

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, James Gleadow, Adrian Williams, Rosalind Readhead, John Ackers, Christopher Reeve, Simon Izod, Eilidh Murray, Liz Reiner, Tabitha Tanqueray, Talia Hussain, Keith Macfarlane, Sue Marris, Graham Parks, Sean Howes, David Harrison, Paul Standeven.

Apologies: Nick Kocharhook

Christian Wolmar, LCC trustee

Christian explained that each of the 10 LCC trustees were linking up with four local groups to improve communications between the central LCC office and borough groups. Membership was important, especially as it was the main LCC revenue source, as it no longer received grants it had in the past. We asked Christian if the LCC knew what local group activities attracted new members so we could do more of what worked and suggested that LCC encourage more co-ordination between neighbouring groups. We also asked about plans for the local elections next year and Christian said a working group would be meeting shortly. There was then a general discussion about cycling in Islington.

Matters Arising

Pedestrianising Clerkenwell Green. As no plans were currently available Talia had circulated her drawing to CI-eng plan of the proposed scheme and confirmed that the current plan was to have only pedestrian access onto Clerkenwell Road.

Agenda

Cycle Islington strategy

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

Islington Healthy Streets

David Harrison explained that the first meeting of this coalition of local groups was held in February and was attended by several members of Cycle Islington, Andrew Bosi of the Islington Society, a rep from London Play and some local parents and it was felt focusing on school groups would be a good start. David had circulated a draft of its mission statement which had been briefly discussed last month. James said he was against broad coalitions and thought we should focus on reducing motor vehicle domination. It was agreed that other groups should become more involved with Islington Healthy Streets. A vote was taken on the proposal that 'CI support the Islington Healthy Streets vision'. There were 14 in favour, none against and one abstention.

Talia agreed to put together a quick website with an email capture for Islington Healthy Streets and David would forward her the mission statement for it.

Cycle Islington committee, AGM and budget

The AGM would take place on 14th June but unfortunately Lyn Sloman was now unable to speak for family reasons. Alison had contacted Will Norman and Isabelle Clement of Wheels for Wellbeing but neither were available on that date. Several other potential speakers were suggested and Alison would contact them. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Alison.

Keith had prepared the budget and CI had spent less money than it had received last year. The LCC had asked that local groups that did not need their annual grant not apply for it. Keith therefore

proposed that 'CI does not apply for the annual LCC local group grant for 2017/8' and there were 11 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Forthcoming events

It was agreed that CI would have a joint stall with Haringey and Hackney Cycling Campaigns at the Festival of Cycling and Walking on 18th June. As this clashed with the Cally Festival this year, CI would not have a stall at the Cally Festival. It was also agreed that CI would have a stall at the Angel Canal Festival on Sunday 3rd September.

Meeting with police about scooter barriers

Alison, Adrian and Tom Bogdanowicz had met with the local police to discuss their proposal of putting barriers on some cycle routes to prevent scooters used by thieves getting through. It was inconclusive but Tom and Alison had expressed concerns about the barriers preventing access for tricycles and other larger bicycles.

CI newsletter

Eilidh had enough content for the next edition.

Any other business

Archway: Despite the welcome removal of the gyratory and the shifting of space from cars to pedestrians there were concerns about the cycle lanes not being continuous or easy to follow with narrow tracks and some conflict with pedestrians. The Highgate Society had been collating the issues and liaising with TfL and it was suggested that Andrew Bosi was asked about whether the underground and bus interchange had been improved.

Quietway 10: John asked about the QW10 campaign and presenting the petition. Highbury West was going to have a traffic study of Gillespie Road but as Nick was not present further discussion was proposed to a future meeting.

Clerkenwell Boulevard: John understood there would be a consultation on this scheme in the summer after delays caused by modelling for buses and cycle tracks. CI had expressed concern about the safety of the junctions and he wondered if it could support the scheme if the concerns had not been addressed.

Secure on-street cycle parking: John asked about the funding for the new cages and Talia said it was from TfL.

Next meeting: AGM on 14th June and then 12th July 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall