

Haringey Cycling Campaign

13th September 2021

19:30 – 21:00

in Person and by Zoom

Minutes

Welcome and introductions: in person: Ben House (coordinator), Angela Hobsbaum (secretary), Sally Haywill, Peter G., Elizabeth Payne, Anke Böhme, Pamela Harling, Andrew Rendle, Adam Coffman.

On Zoom: Michael Poteliakhoff (consultations), Kim Roberts, Katy Rodda (LCC), Rhian Brenton, Grant Gahagan.

Apologies: Helen Kearney, Jim Bewsher, Christina Buch-Petersen.

Minutes of the 12 July meeting: these were accepted as correct.

Matters arising: SH was frustrated that she had no replies from anyone in Haringey Council, including Mike Hakata, about contraflows in Bruce Grove. AC recommended contacting local councillors who had an obligation to respond.

No-one had volunteered to be a borough representative on LCC's Climate Safe Streets; we needed to find a keen recruit. KR reminded that LCC was hosting a webinar on this topic on Monday 20 September at 6.30 <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlPd-ihrTgpGNTk-7sLAHpaXtlI6Dhc0xhR>

LTN consultations: Consultation on Haringey's first three LTNs has opened: Bounds Green, Bruce Grove and St. Ann's. The deadline for responses is Friday 17 September. A long discussion ensued, including the following points:

- Bruce Grove A is the only one with a lot of one-way streets; the maps did not show contraflows
- KR recommended the article on contraflow cycling in Brussels <https://cyclehighways.eu/index.php?id=233>
- The consultation documents were very technical and detailed and lay people might find the language quite hard to understand
- Not everyone had received the documents on paper; households who didn't receive them might be unaware of the proposals
- MP would be preparing a response from HCC, with a general introduction welcoming LTNs in principle but making specific points about each one
- There were few changes to distributor roads surrounding the LTNs; if these took more motor traffic following the LTN, they would be more hostile for cyclists
- The LTNs were an 18-month experiment, after which they would be reviewed
- There seemed to have been some small changes following the earlier engagement meetings
- Everyone was encouraged to respond individually
- Cards had been printed to distribute to cyclists to encourage awareness and to get them to respond by Friday. Members present took cards to distribute.
- PG suggested that we should ask Haringey not only how many respondents there had been but also how many had given up responding to the survey half-way through – an indicator of difficulty in understanding the material
- AC had heard that there were preliminary discussions about a possible Haringey Ladder LTN because residents were concerned about the impact of St. Ann's LTN on the ladder.

Action: MP to prepare a response from HCC.

Big Walk and Cycle Ride, 26 September: BH explained that this had been planned in collaboration with Haringey Living Streets, local FoE groups, Haringey Extinction Rebellion, Haringey Clean Air Group. The route was from Manor House to Downhills Park. Leaflets had been printed and were being distributed. RB and AB volunteered to marshal. All present took leaflets to distribute.

Action: BH would email the text to AR for website. Sent.

Katy Rodda, LCC Network Coordinator: Katy explained her role in supporting the network of borough coordinators. LCC was keen to widen the activists in the boroughs; some boroughs had found that buddy schemes helpful; however, HCC had considered this but felt that as Haringey lacked a usable network of safe roads, we didn't feel confident in buddying novice cyclists. However, EP suggested that there might be an opportunity in helping people to find routes back to the office. We should publicise good cycling routes when the LTNs were in place. KR also suggested we might make contact with BUGs in local hospitals (North Middlesex in Enfield and Whittington in Islington) and make contact with Enfield Cycling Campaign to facilitate more partnerships, working together.

Proposed Cycling Improvements: Bounds Green Road, Green Lanes, High Road & Station

Road: Haringey are proposing to make permanent the changes introduced as part of the DfT Covid-19 precautions, by making some of the routes mandatory and adding wands instead of orcas. There was discussion about using parked cars as protection along Station Road. GG would prepare a response. It was suggested that HCC should request that all mini-orcas previously installed should be replaced with wands now.

Action: GG to prepare response from HCC, and to ask that all mini-orcas should be replaced by wands.

AOB:

Sustainability Week: 20 – 26 September: PH reported that there were events in Chestnuts Park on Active Travel Day, 22 September.

Forthcoming meetings with Haringey: Walking & Cycling Stakeholder group, 15 September 5 – 6, on Teams. Park View Road Underpass, 17 September 12 – 1.30, MP; Mayes Road, 21 September 2 – 4, AC and MP.

AC queried why we had not had further updates on Penstock Tunnel and why Haringey's Walking and Cycling Action Plan hadn't yet been published.

SH announced that Kitchener Road would be a Play Street on September 19th, 2 – 5.

PG asked about the impact of construction vehicles on St Ann's LTN, during what was likely to be a protracted building project there.

Next HCC meeting: Monday 11 September 19:30-21:00.