

**Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 10th August 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Talia Hussein, Eilidh Murray, James Campbell, Steven Knattress, Adrian Williams, Rosalind Readhead, Daisy De Beers, Liz Reiner, Nick Kocharhook, Simon Izod, John Ackers, Tabitha Tanqueray.

**Apologies:** Robert Harston.

**Matters arising**

*Quietway 10:* Steve read out the quote from Cllr Claudia Webbe in the recent press release from TfL about support for the continuation of CS6 to King's Cross see: <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2016/july/overwhelming-support-for-extension-of-north-south-cycle-superhighway>

*Ride London FreeCycle:* Alison thanked everyone who had helped with the ride on 30<sup>th</sup> July and said CI would receive £180 for organising it.

*Driverless/autonomous cars:* Alison had raised this at the LCC Borough Groups meeting but no groups there had been discussing it. Mustafa at the LCC had asked Rachel Aldred if she might consider policy within this area.

**Agenda**

**Working with Islington Council**

Talia and Nick had attended the CI meeting with Cllr Claudia Webbe in July. It was the first time Talia had been to one of these regular meetings and as a 'fresh pair of eyes' she had a various suggestions for improving our dialogue with the council. The key messages were:

- Islington Council has the same broad goals as CI to increase cycling, reduce pollution and encourage healthy lifestyles in the borough but we need to seek agreement on how these should be best achieved.
- CI should be more proactive in rebuffing rude and negative statements made by/about cyclists to reduce the antagonism created on social and print media. Cyclists concerns must be raised but in a more supportive manner.
- The meetings with Cllr Webbe should be more strategic looking at the bigger picture for cycling in Islington whilst the meetings with the council officers can focus on details of infrastructure.
- Cllr Webbe has proposed working with CI to create a community event to promote and celebrate cycling in Islington.

These were discussed extensively and it was agreed CI's strategic vision needed to be developed and measurable goals defined with the council. Nick and Talia would continue to attend the meetings with Cllr Webbe and council officers and the meeting thanked them for all their work. Nick would confirm the dates of the future meetings.

**LCC finances**

A number of the LCC's borough groups had large reserves and had been asked to consider giving a proportion of them to the central LCC. However as CI no longer had a reserve (apart from £850 ring fenced for use only in St George's ward) we could not help and were also in need of funds.

The LCC membership fee would be increasing in September with a new range of benefits, including discounts in bike shops.

#### **Angel Canal Festival Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Alison would ask the LCC if new members could join at the festival for the new membership benefits at the old rate. Eilidh, Simon, Steve, Daisy and Tabitha said they should be able to help on the stall.

#### **Cycle to Work Day Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

LCC were hoping to run a number of led rides to workplace hubs in the centre of London. John, Simon, Liz and possibly Steve said they would be able to help organise a ride from Finsbury Park and Alison said she would check with the LCC about where it should end and if Haringey were also planning one.

#### **CI newsletter**

Eilidh was finalising this.

#### **Any other business**

*Bike lights for sale at Cash Converters:* Daisy had had three bike lights stolen and was concerned to see second hand bike lights were being sold at Cash Converters. Alison would ask other LCC local groups if this was happening in their boroughs.

*Google advertising for community groups:* James would be working with the LCC so it could use the free advertising Google makes available for community groups.

*Brick Safety:* James recommended @Brick\_Safety on Twitter:- *All of us - brickthrowers and people who get bricks thrown at them - need to learn to respect each other & share our streets*

*Cycling collision statistics:* Simon said there had been a very short report in the Tribune about a cyclist in a collision at Archway see: <http://islingtontribune.com/cyclist-archway-fall>

He wondered if it was possible to get more information about these collisions from the council, especially if they might be caused by changes to local infrastructure. Nick would raise it at the next meeting with council officers.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1