

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Simon Munk, Alison Dines, Rosalind Readhead, Nick Kocharhook, John Ackers, Simon Izod, Adrian Williams, Keith Macfarlane, Sue Marris, Tabitha Tanqueray, Paul Standeven, Graham Parks, Talia Hussain.

**Apologies:** Eilidh Murray, Mary Stevens, Liz Reiner.

**Agenda**

Simon Munk, LCC's infrastructure campaigner, came to the meeting to discuss how CI could campaign more effectively by looking at our relationships with local councillors and council officers.

It was explained that CI have regular meetings with officers from the planning and engineering departments and also, less frequently, meet with the executive member for transport and environment but the cycling infrastructure around the borough is not as good as it could be. Rosalind made the point that some members of CI had been involved in this work for a long time and if they felt what they had hoped for had not been achieved now was a good time to step back to prevent negativity setting in.

Simon said it was important to treat decision makers as individuals and understand what motivates them and so how CI's goals can be aligned with them. Led by John the meeting discussed CI's current relationships with key councillors and council officers.

Simon described his experience in Waltham Forest with the successful bid for the mini-Holland scheme. This was inspiring and the meeting considered how some of those methods could be used to get the message across in Islington. Suggestions were:-

- Cycling round the borough with key individuals, not as a large group as traffic behaves differently then but with just one or two people.
- To walk along busy or unsafe streets with any key individual who is not willing/able to cycle.
- Compiling evidence on the inequality related of busy roads in terms of health, air quality, social isolation, etc. to present to councillors.
- Invite councillors and officers to talks illustrating other aspects of cycling e.g. Lucy Saunders on the new TfL Healthy Streets initiative and Isabelle Clement from Wheels for Wellbeing on all ability cycling.
- Organise, or work with other groups such as Breeze to, 'niche' events such as a women only cycle ride; family rides.
- Consider areas around a school where road closures at the times pupils go to and leave school could be introduced. See the example in Camden <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-38894174>

The meeting thanked Simon very much for coming and sharing his experiences and helping the group re-think CI activities. The next steps would be discussed further at subsequent CI meetings.

**Any other business**

*Request for bike parking:* Will Umney had told Nick that an LCC member had gone directly to the mayor and GLA requesting 100 Sheffield stands for cycle parking around Islington, rather contacting Islington Council first which would have been able to respond to the request.

*Preventing mopeds going through street closures:* Alison had been contacted by a local police officer about proposals to prevent mopeds getting through the gaps in certain street closures, as part of an initiative to address moped theft and snatch robberies perpetrated by moped riders in Islington. There was concern that these proposals would be detrimental to cyclists and Alison would reply to him about it.