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Every day is a winding road, sang Sheryl Crow back in the day. She may have been writing about hubby Lance's daily dodgy package pick up, but she has clearly never been east of the A16, where the roads have no name and are more designed with a set square than a flexi-curve. Lose focus and you may have an unexpected introduction with the Dykes of Covenham. Chapeau to the lady who carried on riding with a broken collar bone after a brief detour off-road. Hard as nails and puts my whinging about the headwind into sharp relief.

Talking of the shadow of doping in cycling past (Festina, motoman, glow time, special beef from Spain and dodgy asthma inhalers), your upstanding C2C2C team did their bit to rebalance overall net gains at our 2025 debrief meeting by indulging in a lot of performance disabling substances. Pete 'MasterChef' Merrick provided the fuel whilst we reviewed the feedback. We learned several things:

- Dave B has been on an Excel graphing course
- 4.5 people thought Dave B was the best thing about C2C2C
- We shouldn't let Dave B analyse the feedback.

The feedback is very helpful as we start to plan the 2026 ride; OK: start thinking we might start thinking about it before Christmas. It brought a lump to our throats (or so we thought: it was just some month-old flapjack). We want to be the best ride *for the riders* but rising costs have had a significant impact this year and we need to think about how we can ensure that all rider donations are going directly to local charities.

We are dotting Tees and crossing eyes before we make the final donations to charities this year, but it is looking like YOU have raised c£40k for fabulous local charities that make a difference to our community.

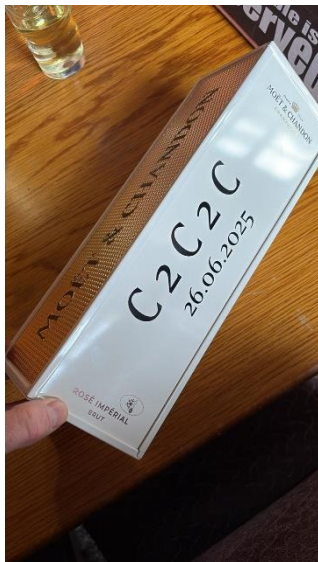
In the spirit of transparency, we had AI take notes of the meeting but knowing how genteel you all are, we passed it through the Tower Hamlets Council DEI filter.

Meeting started at 18:15

Gregg Wallace blushed and left the meeting



Meeting ended at 21:15



Finally, you have the last chance to buy a ticket for the raffle — so do you feel lucky? If you were going to buy a Lottery ticket this weekend, consider the odds are somewhere north of 14,000,000:1, whereas the odds for the special C2C2C commemorative bottle of Moët are far more down to earth and more akin to a Market Rasen bookies' odds. And the proceeds from the raffle will be super-local. In the words of Sir Brad 'We are about to draw the raffle' once Torie fires up the random number generator at the end of July. Go on, buy one!

<https://pay.collectiv.com/c2c2c-2024-69290>

If you think you might want to sponsor us next year (or your company / your mate / anybody you vaguely know) please encourage them so we can keep you fed and watered in the style you have become accustomed to. We have had to dip into our reserves this year and we might need to make some small changes next year, but it won't affect the quality of the ride. We will know more next year when we have more info on our sponsors.

By the end of this year YOU will have raised over £330,000, every penny of which has gone to local charities. We can only raise this much together through the generosity of sponsors who help us to cover the costs of the ride. Please email us if interested to learn more about sponsoring our little ride that has an enormous impact.

These are the good people who paid for your flapjack, coffee, beers, gyros and fish and chips plus all the boring stuff we need in place for a ride for 600 people (too boring to list).

					
APSS	Bridge McFarland	Chestnut Homes	Clarke Group Construction Ltd	David Dales	D B Wood
					
Gelder	Giant Lincoln	Greenzone	Impsport	Lindum Group	Nicholsons
					
OSB Events	Panacea Finance Solutions	Parkinson Harcourt	Ringrose Law	Shield Security	SRC UK
					
Streets	Virgin Money	Wright Vigar			

And this is who will benefit in the next few weeks:



2025 Bonded places



And finally, if you want to nominate a charity for next year, please get in touch with us in the next few months before we finalise the 2026 beneficiaries.

Community Charity Cycling

Team C2C2C recovering