

GREENWICH CYCLISTS

MINUTES OF MEETING 3 DECEMBER 2008

1 Members present

Anthony Austin [Chair], Donald Anyiam, Stephen Craven, Liz Delap, Sarah Ellis, Teri Griffith, Gareth Griffiths and David Senior.

Apologies from Barry Mason and Chris le Breton.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were approved (proposed Liz, seconded Sarah).

3 Matters arising

Greenwich Park: Donald said there had been a meeting, to be followed by a CRIM in early 2009, and a Greenways CRISP. Greenwich Cyclists were already named as consultees but it was suggested that Sustrans be named too. The Friends of the Park reported that the 20mph speed limit had been authorised, implementation date to be confirmed. There had been a recent incident involving injury to a cyclist (**Action: Anthony** to follow this up with the Police).

Old Royal Naval College. No response had been received. Donald was proposing improved “no cycling” signage for the riverside path; Greenwich Council will then ask the College to open the authorised path throughout daylight hours.

Finance. The banking arrangements had not been discussed at the LCC AGM.

Pedal Power. A vote of thanks was agreed to Andy for arranging cheap colour printing. Grant would give the spare copies to Halfords.

4 Approval of minutes of the EGM

The minutes supplied by Charlie Lloyd were accepted (proposed Liz, seconded Stephen, agreed unanimously).

5 Website

Nothing to report.

6 Planning issues

a) Greenwich Council strategic plan

Anthony and Liz had met Pippa Hack of LBG (green issues and sustainable transport). She would then meet Cllrs Sidhu and Fahy. There was no strategy yet, only a “position paper”. **Action: Liz** to arrange a follow-up meeting with Cllr Fahy.

b) Thames Path

Liz had no response from Cllr Fahy on the missing link but would copy correspondence to Pippa Hack (**Action: Liz**). Noted that Pisani were using the river for deliveries again.

c) Greenwich foot tunnel

The proposed cycle ramp was still said to be impracticable as steel was too expensive and rubber would raise fire safety issues. The lift contractor (Coles) would however be asked to find a solution before the lifts were taken out of action for 18 months for replacement.

d) Hexagon estate

Anthony had heard that one of the two illegal walls would be removed for pedestrian access only. He had written to Cllr Jessop. **Action: Anthony/Sarah** to follow up. Donald said he would report to an internal committee that both should be removed. Residents however were still objecting to the walls being removed for fear of crime. Donald had asked the Police for incident statistics. Cllr Grant would like a meeting with Greenwich Cyclists and residents. Anthony suggested that this should only go ahead if the Police were present.

7 Rides

Anthony thanked Sarah for leading and reporting on recent rides. Teri agreed to submit the list of forthcoming rides to the LCC website. **Action: Teri.** The next rides meeting would be Thursday 8 January.

8 Training

Liz said that she had trained three adults recently.

9 Maintenance

Nothing to report.

10 Finance

Sarah had sent the account opening form to LCC with a mandate to transfer all money from the old account to the new Unity Trust account and to pay the annual grant (due April/May) as a lump sum. There was some concern that the Co-Operative Bank might still be sending mail to Derek. **Action: Sarah** to write to the Co-Op about this.

Stephen had established that the annual hire fee for the Armada Centre would be due in January. Committee members had incurred expenses to be paid when money was available: Stephen (approx £30), Liz (£50) and Andy (£20).

11 Pedal Power

Agreed to issue the next edition late January. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.

12 Any other business

David asked on progress with King William Walk. Donald replied that an application had been made to the DfT for permission to use non-standard signage but the DfT wanted a safety audit and traffic data. A new consultant had been appointed.

Liz proposed adoption of one of two versions of a group 'Statement' on responsible cycling. Various members made comments. **Action: Liz** to revise the statement and agree it with the Committee before putting it on the website.