

Haringey Cycling Campaign

14th March 2022

19:30 – 21:10

by Zoom

Minutes

Attending: Ben House (Coordinator), Michael Poteliakhoff (Consultations), Jim Bewsher (Communications), Angela Hobsbaum (Secretary), Emmet McCallum, Monica Teversham (joint HCC Climate Safe Streets campaigners), Sally Haywill, Andrew Rendle, Tessa Thomas, Anke Boehm, Peter G, Grant Gahagan (Council liaison – joined at 8p.m.), Verral Paul-Walcott (visitor- Street Team).

Apologies: Kim Roberts, Pamela Harling, Elizabeth Payne.

Introductions: Members introduced themselves briefly, saying where they cycled locally.

Minutes and matters arising: the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct.

Action taken: item 6: Local Elections Campaign: HCC would take part in a joint hustings with FoE, Sustainable Haringey and LS. There was discussion about who would chair this event; Henry Mance? Some concern was voiced that this event was to be held on zoom; could it be both f2f and zoomed? To be considered at the planning meeting organised by Quentin Given (FoE) on 23 March (see item 5 below).

3. Verral Paul-Walcott described how his bike group had expanded during lockdown in 2020 from 30 members to five times that number currently; they use cargo-bikes on night rides, carrying food and clothing to homeless street-sleepers. He has got sponsorship from some large firms for supplies. Currently they do canal-side rides on Fridays; Saturday meetings are more flexible. Verral was thanked for his inspiring contribution, and was invited to write something for HCC's website. *Facebook verrealwalcott1; Website c86erz.com; Instagram @c86erz*

4. HCC's Climate Safe Streets Campaign: Monica explained how LCC was coordinating this, by setting up a dedicated website, including the names of all the local candidates, who will be emailed to endorse HCC's five asks. Members were encouraged to let Monica and Emmet know of other groups (e.g. Mums for Lungs, local Parks groups, etc.) who could be contacted to endorse active travel. Monica and Anke had had a useful meeting with Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. The CSS Campaign would be launched by LCC on 24 March, but Haringey's candidates would not be announced till 6 April. LCC's plan would be shared with Jim B so that he could tweet and publicise on facebook, etc. LCC were producing posters and it was agreed that we could print these and get them displayed in local bike shops.

5. Environment Hustings: this has been organised by Quentin Given (FoE) and will take place on 12 April; a planning meeting will be held on 23 March. If it is on zoom, could it be recorded (with candidates' permission)? It was suggested that secondary schools should be contacted, to encourage students to participate, and to support school streets.

6. Noel Park Cycle Sisters: their next ride would be on Wednesday 16 March; meeting at The Cabin, Russell Park, N22. All women are welcome to come along and find out about the regular rides that Cycle Sisters run.

7. Pedal Power: a cycling club for people with learning disabilities: they hold three sessions weekly and are looking for volunteers:
Finsbury Park, Tuesdays, 9.30 – 2.30; Emirates Stadium, Thursdays 10 – 2; New River Stadium N22, Fridays 9.30 – 2.30. https://www.pedalpowercc.org/?page_id=614

8. HCC AGM: This will be held on **Monday 11 April**, at **7.30 in the All Good Bookshop**, and on zoom. All members were encouraged to volunteer to join the committee.

9. Next HCC group ride: it was felt that all candidates and MPs David Lammy and Catherine West should be invited, and all parties should be invited to send a representative; the purpose is to demonstrate the pleasure of cycling, not just to show how poor Haringey's cycling infrastructure is.

ACTION: Grant agreed to plan a route; date to be agreed with Monica and Emmet.

10. Communications: Jim reported that he continued to tweet and would include Climate Safe Street campaign on fb.

11. FOI Follow-up: It was agreed to draft a response, asking if an assessment had been made by TfL of the measures put in by Haringey using DfT Covid money.

ACTION: Jim B and Grant G to draft response.

12. AOB: there was no further items.

The meeting closed at 21.10.