

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEWHAM CYCLISTS AT COFFEE7 ON 31 MARCH 2014 AT 7.00PM

Present: O Ajibola, L Bowgett, B Bremner, V Bullemor, A Cooper, R Deas, L Eller, R Little, K Fussell, N King, M Reid, Arnold Ridout (chair), M Shallcross, S Smith, E Storrar, Richard Wadey,

Apologies: K Byrne, Councillor D Christie, C Kendrick.

1. Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting and accounts agreed.
2. 2012 Report and Accounts agreed.
3. Arnold Ridout and Kerena Fussell were elected as joint co-ordinators. Paul Bremer was re-appointed Treasurer.
4. On going matters discussed:
 - Outcome of mini-Holland Bid. There are still considerable developments in cycle provision available: removal of the Stratford gyratory is on TfL junction improvement programme, completion of the lea Valley route to the Thames; quietways , especially across the north of the borough, linking East Ham with Stratford, an safe schools route from A13 to Forest Gate, Greenway improvements; completion of CS2 to Ilford a matter for TfL. There was some edge of borough improvements in the pipeline, including improving the Olympic Park cycle crossing of the River lea at hackney Wick and dealing properly with the Bow flyover.
 - The Ward by ward audit had been completed and there was an excellent photo library thanks to Olawale. The intensive series of rides had taken place which has identified over 500 schemes for minor works to improve permeability.. Cycle contraflows in quiet one way streets dominate, but also there were some significant link-path creation and improvement possibilities. There would shortly be a consultation on prioritisation for the £100,000 per year funding available over the next three years.
 - We have completed our ward asks for the LCC's Space for Cycling campaign and everyone was encouraged to use the LCC website to lobby local councillors. This should raise the profile of cycling. We considered favourably a feeder ride to the "Big Ride" in central London on 17 May. An idea for events was to have stalls in markets with Dr Bike.

- The first Newham Ride was considered a success. We need to ensure photos are available for future publicity by obtaining consents of even doing a special photo shoot. We will fix a late summer autumn version and advertise British Cycling Olympic Park/Lea Valley rides. Additionally we will continue with some weekend rides in conjunction with Tower Hamlets and Hackney. Our summer meetings will be short evening rides/picnics.
- We decided to consider further whether to support the Stop Silvertown Tunnel campaign.
- Karena outlined progress on communications. We will seek to progress further with Twitter feeds, and produce small publicity cards/leaflets which can be left at strategic spots such as the View Tube.

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