

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14TH MARCH 2012

Present: Robert Harston, Stephen Taylor, Lucy Cooper (LCC), Charlie Lloyd (LCC), Keith MacFarlane, Alison Dines, Bart Smith, Adrian Williams, Chris Gibbons, John Ackers, Chris Ashby, Adam Cook, Jacques-Olivier Gaudron, Paul Standeven, James Gleadow

Apologies: no apologies had been received

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Times Cycling Campaign. Alison reported that ICAG member had asked a question of full council on whether they supported this campaign.

AGENDA ITEMS

Go Dutch campaign

The meeting welcomed Charlie Lloyd and Lucy Cooper from the LCC office to brief us on the latest stages of the Go Dutch campaign.

There were already 14,000 signatories

The LCC has produced a widget that could be placed on websites to direct people to the online petition. Lucy will make this available to Keith for inclusion on www.icag.org.uk.

A series of on street events to collect were scheduled for three weeks from 27th March. The first week would focus on universities, the second on stations and the final week on specific locations including Goswell Road.

A question was asked about the protocol for signatories' emails. Lucy reported there is an opt-out for receiving emails on the petition. Those that do not opt out will receive a weekly email for the duration of the campaign. Each weekly email also includes an opportunity to opt out.

The LCC are also planning the Big Bike Ride on April 28th. This will be from Hyde Park to Blackfriars Bridge and will include partial road closures. The LCC would welcome local groups running feeder rides to the start point. Note there is no central London SkyRide this year.

Lucy and Charlie were asked about the next stages of the campaign. The petition would be presented to the successful mayoral candidate when they are in office. A key demand would be that the new mayor should identify three flagship schemes to make London streets more livable during their mayoralty. The LCC have already identified some possible locations such as Parliament Square, Blackfriars, Stratford High Street and Croydon. The implementation of these flagship schemes would be one of the key measurables.

A major part of the campaign is to begin to change the attitudes of local engineers and planners so that they are working towards designing more livable streets when new traffic schemes are proposed. To this end the campaign would also run during the local council elections in two years time.

Charlie reported on the Mayor's Junction Review. This includes Highbury Corner.

Action Points:

Chris Ashby and Chris Gibbons to liaise over a mutually convenient time and date in the week commencing 27th March to collect signatures outside the Holloway Road campus of the London Met.

John Ackers to set up a Doodle to arrange volunteers for collecting signatures at Goswell Road in the week commencing 10th April

Stephen Taylor, Bart Smith, John Ackers, Chris Ashby, Paul Standeven, Robert Harston and Keith MacFarlane will help run a feeder ride from Highbury Corner to the Big Ride on 28th April.

Feedback from the Archway event

John gave feedback from the Archway event on the 1st March. He felt that we had missed an opportunity to gain valuable publicity for ICAG and the Go Dutch campaign. There was also concern from participants that the police had only allowed one opportunity to circumnavigate the gyratory. However the event did garner plenty of local coverage and had been attended by many local politicians.

Tufnell Park market

Alison reported that we had been invited by Cllr Graves to run a stall at the Tufnell Park Market on Saturday 26th May from between 11am and 3pm

Action Point: Alison to confirm to Cllr Graves that we would like to run a stall.

Bike Week (16th – 24th June 2012)

The following events were agreed:

- Bike Stall and Dr Bike at the N1 Centre 16th June
- The Little Green Ride 17th June
- NOT the Bike Breakfast 19th June (note time 5-7PM)
- Bike Stall and Dr Bike at Chapel Market 24th June

Jacques-Olivier may also run a bike ride

Action Point: Keith to produce a handout listing the events in time for the AGM next month

ICAG AGM 9th May

Alison reported that Jonathan Watts from the firm of architects who designed the Olympic Velodrome would be this year's speaker at the AGM.

Action Point: Alison to investigate the meeting room at the town hall for the AGM

Canal Towpath ride feedback

Adrian reported back from the Canal Towpath ride to investigate issues along the route and to gain feedback on proposals to minimise the impact of speeding cyclists. Chicanes and humps had been installed in some parts to reduce speed. There was concern, however, on their impact to other users of the towpath. The bridges are extremely narrow with poor sight lines, cyclists are encouraged to ring bells at these points. Adrian reported that some parts of the towpath had been wider but this was only slightly and unlikely to make much of a difference. There had been some discussion on the ride regarding a parallel on road route but no conclusion had been made.

Concern was expressed at the meeting regarding crossing the canal bridges at street level as many of them are humped with poor sight lines and cyclists could find themselves in conflict with other road users.

There was a lively discussion about ICAG's stance on the towpath. It was agreed that we would like to see measures introduced to create a safe on road alternative and that no decisions on cycling on the towpath should be taken until this is in place.

Action Point: James Gleadow to draft a reponse

Barnet Great Divide Ride 25th March 2012

Barnet Cyclists are running a ride on the 25th March zigzagging across the North Circular to highlight the lack of safe crossings for cyclists on this road. The ride will start at 10am at New Southgate Station and will conclude with a picnic at a secret green space at Staples Corner.

Barnet had asked us to run a feeder ride to the event. Unfortunately we do not have the resources.

Action Point: Alison to tell them we are not able to run a feeder ride but happy to publicise the event.

Sunnyside Community Gardens

Sunnyside Community Gardens, the home of our monthly bike maintenance workshops, are looking for messages of support to look for additional sources of funding.

Action Point: Alison to write saying we support the aims of the organisation and to offer to make back payment for the past year if they wish to invoice us.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

North London Waste Plan

Action Point: Adam Cooke to respond on our behalf calling for all HGV contractors to ensure their drivers have cycle awareness training

Crouch Hill – Planning for our Community in Difficult Times

Adam informed the meeting about this event taking place on 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Hornsey Lane Community Centre, Hazelville Road.

Meeting with Borough Commander

Adrian reported that he was still following up questions raised at the recent meeting. He told the meeting that the Borough Commander had been seconded to duties relating the London Olympics.

Cycle Hoops

Adrian reported that there were Cycle Hoops available on that could be fitted on posts with inspection hatches. Some of these were being installed in the borough at Zipcar locations

Islington Council Rides

Keith reported that the Islington Cycling Officer was running a series of family friendly bike rides on Friday 13 April and 8 June