

Haringey Cycling Campaign

Monday 9th August 2021

19:30 – 21:00

By Zoom

Minutes

Welcome and introductions: Ben House (Coordinator); Angela Hobsbaum (Secretary; Muswell Hill); Sally Haywill (Bruce Grove/LTN); Jase Warner (Noel Park); Ben Nathan (Bounds Green/LTN); Andrew Rendle (Alexandra Park + website); Pete G (Hornsey Ladder); Helen Kearney (Priory Park); Jim Bewsher (Northview Road + Comms); Pamela (White Hart Lane; Sustainable Haringey).

Apologies: Christina Buch-Petersen; Grant Gahagan; Kim Roberts; Adam Coffman; Jake M.

Minutes of the last meeting, 12 July: Accepted.

Matters arising: Sally Haywill will plan a route around Bruce Grove LTN and invite Mike Hakata to join her at a busy time of day to demonstrate the problems with contraflows on one-way streets.

We haven't got anyone to volunteer to work with Suami Rocha of the LCC role on Climate Safe Streets (see July minutes), <https://www.lcc.org.uk/climate-safe-streets/>

ACTION: AH would contact Suami Rocha at LCC.

Mike Hakata, deputy leader of Haringey Council with responsibility for Environment, Transport and Climate Emergency, had joined our June meeting; BH could send a link to a recording of this meeting to anyone interested.

Bruce Grove LTN: SH had taken part in all the engagement meetings so far but had been unable to convince anyone that the one-way streets with contraflow cycling were dangerous especially at junctions; she asked who were the relevant officers to contact for help? JB would send her the list of Haringey officers but we were unclear about their areas of responsibility. It was suggested that HCC should ask Mike Hakata for a regular meeting.

ACTION: BH to contact Mike Hakata.

Parklets in Haringey: SH wanted to know the process to get more parklets in Haringey; the first one, in Gladstone Avenue, Noel Park, has just been opened; it had funding from the Mayor's Grow Back Greener Fund.

ACTION: SH should contact Mike Hakata and Luke Newcombe at Grown22.com.

Anke Boehme's ride with Mike Hakata on 14 July: BH reported that AB had invited Mike Hakata for a ride down Jackson's Lane, suggesting that it should be filtered at the top to make it safer for parents and children accessing Highgate schools and at the bottom, where it would offer spill-out space from the theatre. She also wanted the Northwood Road tunnel (under the Parkland Walk) to be filtered. The local LibDems are proposing an additional bollard and flashing lights (despite proximity to bats in Parkland Walk). Mike said public consultation would be needed, but closure would generate much opposition.

HCC Communications: JB reported that our new strapline: Safe enjoyable cycling for all, was now on our website and would be included on our f/b page and on Twitter. Our f/b page is to be converted into a f/b group. Twitter: could we say more about what we are doing? Should be blowing our own trumpet more. We have a WhatsApp group consisting of about 20 members for instant chats; BH can give details to

anyone who would like to join it. Website is gradually being improved; this should be a repository of information and resources for members. JW offered to help AR with the website as he is a website designer, while AR has technical skills.

ACTION: BH to contact EP to see if she can do f/b changes.

Meeting with Living Streets: JB reported on a meeting with chairs of Living Streets (Haringey); we aim to agree core priorities before the next council elections in May 2022, to build a coalition of organisations to present a united set of demands to councillors. Living Streets prefers the term Streets for People rather than Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (which puts emphasis on motor vehicles). Other groups we might approach are Friends of the Earth, Haringey Climate Action, Sustainable Haringey, Haringey Clean Air group. Pam suggested we should look at the Haringey Climate Change Action Plan, and make sure that the Walking and Cycling Action Plan also contained a zero carbon action plan.

ACTION: Continue discussion with Cat and Jack at LS(H)

Cycle Parking and Bike Hangars: Apparently there are over 6,000 people on the waiting list for a place in a bike hangar in Haringey; current capacity 840; but the existing hangars are sometimes under-used and Cyclehoop doesn't seem to have a very responsive system for reviewing usage and re-allocating spaces. The system requires would-be users to put their name down for specific hangars, and members report being on the waiting list for years. Mike Hakata said the system for organising and allocating places was being reviewed.

Any Other Business:

Haringey's previous reports and consultations: BH invited members to put any comments on the spreadsheet.

PG was concerned at the delay in publishing the Walking and Cycling Strategy for consultation; HCC had commented on the draft in April.

BH invited members to comment on their local cycling experience:

JW recommended Cycleway 20, the Salmons Brook route, for cycling out of Haringey into Enfield.

JB and Pam agreed that the Lea Valley towpath was not wide enough for shared use.

Pam reported that Go Green Week was 20 – 26 September, and Active Travel day was 24 September; she asked us to support this at Chestnuts Community Centre.

Face-to-face meetings versus Zoom: there was discussion about when face-to-face meetings might be resumed; it was suggested that we should find an alternative venue to the Great Northern Tavern, as this venue might inhibit some members; it was agreed to consider the All Good Bookshop, 35 Turnpike Lane.

ACTION: to find out whether this would be a suitable venue.