

LONDON CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Board Meeting, 14th December 2021, by Videoconference

MINUTES

Present: Pearl Ahrens, Aidan Chisholm, Simon Clark (Treasurer), Sylvia Gauthereau, James Heath, Eilidh Murray (Chair), Kris Sangani, Sarah Strong Christian Wolmar (Vice Chair)

In attendance: Ashok Sinha (CEO)

1. Welcome from the Chair

- 1.1 Eilidh welcomed trustees, expressing her regret that the meeting could not be held in person because of current official Covid 19 advice.

2. Declarations of Interests

- 2.1 None.

3. Chair's Report

- 3.1 Eilidh reported that, having had a good initial meeting with Ashok, her next priority as the new Chair of the Board is to meet with managers on the New Year.
- 3.2 She has also had a meeting with Aidan about link trustees.

4. Staff Report

- 4.1 Ashok spoke about the current political situation and future scenarios regarding TfL's funding crisis and its implications for active travel.
- 4.2 He also gave an update on income from the Patrons' Network and the annual appeal.
- 4.3 Aidan said that he was pleased to see the work of LCC's Climate Safe Streets Champions progressing; he also asked for the current extent of cycle network delivery (versus that set by TfL's Strategic Cycling Analysis) to be included in the Campaigns Team section of the Staff Report and for the membership breakdown that normally goes to the Business Committee to also be sent to the Board.

Action: Ashok to include amend future reports and circulate the membership table.

5. Committee Chairs' Reports

- 5.1 **HRC:** no meeting since the last Board.
- 5.2 **Business Committee:** James reported that our finances are not in a comfort zone but remain balanced so far.
- 5.3 Responding to a question from Aidan, James added that the downturn in opportunities for project work with boroughs is well understood and the consequent income risks being controlled by staff and the committee.

6. Diversity & Inclusion

- 6.1 Kris reported that there had recently been a really productive joint meeting of the trustee and staff working groups.
- 6.2 He noted that:
- He and staff have been reaching out, in person and via LCC comms channels, for potential BAME co-optees to the working group (and, eventually to the Board). Progress is expected in the New Year.
 - LCC is making good progress through a number of activities, e.g. our Cycle Buddies project and Affiliates programme.
 - Staff are simultaneously expanding the description of our work and achievements so far on the website so people can monitor our progress and get involved.
 - LCC has good and widening links with BAME groups.
 - Staff are looking to source new recruitment software and exploring the potential for (part) funded internships.
 - LCC is part of the TfL D&I network.
 - The working groups is looking to establish more subgroups (we have only one at present i.e. the Women's group).
 - There will be D&I training at the Board Awayday.
- 6.3 Kris added that another trustee is needed on the working group: interested trustees should contact him. Sarah said she would liaise with Kris on how she may be able to contribute, short of joining the working group.
- 6.4 Kris concluded by thanking Stewart Dring on the staff team for his really hard work in the past few months.

7. Link Trustees

- 7.1 Aidan ran through his paper, noting that the last update to the list of link trustees was in March 2021.
- 7.2 The Board discussed the role of link trustees. Points raised included: the need to better explain to groups what the purpose of these links are; and that it is important not to oversell what trustees can do (as compared to the staff team, which provides dedicated support).
- 7.3 Ashok said that simply being a connection to the centre and a sounding board is a worthwhile function to perform.
- 7.4 Bearing in mind recent departures from the Board, the following re-allocations were made: Newham and Enfield to Kris; Redbridge to Christian; Bexley to Sarah.

Action: Ashok to circulate the current group co-ordinator list.

8. TfL Matters

- 8.1 The Board continued its discussion of the TfL funding situation with Ashok summarising how LCC would likely play the different foreseeable scenarios.
- 8.3 The Board also discussed TfL's recent "see both sides" behaviour change video that LCC had strongly objected to, alongside most other active travel NGOs. Ashok explained that the video was intended to serve the Mayor/TfL's Vision Zero objectives, and ran through the reasons why we did not believe it

did so. He confirmed lack of proper engagement with members of TfL's Vision Zero stakeholder group, such as LCC.

9. Awayday

9.1 The following topics and leads were set for the Awayday (which, it was agreed, should be in-person):

- D&I training: to be provided by **staff** (Stewart Dring)
- TfL's future: **Christian**
- Climate Safe Streets campaign: **staff** (Simon Munk)
- Group development: **staff** (Katy Rodda)
- The post-Covid future for London and cycling: **Christian and Pearl** (who will recirculate her scenarios paper)

9.2 It was also agreed that governance training should be held on another occasion; and that the Covid situation will be reviewed in w/b 3rd January in case the Awayday needs to be postponed.

10. AOB

10.1 Christian, who represents LCC on the Heathrow Area Transport Forum (HATF), reported that he has agreed to chair a new HATF subgroup on pedestrians and cyclists (and the walking and cycling tunnel had been reopened).

10.2 It was agreed that a data security refresher was needed for groups.

Action: Ashok to arrange this.

The meeting was then closed.