

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Mary Stevens, Rosalind Readhead, John Ackers, Christopher Reeve, Simon Izod, Eilidh Murray, Liz Reiner, Tabitha Tanqueray, Talia Hussain, Caroline Russell.

**Apologies:** Keith Macfarlane, Sue Marris, Nick Kocharhook, Adrian Williams

**Presentation by Mary Stevens**

Mary presented 'Making decisions on QW2: lessons for QW10' a summary of a module she had just finished for her OU MSc. As a Highbury East resident Mary was interested in QW10 from Finsbury Park to Clerkenwell and looked at the experience in Hackney of trying to introduce modal filtering on QW2 in the London Fields area to see what lessons could be learnt. Although Hackney council had a good cycling policy, when it came to introducing modal filtering on Middleton Road as part of QW2 this was not connected to their policy. There was no stakeholder mapping of the area and the local councillors mostly heard from residents angry about the scheme, rather than those who agreed with it. No success criteria were set, whereas the council could have worked with the local community to hear their wishes and concerns.

Mary then discussed at how to engage with stakeholders about schemes like this and recommended the book 'How Change Happens' by Duncan Green who had worked for Oxfam. Mary said she would circulate her presentation to the CI group and was thanked for her very interesting and relevant presentation.

**Feedback from meetings**

Talia and Nick had met with council officers Will Umney, Paul Taylor, Costas Jacovou, David Shannon and Dan Perks and Talia gave a summary:

- The contract for parking enforcement officers was being renewed and they would be able to enforce the anti-idling policy.
- David Shannon (cycling officer) would oversee plans for car free day.
- The council had purchased 18 secure on-street bike parking units, each for 6 bikes, from Asgard which had better security features to Bikehangars. They would be installed in June.
- CI should have been consulted about Benwell Road but it transpired that there were multiple lists of consultees and CI wasn't on the one used; these lists were going to be amalgamated into one.
- QW2 was to officially open on 24<sup>th</sup> April and QW10 delivery will be discussed at the next meeting with officers.
- Eshwyn was to move to another job within the council and Eric Manners would be replacing him.

Talia and Nick had also met with Cllr Claudia Webbe who had said that the council were looking to temporary road closures (during down off and pick up times) around schools with a view to a phased roll out in 8 months.

Talia and David Harrison had met with Deanna Walker, a planner from the council, about the pedestrianisation of Clerkenwell Green. The south and east sides would be closed and pedestrianised with no through route for cycles into Clerkenwell Road as traffic counts had found high numbers of pedestrians but few cyclists using that route. There were no plans available but consultation would take place in June with the scheme starting in 2018 and scheduled for completion in 2020. Simon and Alison thought that the streets into Clerkenwell Green were useful north-south routes and Talia said they would still be accessible and cyclists could enter from the

west. It was agreed that more cycle parking was needed in the area and it was felt that by supporting this scheme CI might gain some leverage over plans for Clerkenwell Boulevard.

### **CI Strategy**

There was a general discussion about the group's objectives and Tabitha volunteered to draft a document based on it.

### **Islington Healthy Streets vision and mission statement**

David Harrison had circulated a draft of this to the CI members who had attended the inaugural meeting of Islington Healthy Streets on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Tabitha read out part of David's e-mail and those present agreed that the goals were good and should be supported.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May