

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 9th August 2017 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, Nick Kocharhook, Adrian Williams, John Ackers, Christopher Reeve, Eilidh Murray, Liz Reiner, Tabitha Tanqueray, Sue Marris.

Apologies: Talia Hussain, Keith Macfarlane, David Harrison.

Matters Arising

Redevelopment of Holloway Prison site: A Community Plan Open Day, when the findings of the Community Plan survey would be presented, was to take place at St George's church, Crayford Road, Tufnell Park on the afternoon of Saturday 30th September. CI had been asked if it wanted to have a stall at this event and it was agreed CI should. Although cycling was not central to the redevelopment, it was important to ensure cycle permeability through it and connectivity with the surrounding area. Each organisation attending the event was asked to provide a 100-200 word statement about what should happen to the former prison site and Chris offered to draft the piece. Alison would contact the LCC about e-mailing CI members in the local wards about the Community Plan event.

Agenda

FreeCycle feeder ride

The CI feeder ride had been a success and all involved were thanked. It was suggested that it could start earlier next year to allow sufficient time to get round the route and see all the zones. It was also agreed that more information about the LCC should be available. An invitation to the LCC stand for a free tea/coffee would be a good way of attracting people and even if they didn't take up the offer they would have a card with LCC information.

Feedback from meeting with council officers

Nick and Talia had met with council officers on 13th July and Nick summarised the main points:-

Cycle parking: the council said the Bikehangers could not be situated in conservation areas. The locations for the first 18 had been selected based on applications from at least 15 people living with 200m. The issue of fire safety with estate residents told to remove bikes from access areas was also raised with CI saying alternative places to put them should be provided.

Old Street/Clerkenwell Road scheme: this had been discussed again and some improvements had been made to earlier plans.

Council staff: Zahur Khan had left and Paul Taylor was now Acting Head of Traffic and Parking.

Quick wins list: the difficulty of removing anti-scooter barriers had been focussed on, rather than other items on CI's list of small, positive interventions.

Nick agreed to put the dates of the next meetings on the CI calendar and at the next one to raise the Mayor of London's transport strategy and the Liveable Neighbourhood funding and he was thanked for attending the meetings.

Use of FOI to obtain information from the council

Talia had asked for this to be discussed. It was agreed that it could be useful for specific campaigns but that initially requests for information should be made at the meetings with the council officers. If adequate replies weren't forthcoming, FOI could be used as a last resort.

Speakers for future CI meetings

Alison asked for suggestions of speakers and thought it would be good to invite some more councillors. Fran Graham, Campaigns Coordinator at the LCC would be able to attend in September and Eric Manners from Islington Council (who had taken over at Planning from Eshwyn Prabhu) was to speak at the November meeting. Chris agreed to see if anyone from Sustrans could come and talk about Quietways.

Local elections 2018

LCC were still working on the details of their campaign but it would be a joint one with Living Streets and at borough, rather than ward, level. Eilidh thought it would be good for CI to have '3 asks' that candidates could sign up to; this was agreed and Alison offered to draft and circulate some. It was also agreed that the parties should be contacted with cycling plans for their manifestos and John agreed to find out the best way of doing this.

Autumn social bike ride

Eilidh suggested organising a social ride in October and Alison agreed to put out a request for a ride leader and contact Camden to see if their excellent team of Geoff Stilwell and John Chamberlain could help.

Stall at Angel Canal Festival

Volunteers for this event on Sunday 3rd September am-5pm were requested to help at this event, Eilidh and Alison could set up and start it.

CI newsletter

Eilidh was working on this.

Any other business

None.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th September 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall