

CYCLOX OCTOBER MEETING.

MINUTES of the Cyclox MEETING held on 4th October 2006 at the East Oxford Community Centre.

Present:

David Jacques
James Dawton

Marion Richards
Ed Lehmann (note taker)

Tim Chapman
Karen Bell

James Styring
Anne Joshua

Apologies:

Dan Levy
Tristram Wyatt

Philip Bonnier
Richard Mann

Susannah Pressell
Colin Hersome

Graham-Paul Smith

1. **Apologies** were noted; listed above.
2. **Notes from the AGM.** Deferred to the next AGM.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - 3.1. Leiden cycle trip from Oxford.
Need to liaise with Simon Banks and Patrick Simpson.
 - 3.2. Cycle Network Review.
The concept has been to improve cycle links in the city where these are poor, compromised or missing. (More information is available on the website.) Future of the project has become uncertain, following resignation of both Celia Jones and Samantha Tharme from OCC. Action is planned to improve The Plain, but prospects for High St are now unclear. Problems are also acute on Botley Rd., with no action in prospect.
(Post Hoc ~ Subsequently Craig Rossington held a brief meeting to review the planned new Cycle Map.)
4. **Update on last months activities.**
 - 4.1. Car Free Day.
Rather wet, there was still a strong Cyclox presence, with jackets, lights, bells and some other kit “exchangeable” for a gift. Stalls had been put out by Oxford City council, a real step forward.
 - 4.2. Next Car Free Day.
JS expressed the hope that some thousands of pounds should be raised to promote the occasion. Some have been dismissive of the occasion, citing no perceptible immediate benefit. However as in the years leading up to full awareness of the difficulties with smoking, this kind of event raises awareness on an issue (as did the “Smoke Free Day” events). Only many years later do the full benefits of a sustained campaign develop.
 - 4.3. Marston Cycle Path.
Tarmac is definitely to be laid on more of this path, even though some difficulties with designated use remain unresolved.
 - 4.4. Roadworks in Longwall St.
Problematical signage requiring cyclists to dismount inappropriately has been removed.
 - 4.5. Life begins at 20.
Progress continues. Stickers are available. Website is the place for information.
 - 4.6. Cycle crossing on Hedley Way.
Recognised that design needs improving. SH & JD are working on the issue.
 - 4.7. Consultation ~ access to the Lower Windrush.
There is a need for responses to the consultation. SB is working on the issue.
5. **Cyclox accounts.**
 - Philip Bonnier is working with Sue on the accounts. He notes that her records are orderly and complete.
 - He is centralising the accounts, drawing in items accounted for elsewhere. They will conclude at an appropriate month end.
 - He strongly advised that in future the year end should be 30th June, to allow account presentation at the AGM.
 - Proposed (Ed Lehmann): “That timing of accounts year end be changed be as Philip Bonnier suggests.”
Seconded: Tim Chapman. Passed Nem. Con..

6. Membership database.

Anne Joshua recommended that this be repaired and re-established from scratch. This years data would have to be forgone. This course was agreed on without a vote.

7. Cyclox constitution.

There was an extensive discussion.

Key points include:

- Desire is to achieve more by being better structured.
- Major constraint is the low number of available people.
- Using other teams to leverage each team's efforts may well be useful (Tim Chapman). Possibly delivering modest but specialist effort / expertise / credibility to add weight to another team's work.
- Such "partnership" may release funds that are otherwise unavailable.
- The "Extended School" programme may be a major opportunity. (Schools are being kept open out-of-hours to extend ambition and opportunity for low-horizon clients.)
- Health Promotion needs data for utility cycling – we may be able to help there.
- It was agreed to invite Tim Chapman and Chris to discuss this at the November meeting, providing that a work plan could be drafted in time. (*Post Hoc* ~ The presentation by Tim and Chris will probably be later than November, now.)
- It was agreed that a Cyclox "Executive Group" is certainly needed but that there needs to be further consideration of the constitution in any case
- It was agreed that Anne, David and Marion would be doing an event plan.
- James Dawton concluded the discussion with the statement we need a committee to do the things the meetings we have at present talk about doing. Such a structure would be similar to the way CTC sections are run.
- This was agreed. Format expected to be a committee arranging and co-ordinating Cyclox events through the year. Members will be enthusiastic about events, but are less inclined to attend discussions.
- It was agreed the issue needs to be resolved at the next meeting.

Ed Lehmann.

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