

GREENWICH CYCLISTS

MINUTES OF MEETING 7 JANUARY 2009

1 Members present

Anthony Austin [Chair], Stephen Craven, Tom Crispin, Liz Delap, Sarah Ellis, Teri Griffith, Grant Griffiths, Catherine Pinhorn and David Senior.

Apologies from Barry Mason, Stuart Parkin and Chris le Breton.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the December meeting were approved subject to one correction in the attendance list (proposed Liz, seconded Sarah).

3 Matters arising

Anthony had nothing to report on Greenwich Park but would contact Sgt Faith Palmer (**Action: Anthony**).

Sarah reported the walls were still standing in the Hexagon estate.

4 Website

Stuart had not updated it yet but Anthony would encourage him to do so (**Action: Anthony**)

5 Planning issues

a) Thames Path

Anthony and Barry had copies of the Thames Estuary Path Survey (a Government publication available free online) which covered downstream of the Barrier. It would be useful in future discussions with Greenwich planners and councillors.

b) Deptford Creek bridge

Construction was starting on the new development east of the creek. In the recession it would be important to be vigilant in case the developers failed to implement the bridge.

c) Greenwich foot tunnel

There was a discussion on whether GC as a group should actively promote responsible use (i.e. no cycling). There was no consensus on this but Donald had said the Council could cover the cost of an information leaflet. Noted that the barriers already in the Woolwich tunnel were impractical and would not be a good idea in Greenwich. Tom suggested we challenge the statement that lift replacement could not be done in less than 18 months, and that a replacement ferry service should be requested. A new, wider shared-use tunnel would be an ideal long term solution and there was no harm in suggesting it, though unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future. **Action: Anthony** to discuss with Donald Anyiam; **Grant** to get photos for a leaflet.

6 Rides

Noted that there are no Greenwich-led rides planned at present. The Mayor's ride was mentioned: **Action: Teri** to find out if and when the 2009 Mayor's ride is planned.

7 Training

An 8-year-old wanted training but Liz was out of action due to a recent injury. **Action: Teri** to ask Michael Attride what he offers for children.

There was no training planned at Meridian school in the winter.

8 Maintenance

Nothing to report.

9 Finance

Sarah reported that the new account was open with signatories confirmed. It was hoped that funds would be transferred from the old account shortly but Derek had still not handed over the paperwork to establish the accounting history. The annual rental bill from the Armada centre was still awaited.

Sarah suggested headed paper would be useful for official purposes. **Action: Liz** to look out a previous version that we once had. Grant could then produce a master heading. Tom suggested that the LCC logo and charity number should be included.

Anthony reported that the social evening in December had resulted in a modest surplus of £6. Also that the LCC have asked us to account for use of the Freewheel and Community Cycling grants. He would deal with this (**Action: Anthony**)

10 Pedal Power

Agreed to defer issue of the next edition to late February as there was insufficient copy at present. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.

11 Any other business

Tom asked for additional help on family rides. There had been five new enquiries resulting from a link on the LCC website.

Anthony distributed awareness cards produced by LCC about the experimental opening of red-route bus lanes to motorcycles. The group did not have a consensus view on whether the change was a bad thing but for clarity should ask Greenwich council for its view, as it would be up to each borough whether to permit such use on the roads for which they are responsible.