

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

Present: Alison Dines, Steve Knattress, Nick Kocharhook, Eilidh Murray, Talia Hussain, Graham Parks, Adrian Williams, Paul Standeven, Keith Macfarlane, Liz Reiner, John Ackers, Rachel Bower.

Apologies: Tabitha Tanqueray, Chris Kenyon, David Harrison, Sue Marris, Sean Howes, Tom Bogdanowicz.

Matters arising

Alison reported that, as promised, Eric Manners had sent a copy of the organogram showing the departments and staff of Environment and Regeneration at Islington council. He had also sent the link to latest LIP programme:

<http://democracy.islington.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=3113&Ver=4>

and reported that the Liveable Neighbourhoods bid for Clerkenwell Green was unsuccessful. They had submitted a draft brief to TfL for Clerkenwell Road / Old Street and been given the go-ahead to continue to develop the more ambitious 'Healthy Streets' scheme he'd mentioned at the meeting.

Agenda

Finalising local election 'asks'

The various ideas for what we should be campaigning for at the local election in May 2018 were discussed and five were agreed. Several volunteers offered to draft content for the website giving the background and relevant information on the importance of each one. The finalised asks were:-

- Joint campaign with Living Streets to promote a high quality Liveable Neighbourhood bid by Islington. This what the LCC will be focussing on as a high quality LN bid from each borough is seen as vital to showing its commitment to implementing the Mayor's Transport Strategy. Keith Macfarlane agreed to do the web page and incorporate LCC material.
- Build 5k of kerb protected cycle tracks. There has been very little cycling infrastructure built in Islington for years and separated cycle lanes are important for attracting people who don't cycle to do so. Graham Parks agreed to do the web page.
- Implement Cycle Islington's Quick Wins list. For a number of years we've had a map/list on our website of straight forward, inexpensive improvements to cycling infrastructure that would really improve some routes for cycling. Nick Kocharhook agreed to do the web page.
- Deliver Quietway 10 using traffic reduction. This route between Clerkenwell and Finsbury Park is already well used by cyclists but to make it attractive to those who don't cycle there needs to be a reduction in motor traffic along it. Talia Hussain agreed to do the web page.
- Install more secure, affordable on-street bike parking. Other boroughs have Bikehangars but Islington has been very slow at installing them. Finally it is happening but we need to ensure there are enough of them and they are affordable. Rachel Bower agreed to do the web page.

Before the campaign was launched the leader of Islington council Cllr Watts and Cllr Webbe would be advised of it. Then CI members would be encouraged to engage with their local candidates and get them to commit to supporting these asks. Also CI members should write regularly to the local press and the Quietway 10 petition would be presented at some stage. A ride around the borough and a hustings would be arranged prior to the election on 3rd May.

Next meeting with Cllr Webbe

There was a discussion about who should represent CI at meetings with councillors and council officers and it was agreed that the decision should be made by CI. Eilidh proposed that Chris Kenyon should represent CI at these meetings, Keith seconded it and it was unanimously passed.

The meeting with Cllr Webbe would take place in January with Nick, Talia and Chris K attending and possibly a member of the LCC staff.

Alison requested that Cllr Webbe was asked about Islington becoming a Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS) champion as the LCC had recently written to all council leaders about this. It was suggested that Alison should also contact Cllr Diamaird Ward (Executive Member for Housing and Development) and possibly Cllr Janet Burgess (Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing) and Dr Julie Billett, Director of Public Health for Islington and Camden about CLOCS.

Meeting about proposed cycle route from Highgate to North Finchley

Liz explained that the Highgate Society had become aware of a proposed cycle route from Highgate to North Finchley and instigated a meeting about it with TfL which Caroline Pidgeon and Will Norman had attended. Liz was also there and reported that the cycle route was part of the strategic cycle analysis report produced by TfL in June (and 25th on a list of 25 top potential connections recommended for further study) so was not a route being consulted on as yet. However it was a useful meeting with other aspects discussed such a segregated lanes on Archway Road and the possibility of Haringey and Islington working together on a Liveable Neighbourhood bid for Archway.

MakeTheLane protest

About 25 people had helped that morning to protect the cycle lane along Penton Road by forming a human buffer between the motor traffic and the cyclists. It had got good publicity and was a positive protest that made people smile! It was agreed it would be worth repeating but probably at a warmer time of the year and with more signs and branding. Sean Howes and the Active Travel Now were thanked for organising it.

CI meetings in 2018

It was agreed the CI AGM would be held in June and potential speakers for CI meetings were suggested.

Any other business

CI Communications: John agreed to continue to tweet on behalf of CI and Eilidh agreed to do some too. John also reminded people to use the main CI e-mail list more.

Meeting with council officers: Nick and Talia were to meet with council officers the next day and would discuss the Quick Wins list, the Liveable Neighbourhood bid, responding to the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) and the high cost of a traffic study on Annette Road.

New Hackney bike workshop: Paul reported that so far this had not been well attended and asked people to publicise it. It's the 'Spanner in the Workshop', held at Round Chapel Old School Rooms, 2 Powerscroft Road, London, E5 0PU on the second Thursday of the month from 7-9 pm.

Hackney Burns Night: this annual celebration would take place on Sat 27 Jan 2018 6:30-11pm at City Academy E9 6EA. Tickets <https://www.tickettailor.com/checkout/view-event/id/127151/chk/26b3/>

Highbury Corner: Keith advised that this was going to be closed over Christmas and the New Year for the continuing bridge replacement work and there would be pedestrian access only to Holloway Road.

Holloway Road speed limit: Keith advised that the speed limit was now 20 mph from Highbury Corner to the Odeon on Holloway Road. There are speed cameras along the road, but he wondered if the new limit would be enforced.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th January 2018 from 7.30-9.30pm at Islington Town Hall