

Notes from Cycle Islington meeting on 12th July 2017 at 7:30 in Islington Town Hall

Present: Nick Kocharhook (NK), Talia Hussein, Tom Bogdanowicz, Chris Kenyon (CK), Keith Macfarlane, Graham Parks, Will McMahon, Adrian Williams, Chris Reeves, Sue Marris

Apologies: Alison Dines

- Holloway Prison
 - Will from the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies (CCJS) came and spoke about the Holloway Prison redevelopment project.
 - CCJS are about 10 people, based in Vauxhall. Criminal justice in the UK has a focus on minorities, the poor and those with mental illness. And yet, statistically, they don't commit crime any more often than other groups.
 - Holloway Prison has closed, and CCJS received funding to explore community-based options for its future.
 - The prison itself will be levelled, so we're starting from a blank canvas. There is a new visitor's centre building which may stay. It could be turned into a community centre.
 - It will be 3–4 years before anything happens.
 - Islington is a very deprived area; Will was astonished when he dug into the data.
 - LBI has a baseline that 50% of the new development should be social housing.
 - MoJ owns the land and LBI have a strong hand now to share a plan for building housing.
 - Possibility of a plan beyond "let a developer build as many £1m flats as possible" is higher now than it was before the GE in June.
 - The new development could radically re-make the area. We discussed how the site is placed on the Nag's Head Gyratory, which LBI has wanted to get rid of for a long time. If Islington pushed for dramatically reducing traffic here and simultaneously opened up cycling links to the north through the currently impassable site, it could have a huge impact.
 - CCJS has spoken to the Mount Pleasant project folks. Will took our suggestion that he should also speak to Living Streets.
 - His big ask was: CI folks, please fill out the [Holloway Prison survey](#) which CCJS is running now.
 - So far, the responses have shown strong support for affordable homes.
 - The LBI site has a [very good document](#) about the site. Will suggests everyone read it.
- CLOCS
 - Tom B spoke about LCC's upcoming [CLOCS](#) campaign.
 - CLOCS is a construction industry initiative to enforce safety best practices through self-policing. It has 400 industry members (construction companies) already.
 - Only 2 London boroughs are champions so far: the City and Camden.
 - LCC will be pushing for every borough to join CLOCS in the autumn. They will want us to send letters and meet with our councillors.
- Bikehangars
 - Consultations ongoing. NK put up a Google map of the proposed locations and their associated consultations.
 - Chris Kenyon (CK) asks: can we get temporary Sheffield stands installed at the same time to see how they compare? He wonders if the expense of cycle hangars is necessary, or if mid-block Sheffield stands would be a more cost-effective solution.
 - ACTION ITEM: NK to contact Tammy at LCC about local shops.

- ACTION ITEM: NK to contact Rakhia about coming to a CI meeting.
- CK went to a City planning conference
 - The City is ALL ABOUT Vision Zero. The man in charge of their push is super passionate about it. CK was surprised and impressed.
 - “No one should have to die in the City.”
 - This is great news. We have a powerful ally. Now to convince them that reducing through traffic is the way to achieve Vision Zero goals.
- CK also went to a council of corporate officers’ meeting
 - Major focus on providing cycling for businesses.
 - Allen & Overy has 2000 bike parking spaces for their 7000 person office in the City!
 - Officers are being told: you should put in MORE cycle parking for commercial units.