

# BRENT CYCLISTS

## MINUTES OF MEETING: 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2010

Present: Ian Saville, Stephen Thwaites, David Arditti, Esther

Apologies: Michelle Homden, Paul Hayward, Ben Tansley

### **1. Matters arising from previous minutes**

It was suggested that meetings should start at 19:00, to enable a punctual start.

### **2. Maintenance Workshops**

The cycle maintenance workshops at Paddington Arts Workshop had poor attendance, partly due to bad weather. It was felt that Paddington is a good venue, but is not in Brent, and Ian will look again at the Trades Hall as a possible venue for future events.

### **3. Consultations- Travel plan for Claremont High school**

The council agreed that introducing one-way streets was not the right approach. We have recommended that if one-way streets are implemented, they should allow contra-flow cycling. David reported that Jared Plumridge (Brent sustainable transport officer) is looking into cycling contra-flow lanes.

The usual mixture of speed tables and speed cushions is due to budget constraints, and there is therefore insufficient money to implement our recommendation of sinusoidal speed humps.

### **4. Contact with councillors**

We have yet to meet Daniel Brown as the January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. David will e-mail Cllr. Brown to invite him to the next meeting on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **5. LCC ‘Cycling Manifesto’**

In anticipation of forthcoming local elections, LCC has produced a 10-point cycling manifesto. The final 2 points can be issues specific to boroughs.

After some discussion, it was agreed that for Brent, the 2 local issues should be:

- to permit cycling in Brent's parks except where obviously inappropriate on environmental grounds eg in Fryent Country park
- to commit to creating more safe and practical crossing points of the N. Circular road for cyclists and pedestrians.

The complete 10- point manifesto will be e-mailed to all major political parties in Brent. It was agreed these should be Lib Dem, Labour, Conservative, Green, Respect and UKIP. **Action**- Stephen will contact parties and e-mail manifesto.

## **6. Rides**

Ian felt it would be good to get rides going again. 2 dates were suggested:

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April- Rickmansworth  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May- to be confirmed

Also 1 urban ride

## **7. Police bike marking scheme**

Ian gave details of this scheme which is being run by PC John Stevens who is based at Willesden Green. PC Stevens is keen to run an event in Willesden, and Willesden Green station was suggested as a possible venue. This could be a publicity event to generate interest in advance of, for example, Gladstonbury. **Action**: Ian will contact PC Stevens.

## **8. Any other business**

Stephen gave a brief report from the 'ethnographies of cycling' workshop at Lancaster University.

