

GREENWICH CYCLISTS

MINUTES OF MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER 2008

Note: this meeting was preceded by an Extraordinary General Meeting at which the Committee was re-elected. Minutes of that meeting are recorded separately.

1 Members present

Anthony Austin [Chair], Chris le Breton, Stephen Craven, Tom Crispin, Liz Delap, Myles Dove, Sarah Ellis, Eric Gauster, Teri Griffiths, Barbara Henley, Indajit Johan, Barry Mason, Tobi Omejayogbe, Stuart Parkins, David Senior and Gareth.

In attendance: Charlie Lloyd and Donald Anyiam.

Apologies from Julian Dobson.

2 Minutes of last meeting

Stephen's apologies should have been noted. The minutes were then approved (proposed Chris, seconded Teri)

3 Matters arising

(ORNC/missing link – see later items)

Meridian School: Anthony reported the first ride had taken place. Liz said that the school should be encouraged to participate in the Freewheel event.

4 Planning issues

a) Old Royal Naval College

The arrangements for cyclists around the temporary Greenwich Observation Wheel were agreed to be satisfactory. Myles showed an article he had written for the Westcombe News about the path through the College. Chris proposed that the opening hours of the path should match those of Greenwich Park. Agreed to write to Yvonne Dolan at the Greenwich Foundation. **Action: Chris**

b) Westminster Estate (“missing link”)

Cllr. Brookes had replied to Anthony re-stating that there were “problems” achieving the link. Barry said that Nick Raynsford MP had not yet discussed the issue with Councillors. Donald reported that Greenwich had a £50k grant from TfL for the feasibility studies, but consultants had yet to be appointed. He expected that a landward route would be implemented in the interim as the riverside route would need negotiations with the CIS and leaseholders. Donald said the Environment Agency opposed a river-wall route, but Barry had heard otherwise. **Action: Barry** to talk to John Comber (Director of a new Council department that covered planning) and David Jessop (project manager).

5 Rides

a) Freewheel event – 21 September

Teri reported that TfL wanted Marshals for the event. This year it was being sponsored by Sky TV, and the hours were earlier (11.00-15.00 in central London). It was agreed that Tom's family ride would start from John Ball school at 09.30 to link up with the main ride from CSG at 09.45 (latest departure 10.00). Donald said that free publicity for this and other events could be given in the Greenwich Time newspaper. **Action: Chris** to contact local media; **Anthony** to contact Meridian school and send details to Peter Caldwell (editor of Greenwich Time – deadline 10 September)

b) Website

Anthony said that the GC website needed to improve notification of rides under its new webmaster. Liz said that rides can also be logged on the LCC website but it needs a few days notice.

6 Any Other Business

a) Car Free Day – Sunday 5 October

This would be 12.00 – 16.30 in the town centre as before. Donald said that the Council want GC to be involved and offered a stall. The contact is Andrew Stern. Agreed to form a sub-committee to action this as the next monthly meeting would be too close to the event.

b) Greenwich town centre

Donald reported that consultants had come up with four options, none of which would remove through traffic from the town centre altogether as the knock-on effects on the A2 and Creek Road would be too great. The minimum option would have little effect on cyclists other than improved access from College Approach to the ORNC path. The King William Walk cycle contraflow is now regarded as a longer term project; the group was disappointed with this decision.

c) Hexagon Estate

Myles reported that no outcome had been reported to the public consultation. David Jessop is the Greenwich Council contact.