

draft minutes of meeting of Southwark Cyclists on April 9th 2014

Present: Andy Cawdell (chair), Amy Aeron-Thomas, Sally Eva (sec), Matt Ashby, Danuta Orłowska, Paul Lowe, Jeremy Leach, Werner Wiethage, Mark Aeron-Thomas, Joe Parker, Charmian Hornsby, Denny Vlaeva, Alastair Hanton, Ian Wivell, Bruce Lynn.

Apologies for absence: Eleanor Margolies

Mins of last meeting: agreed.

1) Dunwich Dynamo: Bill Owen no longer wanted to be involved. It was AGREED that the group would continue to organise return transport for the Dynamo this year. Matter to be re-considered next year. Nearly 400 people had booked so far, total received £7876. Ian Wivell to look after web-booking. Amy offered assistance of her grown-up children with the unloading, Bruce to lead unloading at Chambers Wharf. Patrick Field (London School of Cycling) would liaise with Suffolk Police. Andy to co-ordinate and direct on beach, more volunteers needed for beach. Not possible to ride and load. Joe to prepare LCC material to be handed to cyclists boarding return coaches.

Chair said that he no longer considered Bill Owen to be a member of the group. He was not a member of LCC, of which SC was a sub-group. Membership of LCC had not been required as a condition of attending SC meetings in the past. This constitutional arrangement might be changed if necessary.

2) Website: this had been badly damaged by Bill. Matt only had time to keep the election section up to date but this would allow members to harass their councillors. New site being set up by Matt. Some discussion of whether group needed more advanced (and expensive) form of Wordpress or could manage with free version. AGREED to pay for more features.

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3) Elephant and Castle (Bruce): the TfL proposals for the E&C would make the traffic faster by removing traffic lights and were more dangerous than present junction. No modelling to establish safety of cyclists. Parts of proposal showed traffic crossing parts of the road where cyclists were supposed to wait. LCC needed to decide how much opposition to make to these proposals which were cynically bad. Demo similar to that at Blackfriars suggested. AGREED: Bruce to contact Ashok to highlight SC concerns. Andy to request urgent meeting with Andrew Gilligan (details from Bruce)

4) Ward asks: LCC campaign had been launched. At today's date 5,800 emails sent (NB 23/4/14 15,229). All LD and one Labour candidate supporting Riverside ward "ask" for a safe crossing at junction Tower Bridge Rd and Queen Elizabeth St. All the LDs in Cathedrals ward were supporting protected space for cycling on CSH 7. It would be difficult to arrange a cycle ride to draw attention to the campaign impartially -- all leaders needed to take part. Possible dates would be April 26th and May 10th. Alternative possibly public ride in marginal ward to show public support for pro-cycling changes. More attractive than pictures of party leaders. Publicity material was available, members asked to take and distribute it.

5) Quietway 2, Trinity Church Square (Jeremy Leach): QW2 was planned to run from Waterloo to Greenwich. Sustrans no longer involved with design because TfL had withdrawn their contract. Instead TfL and boroughs would take it forward. Passage through Trinity Church Square blocked by gates to stop cars. Residents were keen to retain them. Jeremy believed that they were acceptable and could be retained. AGREED: SC would ask for the gates to be changed to a more cycle-friendly design based on those available from Sustrans.

6) CSH7 (Jeremy Leach): Walk-through from Upper Thames St. Space for protected space for cycling the whole way. Bad left hook

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at junction with Marshalsea Rd, car parking on CSH forcing cyclists into traffic, long wait at the lights on E&C bypass. All opinions to be fed into route review. Similar review CSH4 on April 15th meeting at Tooley St office. Bruce/Jeremy to attend.

7) JSG: filtered permeability in East Walworth had been big success, Pete Wood to be asked to discuss detail with officers.

Contraflows: list of desirable contraflows submitted -- more required. Suggestions to Matt, please. Volunteers needed to check which OW streets were suitable and put them forward.

Cycle Parking: Alastair, Eleanor and Pete Wood to prepare report on need for more parking for next JCSG.

Preliminary discussion on HGV contractors vehicles. More information to be provided at next meeting.

Average speed cameras and Community Speed Watch: Met police accept responsibility for cyclists' safety but not got back office support to give everyone who wants one a speed camera. Some felt that CSW was getting volunteers to do police work. Council wanted ASC but TfL only feeding out small number.

8) Priorities survey results: There had been 202 replies. Results: 1) Cycling at the heart of transport policy 2) dedicated space on main roads 3) better road surfaces.

9) TfL cycling safety plan: this was supposed to have been published but was delayed.

10) Newington Butts redevelopment: contractors were asking for SC rep to work with them on cyclists' safety near the site.

11) Friends of Burgess Park: Joe had walked Surrey Canal Path

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with FOBP, Barrie Hargrove and community wardens during the morning rush hour. All agreed speeds were too high. "A lot of people were time-trialling" (Joe). Path passes schools, playgroups and leads to shops. Cycling not considerate. Initial limited segregation by the Arch gives wrong message. Estimate of numbers using path needed. All agreed urgent need for improvements to LCN 22 up Sumner Rd to divert cyclists off SCP.

Meeting closed at 9pm. Date of next meeting: 6.30pm on May 14th at Better Bankside, junction of Zoar St and Gt Guildford St. Space to take bikes inside.