

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Rosalind Readhead, Nick Kocharhook, Simon Izod, David Harrison, Keith Macfarlane, Tabitha Tanqueray, David Lincoln, Liz Reiner, Graham Parks, James Campbell, John Ackers.

**Apologies:** Talia Hussein, Eilidh Murray

**Matters arising**

*CI strategy meeting:* this had been arranged for next week and Simon would circulate time and venue information to those who had expressed interest in taking part.

*Proposed car free day event:* Rosalind would join Talia and Nick at the next meeting with Cllr Claudia Webbe at the end of November to discuss her ideas.

**Agenda**

**Revitalising Liveable Islington**

David Harrison suggested that Liveable Islington, the group set up by Nick to campaign for Quietway 10 through Barnsbury, should be revitalised. There was general agreement that an alliance of local groups such as CI, Living Streets, the Islington Society etc. would be good way to campaign for improvements to streets and air quality although in the absence of a current big scheme to campaign for there was discussion around how best to re-start it. Rosalind suggested it should have a new name such as Healthy Streets for Islington to tie in with TfL's current direction or Better Streets for Islington, similar to the name used in Enfield for their mini-Holland campaign. A number of different organisations that could be involved were suggested. David said the Living Streets AGM would be taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Town Hall and that might be a good forum for further discussions.

**Shepherdess Walk/City Road/Bath Street junction improvement consultation**

Hackney Cycling Campaign had got some leaflets printed and would be handing them out at the junction the following day and on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The consultation closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and it was important that everyone present responded as it was potentially under threat as it was not popular with black cabs. Natalie and Harry of Hackney CC were finalising the joint response with Islington and Tabitha would ask them to circulate it.

**Consultation on junction of Farringdon Street and West Smithfield / Snow Hill on CS-6**

This was raised as point of information and again for everyone to respond, closing date 12<sup>th</sup> December. Jean of Camden Cycling Campaign had e-mailed the link to the Cyclescape discussion on this, see <http://www.cyclescape.org/threads/2803>

**Gillespie Road residents, local councillors and officers meeting**

John had circulated notes via the CI Yahoo group on this which had come about as a local resident was keen to get improvements to Gillespie Road. He thought Quietway 10 might be a way of achieving them although he had found it difficult to get local support as many residents were temporary who rented and then moved. As James Campbell had recently moved to the area it was hoped he could attend any future meetings.

### **Local Implementation Plan (LIP)**

John had also circulated notes via the CI Yahoo group on this, noting that £20k was proposed for Bikehangers. It was agreed that there should be more available for these and that Islington council should follow Hackney's example and apply for more funding. It was suggested that CI should find out how many bedsits or one-bedroom flats were in the borough as these were properties very unlikely to have storage space for bicycles which would benefit from Bikehangers. Nick said they would raise it at the next meeting with Cllr Claudia Webbe.

Overall the LIP demonstrated the lack of strategy the council had on cycling.

### **Items for December CI newsletter**

Alison agreed to pass the suggestions to Eilidh.

### **Any other business**

- David asked if Pitfield Street was now completed and those present thought it was.
- Simon had attended the photoshoot with Cllr Claudia Webbe and officers for the opening of the new cycle path arrangement on Owen Street.
- John said the editor (?Keith Archer) of the Islington Gazette cycles and in a recent editorial relating to Tufnell Park Road during the Holloway Road closure said too many people were driving. John thought he would be interested in hearing from CI.
- John had attended the Islington Society AGM earlier in the evening where how people moved around Islington and different ways to use streets had been raised.
- Keith reported that three of the staff in the projects team at the LCC had been made redundant.
- Tabitha said there was a council consultation on the draft Islington Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy see <https://www.islington.gov.uk/consultations/draft-joint-health-and-wellbeing-strategy> which closes on 7th December and that cycling should feature more prominently given the importance of physical activity for physical and mental health. Tabitha also mentioned the introduction of Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs, five-year plans covering NHS spending) and said that she understood in Greenwich council officers involved in planning, sustainability and public health met regularly to try and work together on key issues. Tabitha agreed to try and write something which could be used in a response.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.