

Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1

Apologies: Alison Dines, Eilidh Murray, Sue Marris, and Robert Harston.

Present: Fran Graham (LCC campaigns coordinator), Talia Hussain, Tabatha Tanqueray, Deborah Maby, Christian Wolmar, David Harrison, Andrew (unknown email), Chris Reeve, Graham Parks, John Ackers (minutes), Liz Reiner, Keith Macfarlane (chair)

Due to a JA/KM oversight, we didn't consider matters arising.

Agenda

LCC's campaign coordinator Fran Graham

Fran Graham outlined LCC's plans for local elections 2018. LCC wanted local groups to ask election candidates to make manifesto commitments to submit high quality bids (£1m to £10m) to the Mayor's [Liveable Neighbourhoods](#) initiative. A liveable neighborhood in a residential area might include filtered permeability. More details will be announced in future months. Fran said some local groups wanted to continue with the space for cycling campaign and asks from 2014. Local groups could of course set their own priorities, however LCC wouldn't be able to support them with resources.

Fran mentioned the LG forum on Sep 28th and the [LCC AGM on 19th October](#) and invited us to suggest nominations for campaigner awards.

Fran mentioned the [Camden Cyclists map page](#) which shows overlays of TfL's drawings on top of google maps. After the meeting she provided links to TfL's [Strategic Cycling Analysis](#) (and to [How to use social media](#)).

"The important maps are:

Figure 4.2: Area-wide opportunities to expand cycling connections (page 48) – these are the Liveable Neighbourhoods
Figure 5.1 Top Potential Connections recommended for further study (page 52) – these are the key potential routes.
You'll need to look at the blue routes as well, as these include the London Boulevard."

Feedback from meeting with Cllr Webbe

(Meeting notes have been produced by Eilidh. Please email Alison if you want to see these.)

Talia reported that Cllr Webbe wasn't happy about what we (as Cycle Islington) tweeted or retweeted because it wasn't always constructive and she didn't think that the work of council officers should be criticised. ACTION: Talia said that this raised wider issues about our messaging and that she would take this back to the CI committee for resolution. No immediate change to use of social media was proposed or agreed.

Talia said that Cllr Webbe wanted suggestions to feed into the council's response to the Mayor's Transport Strategy, in particular, where there any routes or corridors that we'd like to suggest? Tab said that she was surprised that officers hadn't requested this information. ACTION Talia: to ask LBI officers to provide a link to any guidance that TfL might have issues about the scale/type of schemes they might want to fund/consider.

Talia reported that Cllr Webbe wanted to discuss Elephant and Castle to King's Cross. Talia reported that she'd said to Cllr Webbe who cares, you can get there 5 other ways, orbital and local trips that don't go through the centre of town are more useful and that's where we need to be. Chris R said that the routes that Talia was asking for were more expensive because there would be lots of routes all over the place.

Christian said that he'd been struck by Graham Parks's email (CI list 12/09/17 10:00) that implied that the only significant cycling infrastructure in Islington had been built before 2008. While there was meeting consensus that Islington was falling behind its neighbouring inner London boroughs, there wasn't consensus about whether the problem was one of direction or execution. Fran from LCC said Islington should be policy led and that we should be holding the council to account.

Tavistock-Torrington Public Inquiry

We brainstormed our thoughts about what we might submit as our evidence to the public inquiry. Action: John to compile our thoughts and share document. [It's here](#). We have to send our input to CCC by Sep 17/18th. We'll decide closer to time who will present the information. Tab might be able to make the 17th.

Local elections 2018

Skipped because we'd spent considerable time further above discussing this.

Holloway Prison Community Plan Open Day on Sat 30th Sept 1-4pm – volunteers needed

Christian lives 300m away and volunteered without too much arm twisting. But we'd like another volunteer!

Any Other Business

Chris Reeve described his agonising battle to keep access to secure cycle parking on his estate. Nearby secure existing bike parking had to be moved. However residents at his local TRA meeting decided they didn't need cycle parking on their estate. Residents did not vote on whether they needed car parking. The meeting advised Chris that he should go door knocking and start a local campaign. His view was that the decision on whether secure parking should be made available should not be determined by popular vote but council policy.

Tab said that Cllr Webbe wanted to charge £104 a year for the bikehangar spaces and that was far more expensive than parking her Ford fiesta in her street (Hackney). Talia said that the council wanted bikehangars to be self funding. Action Talia to find out from officers about the latest timing of the rollout and the economics that justify charging far more than any other London council. Action Tab to alert people on email/facebook.

Camden Road protest. Christian pointed out that road layout was very poor; motorists were racing through a short section of double lane carriageway only to be squeezed back into a single lane. Action Talia to find out what officers were planning to do following the death of the cyclist. (LBI has ringfenced [£350,000 in the current LIP](#) for work of this nature). TfL also has funds for this.

The Farringdon Crossrail station will have a massive impact on Clerkenwell, Farringdon and Smithfield in terms of people movement.