

Haringey Cycling Campaign

10th January 2022

19:30 – 21:30

by Zoom

Minutes

Attending on Zoom: Grant Gahagan (Council liaison; chairing meeting but joined 7.55), Angela Hobsbaum (Secretary), Michael Poteliakhoff (Consultations), Jim Bewsher (Communications), Anke Boehme, Adam Coffman, Peter G, Quentin Given, Pam Harling, Sally Haywill, Andrew Rendle, Kim Roberts, Katy Rodda (LCC), Monica Teversham, Tessa Thomas, Jase Warner.

Apologies: Ben House (Coordinator), Elisabeth Payne.

1. Welcome and introductions: members introduced themselves briefly and described their cycling habits; Katy Rodda explained that she was LCC's network coordinator, and was looking forward to hearing what was happening in Haringey; in her opinion, the recent improvements in local boroughs Camden, Islington and Hackney were putting pressure on Haringey to catch up.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: accepted.

3. Matters arising: It was confirmed that Councillor Ian Barnes (Enfield) would attend the next meeting (14 Feb) to talk about the lessons they had learned from installing LTNs. Katy Rodda suggested that in the most successful campaigns, cycling groups had teamed up with other organisations to emphasise active travel/clean air/safer streets/parklets/climate change/disability groups/playstreets and it was vital to get collaboration with other local groups and individuals, and to maintain contact with local councillors so that they were well-rehearsed in the arguments. LCC were preparing a toolkit; it may not be ready yet. Important to make a very positive vision of improvements: sociable streets, reducing social isolation, not just removing traffic. We need to pool our local knowledge; there was discussion about who to contact in the imminent Bounds Green LTN. *Who to coordinate this?*

It was agreed that Tessa's item - cycling in company – would be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Tessa Thomas to prepare a short introduction.

4. Draft Walking and Cycling Action Plan: MP reported that a response had been submitted, in collaboration with FoE, Haringey LS, MH Sustainability, Haringey Clean Air Group. There would be opposition from e.g. Highgate Society. Those who coordinated the final version were thanked, especially Jack Maizels (LS) JB and AH (HCC). PH found it very onerous to respond via Commonplace. There was discussion about how to prepare for work starting imminently on Bounds Green LTN (end of January); how to reach the undecided; how to involve disabled people; how to stress community benefits and collective improvement.

5. Local election preparations: PG reported that our five pledges had been sent to all main parties in Haringey Council; the Lib Dems had endorsed them but there had been no response from Labour and the Greens. There was discussion about how to improve this; when local candidates are announced, we should write to each one individually getting their endorsement, especially those in wards which will have LTNs soon (Bruce Grove, St Ann's). We should also ask the local Conservatives to endorse our 5 asks – if we can find them.

6. HCC Social Ride to Enfield, 23 January, led by GG: GG outlined his proposed route, intended to enable people to experience the benefits of an LTN; he will register it with LCC; Covid restricts numbers to 15.

While it might be instructive to ride round Bounds Green before the LTN was installed, it was a very unpleasant area at the moment.

7. FOI response: Haringey's response to our FOI was explained – Project Centre's consultants' fees for Crouch End, which was so unsatisfactory that it was not implemented. Small sums had been spent on CS1.

8. Communications: JB praised the coordinated response to the WCAP. Tweets were useful and it was good to get all the documents on the website, but more conversations were needed on facebook. PG suggested that we needed to prepare messages now to rebut angry messages on social media. KR reminded that the LCC knowledge base and LTN toolkit together with mythbusting ideas were good resources. We should also publicise our own (old) LTNs in Haringey (e.g. in Crouch End). We need to check what air quality data is available in Haringey.

ACTION: JB to take photos of LTNs in Haringey for article on website and future publicity.

9 Bikers' Breakfasts: AH and SH were keen to organise some, with Dr Bike too, to improve community awareness among cyclists, spread good messages (e.g. about LTNs), etc. There was discussion about the best places – High Road near Turnpike Lane; Manor House at the corner with Finsbury Park; in Ally Pally, when families with children would be around. Advance publicity would be needed.

ACTION: AH and SH to prepare a proposal for the next meeting.

10. AOB:

(i) Wightman Road: we will press for a date for a meeting on this with Mike Hakata.

(ii) Haringey Healthy Places Group: GG and BH had made a short presentation; there was much interest in active travel; social prescribing could happen when improvements from WCAP were implanted.

(iii) W&C Stakeholders' group: next meeting 13/1/22: should we ask that revenue from cameras be ring-fenced for active travel? KR said that physical barriers were better than fines; exemptions on ANPRs were problematic; delivery firms just have budgets to pay fines. AC asked for an update on wands and on the consultation on Green Lanes loading bay by hotel. GG asked for a report on why Highways Dept; never improved infrastructure when resurfacing; speed humps had recently been removed from Durnsford Road.

Date of next meeting: 7.30-9.00pm 14 February 2022.

Meeting closed at 21.30.