

draft minutes of meeting of Southwark Cyclists on March 12th 2014

Present: Andy Cawdell (chair), Bill Owen, Amy Aeron-Thomas, Joe Porter, Charmian Hornsby, Matt Ashby, Denny Vlaeva, Alastair Hanton, Tim Warin (Sustrans), Ian Wivell, Pete Wood, Eleanor Margolies, Sally Eva (sec)

Apologies for absence: Bruce Lynn

Mins of last meeting: described as "magnificent" by Alastair. With this accolade the minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

1) Tim Warin described his role as Bike It Plus officer for Southwark, employed both by Sustrans and the Dulwich and Herne Hill Cycling to Schools partnership. Covering group of 10 schools including private schools such as JAGS and JAPS, Dulwich College and state-funded schools such as Charter, Dulwich Hamlet primary school, and Bermondsey Grange JMI. Doing a range of projects -- fixed 70 bikes on one day, organising bike maintenance courses for Y10s, working out routes to school for Y6s, removing stabilisers from bikes, supporting cycling with particular groups ie girls, SEN groups, low achievers, those with difficult behaviour and those who might otherwise be excluded. Sustrans was aiming to leave a legacy both of safe infrastructure and groups which will continue when project ends. Bike trains were one possibility to show how large numbers of cyclists could be safer than one or two by encouraging the traffic to slow. Temporary street closures gave young people an understanding of how streets would be without traffic. Alastair Hanton explained that the D&HH partnership had been awarded £2million for encouraging cycling in a group of schools which included some in Bermondsey and Peckham.

2) Lendlease: there was some criticism of the short notice given to the group of this meeting (2 days), the lack of detail and lack of feedback. Those representing SC should be prepared to keep the group informed. Andy Cawdell said that there would be a write-up on the website. This was the second meeting of a series with LL,

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The first had been in July 2013 when SC had suggested changing the priority at the junction of Rodney Road/Rodney Place and the Heygate so that Rodney Road/Rodney Place became the main route and the 343 bus was diverted down RP to the New Kent Road. No progress had been made on this. The meeting also discussed creating a Q/W through the estate and the course of the E&C bypass particularly the possibility of demolishing a wall at the end of Portland St/Brandon St so as to give access to the Heygate. Other possible paths for the bypass were discussed. Denny was asked to check them against the borough "asks".

3) Meeting with Sustrans February 26th re Q/Ws: the East/West QW would run from Waterloo to Greenwich. This overlapped with the CLG and most parts of the route which were in Southwark were part of the CLG and not Q/Ws. Zone 1 was the edge of the CLG. This Q/W was to be in place by December 2014. Trouble had already arisen in Webb St where residents were complaining about plans to remove anti-cycling barriers and signpost cyclists through. There was criticism of the proposed route and fears were voiced that Sustrans was avoiding dealing with problems at the junction of Tower Bridge Road and Grange Road, and the junction of Dunton Road, Willow Walk and Lynton Road. **AGREED**; that unless these junctions were properly integrated into the route, the group could not support it.

5) Ward asks: Denny proposed to add "speed reduction and traffic calming of Rotherhithe St" to the "asks" and to add "reduce rat-running in Lyndhurst Grove" to the Lane "ask". She appealed to members to check the "asks" and asked for photos illustrating them. The campaign would be launched on April 7th, elections May 22nd. Demo proposed May 5th. Denny suggested contacting the main party leaders to highlight campaign. **AGREED**: Andy to contact Peter John, Alastair the Lib/Dems and Joe the Conservatives. **AGREED**: to try to set up a ride to demonstrate the "asks". Andy to ask Barrie Hargrove; Charmian:Ian Robinson; Alastair: Anood;

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Eleanor: the Green Party. Bill Owen called on JSG to determine which "asks" would be forbidden by current council transport policy such as equal permeability for all road users which effectively thwarted road closures with filtered permeability. There was some discussion whether council officers could answer this question in the build-up to the elections or whether it would be helpful to tell them what we were asking for so that they could prepare to implement the "asks".

6) Bill said that he and Joe Parker had set up a wiki on Southwark Cyclists.bike enabling anyone to post a document and anyone else to comment on or amend it. The changes would be visible along with who made them.

7) JSG: Bill asked the JSG to find out how many Southwark drivers had completed the TfL Driver CPC module with cyclist interaction and how compliance was measured and monitored. Andy said the JSG would ask.

8) Website: Denny reported that many visitors to the website were staying only very briefly. Suggestion made that this was because of the website structure. Matt had produced and demonstrated an alternative structure. There was some question over whether it was compatible with the booking procedures for the Dunwich Dynamo and whether coding experience was required to introduce it. It was **AGREED**; that Bill should be charged with introducing the new format. He later walked out of the meeting.

9) E&C roundabout: subcttee proposed to consider the proposed changes to the E&C to be headed by Bruce Lynn with James Upsher and Angus Hewlett. The wiki would allow the whole group to join the discussion, there was a public meeting on March 25th, the next meeting of SC was April 9th and the consultation closed on April 30th. **AGREED**.

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10) Dunwich Dynamo: liability to VAT still not clear. Volunteers were needed to unload the coaches and trucks on their return to London. Further work required on the costs. Joe Parker said that he believed volunteers would be found outside SC if necessary. **AGREED**; further decisions on costs and charges to be taken by the chair when all costs available.

11) Friends of Burgess Park: Joe and Paul Lowe attended the meeting of this group who were very strongly opposed to the creation of Greenways through the park. There was some ill feeling about the speed of cycling along the main path through the park. Group considered "nudge" campaigns to persuade cyclists to slow down or use their bell considerately.

12) Alastair reminded the meeting of the Open Streets on June 14th, 11-4pm, on Blackfriars Rd and Southwark St. To include a segregated cycling lane using armadillos arranged by the LCC.

13) CGS campaign for cycling storage had been a big success with one bike hangar agreed in Nunhead and two in East Dulwich. Grants for all forms of cycle storage including lockers and hangars was around £100,000.

14) London Bridge Cycle Parking: Both Eleanor and Bill had written to object to the proposed cycle parking at London Bridge Station.

15) partnership with Spoke re CLF Art Cafe event on June 28th. It was **AGREED** that secretary would not sign this.

AOB: survey: Matt said that 160 people had answered the survey revealing clear priority for safe and segregated cycle routes. Fuller report next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9pm. Date of next meeting: 6.30pm on April 9th at Better Bankside

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