

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Sue Marris, Talia Hussain, Clive Graham, Graham Parks, Nick Kocharhook, Adrian Williams, Sheridan Wilde, John Ackers, Eilidh Murray, Tabitha Tanqueray, Paul Standeven.

**Apologies:** Keith Macfarlane, David Harrison.

**Matters arising**

*LCC AGM:* Alison reminded the meeting that it was the LCC AGM on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October and suggested they nominate Tabitha and Jono Kenyon for the 'Campaigner of the Year' category.

*Tavistock/Torrington Place cycle lanes Public Inquiry:* Tabitha would be speaking on behalf of CI next week and asked for any examples of how important these were to people cycling from Islington to be forwarded to her.

*Holloway Prison Community Plan open day:* Alison thanked Nick, Eilidh, Christian and Keith who helped at the stand. Jeremy Corbyn had attended and spoken in support of the community plan. Nick said he'd meet some interesting people, including one the local councillors who had told him he was too afraid to cycle and Nick offered to take him out on a bike.

**Agenda**

**Local elections 2018**

It had previously been agreed that CI should a) make some policy suggestions to the local political parties for inclusion in their manifestos and b) come up with three 'asks' that members could raise with potential candidates. John had e-mailed a comprehensive document to the CI list but it had not attracted much comment.

The issue of more secure cycle parking was discussed, with some believing that as the council now had a policy it would not be useful to include this as an election campaign ask. However in a vote the majority (9, with 2 against and 1 abstention) thought it should be included. Following a long, wide ranging discussion in which better council policies (with the council structures to implement them) and building cycling infrastructure were raised, Alison agreed to draft something based on John's work and circulate it to those present and then the wider CI list.

**Rental cost of secure on street cycle parking**

At the September CI meeting the high cost of renting bikehangers had been raised. However despite requests to the council officers CI had still not received the full pricing strategy. Nick and Talia were meeting the officers next week and would ask for it again. Nick said Cllr Paul Convery had commented on the CI website that more secure parking was planned and that the council was likely to switch supplier.

**Highbury West Liveable Neighbourhoods bid**

John reported that there was an active group in this ward wanting better traffic management on Gillespie Road and he thought this could be a good area for a bid to the TfL Liveable Neighbourhoods programme. One of the local councillors, Andy Hull, had said at a recent meeting there that he was happy to support wide area traffic reduction, although the council's senior traffic engineer said a traffic survey had been done and it was not possible.

Tabitha reported that the nearby Benwell Road had been resurfaced but the 'car door zone' cycle lanes had been repainted. Repainting unsafe cycle lanes had been discussed at a meeting with the council officers and this, and the council's Liveable Neighbourhood bid, would be discussed at their next meeting.

John asked about the Quietway 10 campaign and Nick agreed to put some of the content of the

Liveable Islington website (which he had now taken down) on the CI website and consider again presenting the campaign petition.

### **Clerkenwell Green consultation**

The council wanted to 'transform Clerkenwell Green into a high-quality public space' as it 'is dominated by traffic using the Green as short cut or for parking'. Whilst CI agreed with this principle it was not a cycling scheme and there was concern that there may not be cycle permeability through the area. John had been to a presentation about it and said it was Islington's most expensive public realm project, at a cost of £3m. Some of the paving material was granite setts, which were difficult to maintain. Nick agreed to raise cycle access concern at the next meeting with council officers. The consultation deadline was 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Meeting with Jeremy Corbyn and Living Streets**

Alison reported that at the Holloway Prison Community Plan event David Harrison of Living Streets had asked Jeremy Corbyn if he would be able to meet with LS and CI to discuss active travel in Islington. He said he would and suggested David contact his constituency office to arrange an appointment. Alison was waiting to hear from David.

### **Autumn social ride**

Only Eilidh and Nick had joined the joint ride with Camden the previous weekend to the Lea Valley; it had been confirmed at short notice, although some of the 14 riders had come from quite far afield. It was agreed that the ride would be repeated in the spring so there could be more local publicity and perhaps a shorter loop introduced for families with young children.

### **Speakers for future CI meetings**

Alison said that Eric Manners, a senior council officer, was coming to speak at the November CI meeting and asked for suggestions for other guests, especially local councillors.

### **Any other business**

*Hackney bike workshop:* Paul said a new self-help bike workshop called Spanner in the Workshop had been launched in Clapton and asked everyone to publicise it.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall