

Draft minutes of meeting on May 14th 2014

Present: Sally Eva (sec), Andy Cawdell (chair), Bruce Lynn, Charmian Hornsby, Werner Wiethage; Alastair Hanton, Denny Vlaeva, Hugh Bolton, Amy Aeron-Thomas, Joe Parker

Apologies: Ian Wivell

Minutes of last meeting: were agreed to be a true record. No matters arising

- 1) **Dunwich Dynamo:** Andy Cawdell said decision taken to provide 1,000 places in the form of 4 lorries and 20 coaches. About 880 people had booked for the DD. Of these 750 (amendment post meeting – 800) were at the early bird price of £22 and the remainder at £40. Agreed that Patrick Field and some of the Hackney Fairies who were helping out should be brought back free. In the past their train fares had been paid. There are works on the train line between London and Ipswich every weekend until September which may affect those returning by train. Ian Wivell and Andy going to Dunwich to meet community partners and local police. Problem under discussion would be increasing number of people driving out before Dynamo, leaving their cars on the beach and trying to drive home at the end of the Dynamo. These met SC coaches and local people on Sunday morning. Solution being sought. A farmyard 3 or 4 miles from the beach had been suggested as a pick up spot for the lorries and coaches. The plan would be to release 250 people at a time from the beach and they would then cycle to the pick up spot to be taken away. Volunteers still needed for the beach. Only 2 so far, probably need 4. Hugh Bolton volunteered to marshal at the loading point. **Meeting of volunteers June 18th.**
- 2) **Elephant and Castle:** Bruce Lynn reported death of cyclist at southern junction on Tuesday May 13th. TfL needed to rethink the SJ. Bends on the junction had been widened and smoothed to speed the traffic. This was dangerous. The corners should be tightened and left turning lanes should be light-controlled. TfL going to trial traffic light controlled left turning lanes in Camden. This was the first cyclist fatality on the E&C for 7 years and it had occurred on the newly redesigned, supposedly safer southern junction. About 5,000 cyclists an hour passed through E&C at the peak. Agreed: to send SC views on the northern roundabout redesign to councillor Graham Neale who would circulate them to all candidates and councillors in Walworth area.

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3) Group response to death of cyclist: Alastair Hanton said group should respond. He was meeting Eamon Doran and others including Met police at E&C on May 20th. He suggested letter to Mayor.

- **Agreed:** Alastair to draft letter to Mayor, Bruce to agree content and Andy to sign.
- Joe to make and upload video of ride through E&C highlighting dangers and comparison with E&C bypass to show why cyclists didn't use it. Bruce to highlight specific hazards on cycle through.
- Feeder ride to Big Ride to be diverted to E&C for mark of respect to dead cyclist and small demo of protest at his death. Other feeder groups to be asked to join (Bruce). Cynthia Barlow to be asked to speak Alastair/Amy. Alastair to contact press.

4) Safety volunteer for Newington Butts development: Bruce

5) Space for Cycling campaign: Denny said 42% candidates had agreed our asks which was above average but, only 22% of Labour candidates. Labour likely to control council after election so important to get them on board. Labour candidates and others had asked various specific questions about the asks and needed responses. Agreed to leave some asks unchanged and alter details of some asks. Sally Eva to contact Fiona Colley re Nunhead.

AOB: Bruce weekly programme of healthy rides arranged until July 26th with Greenwich and Lewisham cyclists doing one each.

Bruce attended meeting of Southwark Pro-active representing SC. This group appeared to be totally inactive. Budget tightly controlled by another cttee. LCC cycling engagement scheme had been take up in Greenwich, Lewisham and Barnet but not Southwark which was not fully signed up to Sky Ride programme. Plan for parks ride for schools dropped because of lack of interest.

Bike Week: Agreed to run breakfast at the Island Cafe. Andy to run. Volunteers wanted please

Amy: Met Police rolling out Community Speed Watch. Southwark to be pilot area. Group to consider where to use them.

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