

**DRAFT Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, Eilidh Murray, Talia Hussein, Sean Howes, Adrian Williams, Rosalind Readhead, Nick Kocharhook, Simon Izod, John Ackers, Keith Macfarlane, Tabitha Tanqueray, Graham Parks, Trevor Parsons, Tom Bogdanowicz.

Apologies: James Gleadow.

Matter arising

Cycle Islington's Strategy: Simon would circulate possible dates for a meeting to those interested in working on this.
Tavistock Place consultation: John would send in the response from CI. Anyone who had not signed the petition was urged to and circulate it to others. Those who could help leaflet should contact Jean at Camden Cycling Campaign.
LCC and LTDA: Sean said that the wording on a version of the joint road safety plan was different from that agreed with the LCC (taxis 'should' but cyclists 'must') and he would raise it at the LCC AGM.

Agenda

Feedback from CI meeting with council officers

Nick and Talia had attended this meeting with Will Umney and Paul Taylor from the council and summarised what had been discussed:

- CI had confirmed it would not sign the terms of reference as no other cycling group had been asked to by their council.
- The modelling was still being done on Old Street and Clerkenwell Road and public consultation on the scheme was now likely in spring 2017. Tabitha asked if any new plans showed the safety improvements CI had previously recommended but Nick said there were no new plans. John was concerned at the length of time it was taking to get to the consultation phase and he and Nick would discuss this further.
- The crossing of City Road at Featherstone Street was to be signed off before Old Street/Clerkenwell Road scheme was started.
- At the junction of Southgate and Northchurch Roads the council will apply for money to study having filtering there. Buses on Southgate Road would prefer a signalised junction whereas a 'tiger crossing' (combined pedestrian and cycle crossing) was preferred by cyclists.
- The issue of either improving or removing sub-standard cycle infrastructure had been raised, as cycle tracks that were too narrow or too near parked cars continued to be repainted when the street maintenance was done. The officers said the maintenance department could not make decisions on road markings but repainted existing markings and that the borough's only funding for cycling is from TfL, with none from the council so there was no budget for reviewing existing infrastructure. John and Nick agreed to write to Claudia Webbe about the repainting. John also wondered where the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) money (also from TfL) was being spent, especially as there had been no information on the progress of the Junction Road scheme, potentially funded by the LIP.
- Nick and Talia asked officers for updates at their next meeting on Quietway 10 through Barnsbury as it had some 'critical fails' in the Cycling Level of Service (CLOS) assessment and the bikehanger trial in Islington.

Shepherdess Walk/City Road/Bath Street junction improvement consultation

This TfL consultation involves junctions with both Islington and Hackney and enables southbound cyclists to enter Bath Street from Shepherdess Walk. It had been on wish lists for at least 10 years and was welcomed, although Trevor from Hackney Cycling Campaign said that as the consultation gave no indication about the signalling it was impossible to judge the waiting times and the 'keep clear' on Shepherdess Walk may add difficulty to getting through the light phases. Sean was concerned vehicles may not stay behind it and instead go over it into the cycle advanced stop line.

It was suggested that Hackney and Islington did a joint response to the consultation and Tabitha agreed to ask Natalie and Harry of Hackney Cycling Campaign if they would be happy to draft one. The consultation closes on 18th November 2016 and individual members should respond too, see <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/city-road> Trevor also suggested a new walking and cycling crossing of City Road further west at Windsor Terrace and Dingley Road which CI could discuss with local councillors and officers.

Responding to requests for CI to support non-core activities

In the interests of time this was carried over to another meeting.

Format/speakers for CI meetings

It was agreed it would be useful if local councillors were invited by CI members in their wards to attend the CI meeting and discuss cycling issues both locally and around the borough. Alison would liaise with CI members about this.

CI website

A volunteer to help keep this a bit more up-to-date would be most welcome!

LCC AGM on Saturday 15th October

A number of those present would be attending and Eilidh suggested making sure everyone went to different workshops and then feedback from them.

Any other business

Stroud Green Road cycle track by Finsbury Park station: Christine McCourt had asked Alison to raise the crowding issues there that had made the cycle lane unusable since the closure of the station's back entrance. Graham felt that the cycle lane was somewhat pointless as it didn't go anywhere and Nick said he had suggested to LBI that they put some removable plastic bollards between the cycle and pedestrian path but they have not done that.

Proposed Car Free Day event: Rosalind had spoken to Cllr Webbe's team at the Car Free Day event on Islington Green about the possibility of making it bigger and better. Rosalind went through some of her ideas which included working with Arsenal FC on a led ride, tying in with London Fashion Week and Oxjam, getting local restaurants and shops to use/sell sustainable food and goods. Simon thought that CI should organise led rides into the event, ask neighbouring boroughs to and ensure there was plenty of cycle parking. Talia would ask for this to be discussed at the next meeting with Cllr Webbe.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th November 2016 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1