

**Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 13th July 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, Steven Knattress, Adrian Williams, Rosalind Readhead, Sean Howes, Nick Kocharhook, James Campbell, Graham Parks, David Lincoln, Tabitha Tanqueray, Talia Hussein, Eilidh Murray, Rachel Bower.

Apologies: Robert Harston, Keith Mcfarlane, John Ackers, Sue Marris, Simon Izod

Matters arising

Owen Street: Nick had met two residents/freeholders of flats in Owen Street and all agreed that the current arrangement there was not good with the high volume of cyclists.

Safari Ride: Alison thanked everyone who had helped on the ride on 26th June on which there were about 25 people, including several in animal outfits.

Agenda

Quietway 10

Although the council's proposals for the route were not publicly available, it had told CI that there would be no traffic filtering and the proposed cycle lanes were only 1.5m wide. CI members should continue to talk to their councillors about it but the current campaign needed to be reviewed.

In a general discussion various points/actions were made/suggested including:- Val Shawcross, new Deputy Mayor for Transport, was supportive of Quietways; to emphasise and approach the number of pedestrians using the route; to ask TfL to address the junction at Pentonville Road and Penton Street as the former was a TfL road; to seek support from the various NGOs and businesses around Amwell Street and QW10 such as Amnesty International, the British Lung Association, Deliveroo and Arsenal FC; do another e-mail to CI members in the relevant wards and to encourage more cycling along the route with the TfL bike hire extended further north (although boroughs have to finance the scheme the new developments at Finsbury Park could contribute).

A further CI action could be based around campaigning against the LBI proposals once the consultation is launched, encouraging those organisations mentioned to reject the scheme and suggest better alternatives. Nick agreed to continue to co-ordinate CI's campaign.

Rebranding ICAG to Cycle Islington

John had changed the website, FB and Twitter name (although Graham said there was a problem with the old Twitter name) and Eilidh offered to check any other aspects and had already been in touch with Savvas who had revised the logo. Nick offered to show Eilidh how to upload content on the website.

RideLondon local ride on 30th July

Steve was going to recce the route and fill out the risk assessment for the LCC. He would lead the ride and Sarah, John, Eilidh, Nick, Alison, Graham and possibly Talia and James agreed be marshals.

Angel Canal Festival on 4th September

Alison may not be able to help with the stall but Eilidh could do the first part and Tabitha thought she'd be able to help. Simon had offered so Alison would contact him.

Feedback from LCC media training

Talia had attended this and said it had been a very useful session and gave various examples. She had circulated some of the material provided on the CI e-group and said there were three key measures that needed to be emphasised in any interview with the media:- cycling was important to help London's congestion problems; more people are now cycling and more safe space for cycling is needed. The way Chris Boardman communicates was a good example of positive cycling messages.

LCC AGM on Saturday 15th October

The deadline for submitting motions for the LCC AGM was Friday 22nd July and for submitting a nomination to be an LCC trustee was Monday 15th August. Nominations for Campaigner Awards needed to be in by Monday 3rd October, last year the ICAG Safari Ride had been nominated (and received a special mention).

Tufnell Park grant

Thanks to David Lincoln several years ago ICAG had received a grant of £850 for an event in St George's ward but unfortunately the award came too late to be used as planned. At last month's AGM it had been agreed that the money would be spent in St George's ward this year and there was a general discussion on how it could be best used. David and Steve thought the 'Tufnell Park cycles to school' ride could be repeated and highlight a quick win improvement on the route for the council to address. A Dr Bike could be included and Rosalind suggested offering cargo bikes for hire. David, Steve and Alison would further discuss the event and logistics.

Any other business

Driveless cars: Rosalind said driveless/autonomous cars had featured at the Hackney Cycling Conference and was concerned that big industries would be pushing for infrastructure to suit them in city centres despite them not interacting well with bicycles. Not everyone present shared Rosalind's concerns but all agreed that infrastructure should be changed to suit people. Alison said she would find out if the LCC had any opinion/policy on driveless cars.

Rosalind also mentioned local bike rides arranged by Leyton Orient to their home matches see <http://www.leytonorient.com/news/article/cycling-is-my-goal-official-matchday-ride-for-crawley-town-match-2958582.aspx> and thought CI should suggest Arsenal did something similar. The club had a community stall at Chapel Market on Saturdays.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th August 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1