

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, Nick Kocharhook, Simon Izod, Sean Howes, Graham Parks, John Ackers, Sue Marris, Adrian Williams, Tabitha Tanqueray, Eilidh Murray.

Apologies: Talia Hussein, Keith Macfarlane, Michael Johnston, Robert Harston, Liz Reiner, David Lincoln.

Matters arising

Draft Islington Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Tabitha was thanked for responding to this on behalf of CI.

Living Streets AGM: Several CI members had attended this on 5th December where Lucy Saunders, public health specialist, talked about TfL's Healthy Streets Initiative. This is a more holistic approach to streets, bringing in all TfL's core activities, with a scoring system for certain criteria which funding will be tied to.

Agenda

Feedback from meetings with councillors and officers

Nick and Talia met for their quarterly meeting with Cllr Webbe and Rosalind attended to discuss plans for an event closing Upper Street which Cllr Webbe had suggested at their last meeting. Rosalind presented the work she had done on 2017 Car Free Day in September, and Cllr Webbe was most concerned about whether CI would be running the event. Nick and Talia said that CI would expect to contribute to the event, along with other local groups, but didn't have the expertise to actually run it and expected the council to take the lead. Cllr Webbe explained that the council doesn't run any of the events (e.g. Cally Fest, Whitecross Street Feat) which happen on its streets today, and wouldn't be able to run this one either.

The clean air consultation was discussed and how traffic could be reduced, although traffic evaporation did not seem to be a consideration.

The week before Nick and Talia had been to the liaison meeting with council officers, although neither Paul Taylor nor Eshwyn Prabhu could not attend, so Andrew Ford from air quality was present with Will Umney. The Zero Emissions Network (ZEN), local businesses reducing air pollution, was discussed, see https://www.islington.gov.uk/environment/sus_pollute/air_quality/zero-emissions-network

There had been no progress on the junction of Northchurch Road and Southgate Road. As this is in Canonbury ward where Talia and Eilidh both live, it was suggested that they should contact their councillor Nick Wayne about the delay.

Work would be taking place on the junction of Featherstone Street and City Road and there were also plans for Finsbury Square, near Moorgate, for a cycle contraflow to continue east from Chiswell Street.

Developing CI's strategy

Simon, Sean, Nick, Liz and Rosalind had met to work on this. Incorporating work started by Tom Harrison they had discussed what CI's long term goals should be, how to measure success and ways of reaching a wider audience such as 'movers and shakers' ride around the borough, inviting councillors and other speakers to CI meetings and contacting new Islington LCC members who are automatically CI members.

Simon agreed to present their work at a CI meeting and it was agreed that 'cyclising Islington' would be discussed, using the LCC method from the recent AGM and as well as the idea of liveable neighbourhoods as per the mini Holland schemes. Sean said he would set up a wiki for CI to use.

Bikehangars and full council meeting on 15th December

Cllr Russell was going to be asking a question at the full council meeting about on street cycle parking in the borough. John would be attending but for another issue and no one else present was able to attend.

There had been no feedback on Bikehangars at the liaison meeting and the results of the trial were still awaited. Sean reported that installation of Bikehangars had stalled in Camden as they had not all got through the consultation and other reasons.

Tree planting on cycle routes

Michael Johnson, now working in the council's tree service, had contacted Alison asking if CI, as a community group, would support a tree planting programme along cycle routes. It was agreed that as long as any newly planted trees did not impinge on a cycle route CI would support it.

Any other business

Quietway 10: this would be discussed at the next liaison meeting with council officers on 5th January.
Gillespie Road parking changes consultation: Nick reported that this consultation was closing on 16th January, see [Gillespie Road - Proposed Parking Changes Survey](#) and that CI should respond.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th January 2017