 April: BH reported on this meeting:
 - LTNs: design workshops had just been announced and members were encouraged to apply to participate.
<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/travel/transport-strategy/low-traffic-neighbourhoods-haringey#Design%20workshops>
Following these, the proposals would be presented at formal consultations in July. SH asked whether those who had participated in the previous meetings would be invited; it was also suggested that we should write to Haringey councillors in the relevant wards to point out that LTNs were popular; in the recent elections, candidates who opposed LTNs had not been elected.
 - DfT-funded cycle lanes: Simi Shah said that wands would now be added but these would be 8m apart, whereas we felt 4m was a more effective distance. In some places, Haringey needed more consultations before wands could be installed. It was suggested that an FOI should be lodged asking what the response of the emergency services was to wands. It was noted that a pedestrian who had tripped over a mini-orca was allegedly now taking legal action against Haringey. HCC had long considered that mini-orcas could present a trip hazard to pedestrians.
 - Other cycleways: Haringey expected to receive £10m over three years, with £5.1m available now; they wanted to use this for an E-W route and a N-S route and was inviting HCC to take part in rides to clarify which routes were preferred. It was noted that HCC had indicated a preference for Green Lanes as the N-S route some time ago, although Maurice Richards (H'gey traffic engineer) felt that a traffic-free route along Wightman Road might encourage future generations of young cyclists. It was important to consider the links needed to make a continuous route. There was less clarity about the desired E-W route. We needed to ride all possible routes soon; they wanted to start design work in early June and complete them in 18 months.
 - School Streets: all signage was now in place and the first ten opened on 26 April; so far no reports of problems. Four more would be opened in June (after half term) and four more in September (start of Autumn term).
 - Walking and Cycling Action Plan: publication was delayed while branding was finalised but now election purdah was over, it should be published soon. Haringey was criticised for failing to visibly promote active travel, while advertising free parking.
 - Tottenham Hale: a site meeting on 6 May included Michael Poteliakhoff, Ben House, Maurice Richards, Michael Barratt (Development Impact Assessment Manager, TfL),

Sorwar Ahmed (Regeneration team). MP reported that this had been a useful meeting and he had sent a report to Michael Barratt (TfL) and Haringey officers. Sally said it was hard to find the route; there was a lack of signing and it was unpleasant.

5. KSI on Alexandra Palace Way: AC had spoken to Mike Hakata, Chair of AP Trustees. MH would prefer the road to be treated as part of Haringey's network and included in future traffic schemes, as the road was heavily congested. He would present this to the Trustees.
6. Bruce Grove LTN: SH had 15 respondents to her questionnaire, and 10 said they would be willing to meet to consider the LTN. There was general agreement that there was too much rat-running by fast cars. She was organising a Dr Bike + refreshments on 30 May with Patrick Field. It was agreed that he could be paid £40 by HCC as a contribution for his time.
7. Bike Week, 30 May – 5 June: there was discussion about whether we should do a ride along routes where we hope new cycle routes will be, whether we could film them, what the aim was. Other possibilities included having a stall in Finsbury Park, Priory Park or Ally Pally, to attract families and give out information. MP asked whether the goal was to mobilize action or to raise our profile? It was decided to do something at the weekend to reach families; to give out postcards to encourage people to contact their councillors to support our aims. MP thought a Dr Bike at the BMX track in Lordship Rec might be a useful place. 5 June was agreed to be the best date; Peter, KR, JB and BH were willing to take part.
8. Communications Strategy: JB summarised the main points from the meeting with Simon Munk (27 April), notes already circulated. Winning political support: we need very clear aims and a clear message; Grant was working on this. We should compliment and encourage the council in public to show our support, while being critical in meetings (e.g. W&C Stakeholder Group). We should do more rides with councillors to raise their awareness. AC reported that the mayor, Adam Jogee, had just bought a bike and would be happy to do a ride with us.
9. AOB (i) JB had drafted a couple of FOI requests; Peter would advise; agreed these should come from HCC.
(ii) JB will draft notes on each communication channel – f/b, website, Twitter and who deals with each. Peter will liaise. BH would like our website to be updated (similar to Camden Cyclists (<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/>) to provide information and be regularly updated; AR will liaise with BH.
(iii) MP shared a link to all Haringey's cycling and related reports, from 2013 to date. <https://1drv.ms/u/s!Ahx32XKlfwuwgYlyOxGM0NAXYtOBiQ?e=BL6EmV>
(iv) There was no time to consider BH's version of the Haringey Vision map (<https://bit.ly/3to7S0s>).

The meeting finished at 21.20.

The next meeting will be Monday 14th June at 7:30pm