

GREENWICH CYCLISTS

MINUTES OF MEETING 5 NOVEMBER 2008

1 Members present

Anthony Austin [Chair], Andy Braben, Stephen Craven, Tom Crispin, Liz Delap, Sarah Ellis, Teri Griffith, Gareth Griffiths, Stuart Parkins, David Senior and Ray Suomi.

Apologies from Julian Dobson.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the September meeting were approved (proposed Liz, seconded Tom).

3 Matters arising

Liz had spoken to Derrick Spurr, who was awaiting the result of a Royal Parks internal review of parks facilities. **Action: Liz** to find out when the results would be available.

Chris le Breton had not written to the Old Royal Naval College yet about path opening times. **Action: Stephen** to write instead.

Liz and Tom had seen the results of the A2 CRISP but the diagrams were unclear. There was a particular issue with the lack of a cycle lane down Blackheath Hill below Dartmouth Hill. **Action: Tom** to send a response.

Teri reported that a good sized covered stall had been provided at Car Free Day although the event was marred by poor weather. Anthony reported that the boxes of cycle maps were in his garage. Ray suggested giving some of each to the Cycle Warehouse. **Action: Anthony & Teri** to relocate the maps as appropriate.

4 Planning issues

a) Greenwich Council cycling strategy

Liz reported that the Council claimed to have lost the previous strategy which Greenwich Cyclists wrote for them. She proposed forming a sub group to liaise with the Council on their new version. **Action: Liz, Anthony, Ray**

b) Feedback from meeting with councillors

Anthony reported on the meeting with Cllr Fahy, at which it was stated the Council intended to appoint a full time cycling officer. **Action: Liz** to follow up the information supplied to Cllr Fahy about the Thames Path "missing link"; **Stephen** to submit notes of the meeting.

c) Thames Path

Teri had got a response from Hanson Aggregates about the problem of gravel on the path. It was reported that Barry and Eric had taken direct action to clear the path and had been offered £100 "compensation" which Barry proposed to give to charity. David

pointed out that the location concerned only had footpath status. It was agreed not to pursue this further.

5 Rides

a) Freewheel event – 21 September

Anthony had attended a debriefing meeting with LCC. The 'hub' idea had not worked well this year and may not be used in future events, but it was agreed to suggest Blackheath as an ideal starting point for feeder rides, with perhaps three groups leaving at 30 minute intervals. **Action: Teri** to make this suggestion to LCC.

b) Lewisham & Greenwich Young Cyclists

Tom and Teri produced their rides programme for young people, which was also on a website www.britishschoolofcycling.com and on the LCC website. Rides from February onwards would appear in London Cyclist. More adult helpers are needed for youth rides; they do not need CRB clearance.

c) other forthcoming rides

Ray recommended the annual Golden Beeches weekend in October each year. Ray asked whether Barry would lead his usual Christmas Day ride: Sarah said it was already on the Southwark Cyclists website.

6 Training

Liz said that the training section of the GC website has been updated. There had been some training requests from those without bikes, including at Car Free Day.

7 Website

(Item changed from agenda; nothing to report on maintenance)

Stuart had created a mockup of a new-look homepage which could be hosted by Nick. It would be possible for a limited number of registered users to log in and upload information, e.g. ride details and training information. Section headings were discussed: it was agreed that "press releases" was no longer relevant, and a list of suitable links was drafted. **Agreed** that Stuart should implement this as soon as possible.

The question of sponsorship of the website was discussed. **Action: Teri** to investigate possible sponsors.

8 Finance

There had been no action on handover of the old account or of opening the new one although Sarah had spoken to LCC about it. **Action: Sarah** to chase Kim at LCC on opening the account and paying into it. David said he could raise the question of the new accounts at the LCC annual general meeting on 19 November.

Anthony raised the question of paying rent to the Armada centre. Andy thought it was an annual payment. **Action: Stephen** to check with the centre management.

Tom confirmed that he had paid the balance of the cost of Teri's training as a cycle maintenance instructor.

9 Pedal Power

It was agreed to issue the next edition for distribution on Friday 28 November. Stuart could take some copies to give out at Woolwich Ferry. Deadline for copy to Grant being Sunday 16th. Articles to include Woolwich foot tunnel barriers; Hanson Aggregates; LGYC; Council meeting; rides reports. It was agreed to continue to use Andy's existing contact (charging £20 for 500 colour copies) for the time being. Andy would pay and claim expenses on this occasion (agreed unanimously).

10 Christmas party

It was agreed to have a party on Saturday 13 December from 7.30pm at the Dog & Bell.
Action: Anthony to agree food details with the pub

11 Any other business

Anthony reported that LCC are still using Julian's contact details as Co-ordinator.

Stephen mentioned the Climate Campaign ride on 6 December but would not be able to take part himself.

Anthony reported that Lawrence Smith was still challenging Greenwich Council on their latest response on the Hexagon estate footpath (Bellfield Close). **Action: Anthony** to write a supporting letter to the Council.

David asked about the EGM minutes. Anthony had not had a response from Charlie Lloyd so would draft his own version with Liz's input, to be approved at the next meeting. **Action: Anthony/Liz**