

CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 27th September 2021, 14:00

Venue/ Platform: Zoom Pro

Attending: JLL (Chair), NP, RW, LC, CS, JMLb, BC

Apologies: EM, RD, JMLg

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>1.1 August Speak Easy meeting minutes accepted and will be posted on the website</p> <p>1.2 Actions from last meeting: covered in later points, below</p>	<p>JLL</p>
<p>2. Chair's Report</p> <p>2.1 Brief points & news-bites as set out in the Chair's notes to the committee. Main item:</p> <p>2.2 JLL reminded the committee of his recent email to the two local councillors for a meeting. He has not had a reply yet due perhaps to Council work pressures. Part of this was a suggestion that any future bid for a Camden LN the focus should be on 'safety', rather than pollution and traffic volume, given that safety is a very real concern for many pedestrians as well as car users and owners.</p> <p>In view of his vehicle having been damaged five times this year, JMLb has been in contact with council officers over speeding and reckless driving. He advised that his own enquires have revealed that the Council has no power to implement traffic calming measures such as VAS or pedestrian road crossing points or enforce speed limits or traffic offences.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>2.2.1 Press ahead for a meeting with the councillors to make this case</p> <p>2.2.2 Identify whether Camden Road is designated as a "strategic" thoroughfare (some recollection that it once was). If so, what are the implications and possible opportunities?</p> <p>2.2.3 Start compiling a list of vehicles damaged and other incidents</p> <p>The email also contained an issue over the hazardous positioning of recycling bins on Wednesday for eventual collection on Thursday and whether special arrangements could be put in place. Initial views from those present was that this was most pressing along Prospect Place and not a Camden wide issue. JLL to pursue once he gets his meeting with the councillors.</p>	<p>JLL</p> <p>JLL, RW, JMLb, RW</p> <p>JMLg</p> <p>JLL</p>
<p>3. Camden Meadow Update</p> <p>3.1 JLL reported briefly on progress. Thanks to JMLg for the work, which is showing great progress; Friends of Camden Meadow has attracted c 23 members, many of whom are regular helpers.</p> <p>3.2 Information about the Meadow is now featured prominently on the CRA website, as well as on the new sign on the railings above the meadow.</p>	
<p>4. LN Subgroup Report</p> <p>4.1 There appears to have been little/no progress on the 14 areas selected to go forward for the LN. The subgroup to keep an eye on developments.</p> <p>4.2 There was some debate on how much of a protest we should make in an effort to get Camden re-considered for a Liveable Neighbourhood. There is perhaps a danger in 'over-protesting' and creating a negative reputation for the area.</p> <p>Post meeting – some news. Outside consultants are being engaged very shortly, and current delays due to another WECA related funding bid.</p>	
<p>5. Cleveland Bridge</p>	

<p>5.1 The re-opening of the bridge has been delayed by a month as additional safety measures need to be implemented. The latest schedule is for a staged re-opening in October.</p> <p>5.2 JL's traffic counting suggests that now that schools are back from holidays the volume of traffic on Camden Road is now back to the high levels just after the initial closure.</p>	
<p>6. Camden Tidy-up</p> <p>6.1 Whilst the take-up from the July leafletting exercise was disappointing, various other initiatives are starting up along Camden Road which could perhaps be "tapped into".</p> <p>6.2 Some residents continue their long-standing clearing efforts and are to be commended (CS and the Chalkleys in particular). CS to investigate whether the DoFE work done by the Chalkleys is written up in a form suitable for use in a blog post.</p> <p>6.3 Ideally there would be a 'CS' for every patch of the CRA area; we need to keep encouraging pride and effort to maintain our streets.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>CS</p>
<p>7. Camden Cares</p> <p>7.1 LC recently attended the funeral of a very long term resident of 16 Camden Crescent, Mr. Tony Saunders. His Covid-19 volunteer shopper, Janus Intelmann, also attended. Tony's friendly, gentlemanly and stoic manner will be remembered fondly by all who knew him</p> <p>7.2 The mass vaccination centre at the racecourse is asking for volunteers (3 hour shifts); please follow the link compassion@3sg.org.uk or contact LC for details</p>	
<p>8. AGM</p> <p>8.1 A plan of action will be drawn up by JJL, to include door-knocking and fund-raising whilst distributing the newsletter</p> <p>8.2 NP agreed to research mobile digital payment methods</p> <p>8.3 BW agreed to consider any fund-raising methods possible using the web-site (<i>Civist possibly – JL note</i>)</p> <p>8.4 The committee agreed that the meeting should be held in person this year; NP agreed to research new venues and a decision will be made quickly</p> <p>8.5 AGM Newsletter to be drafted which JJL will lead. This will require input from all committee members</p> <p>8.6 All committee members present at the meeting confirmed their intention to stand for re-election this coming year Those not present should contact JJL with their intentions</p> <p>8.7 The delayed work intended to create more "roles and responsibilities", beyond those listed in the officers' job descriptions would be left 'on hold' until after the AGM. In the interim the committee agreed that stating "areas of interest" would be helpful.</p>	<p>JJL</p> <p>NP RW</p> <p>JJL, BC</p> <p>EM,JMLg,RD</p>
<p>9. St Stephen's Road Trees</p> <p>9.1 There has been no response from the Council to requests for visits. JMLb will therefore lodge a formal planning request to remove the trees (one beech, one pine), as there is now serious concern about the danger they pose.</p>	<p>JMLb</p>
<p>10. Accounts</p> <p>10.1 Treasurer reminded the committee that whilst the accounts are in a good state currently, additional fund raising will be necessary</p> <p>10.2 Total cash funds and monetary assets: £7,924.39</p>	
<p>11. AOB</p> <p>11.1 JJL asked for the agenda to include an item on Christmas Carols</p>	
<p>12. DONM</p> <p>12.1 Next meeting Monday 25th October, 2pm, Zoom</p> <p>12.2 2021 AGM: Thursday evening, 18th November</p>	

27.9.21 Louise Coates, Secretary, Jeremy Labram, Chair