

Draft Minutes, Southwark Cyclists meeting

13th March 2019

at 41 Grosvenor Park SE5 0NH

Apologies: Sean Howes

Present: Andy Cawdell (co-ordinator), Hugh Bolton (treasurer), Mary Manning (secretary), Sally Eva, Jeremy Leach, Gareth Evans; Emilie Duviene, Liz Eden, Bruce Lynn, Megan Sharkey

Matters arising from previous meetings:

Old Kent Road – Liz to meet Colin Wilson to get update

Dr Bike running from April to October alternating between the Peckham Arch and on Quietway 1

Row about Champion Hill road closure – people on Champion Hill love it because traffic has gone down, but people on Grove Lane are unhappy and are reporting increases in traffic and poor behaviour from motorists (!)

Bruce to post about the Tackling Inactivity Group on the Google group

Megan aiming to extract information from the maps to present Southwark with what they said they were going to do, what they have done and what the difference is in terms of air pollution

- 1) Andy reported that the CSG meeting had proceeded more constructively this time, and the structure proposed by Southwark Cyclists assisted the meeting running more effectively. The next one is at the end of May. Southwark has changed the way it consults on parking after our feedback to them, so the council highlights the benefits of a CPZ to non-drivers (e.g. parklets). With regard to evidence of businesses benefitting from reduction in traffic, one just needs one business in the area to provide evidence of before and after results. Living Streets have produced a report on the 'Pedestrian Pound'
ACTION: Jeremy to forward a copy to Andy and Mary

Quietway 7 is on pause because of works going on and Lambeth don't yet know what they're doing.

'Knives down, bikes up' – Jackie McGeever from Southwark's ASB unit had talked about the initiative by young people. Bruce to speak to her about potentially organising something with them to channel their enthusiasm.

- 2) Minimum grid mapping – a list of low traffic neighbourhoods that Southwark Cyclists would like to see implemented has now been compiled and can be proposed to the council. This would not be a substitute for route-planning but it can pull in people who may not be directly interested in cycling but who are engaged with their local area. It is also a good opportunity for cycling and walking to work together – the council intends to set up a walking committee and there is a need to make sure they co-operate with the cycling committee. The Council has a stated commitment to deliver a green walking network. Much of the infrastructure would be shared with cycling interests, e.g. around shopping areas.

Transport planning people at Southwark should have original maps from 2015 plan – ACTION: Liz to ask Sally Crewe for original maps.

The group agreed to build a cycling/walking coalition.

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- 3) Consultations on cyclescape – Balfour St – Southwark are consulting on a consultation and only residents' views are being sought even though raised tables reduce speed and affect more people than just local residents. ACTION: Andy to write to Richard Wells and Dale Foden, cc Sally Crewe and Richard Livingstone to ask why they are re-opening this. There is a school within 400 yards too.
- 4) Dunwich Dynamo unload – we need to identify somewhere new in Southwark to unload the lorries as the car park at Surrey Quays is not available now. Bruce has approached Millwall FC (post-meeting note: this is not available on a Sunday). ACTION: All to think about where the unload could take place and let Bruce know.
- 5) Date of planning workshop agreed for 10:00 – 13:00, Saturday 6th April. ACTION: Megan to recirculate topics for discussion.
- 6) Update on funding bids – many of these came from the list of quick fixes from a couple of years ago, that were converted into asks, a lot of which were successful in the community council bids. There is a blog on the website. SC should target the next bids as well and start developing a list of asks.
- 7) Agreed that it would be a good way to advertise SC to help at the 150th Anniversary of Southwark Park. Megan suggested an effective measure to publicise on the day, is to use Correx signs in the surrounding areas showing walking and cycling times to the park (and then the signs can just stay up). This is a very cost-effective way to promote active travel. ACTION: Emilie to submit a bid
- 8) AOB – a bike banner on a pole is required to attract attention (portable teardrop banner) for Dr Bike, Bruno's bike maintenance classes and Bruce's Healthy Rides.

Aldwych consultation – contains nothing for cyclists, closes 14/03/19. Westminster are retaining lots of parking and loading space.

A discussion took place around Liveable Neighbourhoods – how would we like things to go forward from here? Southwark secured funding for the Bramcote scheme; funding will be staged: after engagement period, Southwark must go back to TfL and potentially could win additional funding. Detailed design hasn't been done, so now is the time to get involved – Andy has emailed Richard Livingstone already. Cycling and walking groups should work together. Who lives in that area who is a member? Who do we have on the ground? Lambeth also talks about segregated cycle routes to make the links into Camberwell. They have two low traffic neighbourhoods in their plan. Good opportunity to work together with them.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 10th April