

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, David Harrison, Saskia Huizinga, Simon Clark, Nick Kocharhook, Talia Hussain, Graham Parks, Adrian Williams, Paul Standeven, Keith Macfarlane, Liz Reiner, John Ackers, Sue Marris, Pierre Delarue, Tabitha Tanqueray, Chris Kenyon.

Apologies: Eilidh Murray, Steve Knattress, Simon Izod

Matters arising

LBI organisational chart: Alison would forward to the CI Eng group the chart Eric Manners had sent.

Minutes

Feedback from Islington Cycling Summit on 10th January

Nick reported that this had been a positive meeting. He and Chris Kenyon had represented CI (Talia had been unable to attend), with Fran and Ashok from the LCC. The leader of the council Cllr Richard Watts was there with Cllr Claudia Webbe and a number of officers including Martijn Cooijmans and Nicolina Cooper. It was hoped that the minutes would be made available.

In brief, Cllr Watts had said that Islington was open to good cycling schemes even if they were hard and that it would be updating its transport policy. More information on routes was available on the council's website: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/roads/cycling> Cllr Webbe reiterated her commitment to the scheme on Clerkenwell Road and would look at the possibility of traffic reduction on QW10. It was acknowledged that there had been some schemes that CI had not been consulted on and that it should not happen in the future.

Local election campaign

Rachel and Graham had circulated drafts of the Asks they were writing and John confirmed he would be continuing with bike parking. Keith was waiting for information from the LCC and Talia and Nick would be circulating drafts shortly. David said he would write to local press about Liveable Neighbourhoods.

Eilidh had been liaising with Savvas about graphics and Alison presented his ideas to the group which were very well received. Once the text was ready each Ask would have a website page with graphic and some leaflets using the CI logo would be produced. Eilidh had also produced a schedule to keep the campaign on track and the date of the proposed cycle ride round the borough was discussed. Pierre thought it would be better to have it earlier in the campaign to raise awareness and allow interested candidates to find out more about the Asks, mid-March was a possibility and the LCC would be having a week of action starting on 19th March. Nick suggested stopping at five places each being an example of an Ask. John suggested presenting the QW10 petition at the same time but as the ride would be at the weekend there would be no one at the Town Hall to receive it and it was agreed this should be a separate event.

List of cycling infrastructure projects by Islington

Chris K had started a list of cycle infrastructure done and planned in Islington and Graham and Nick had been adding to it.

Recent consultations

Nick was thanked for the responses he had drafted and circulated on CI-Eng to several local consultations. It was pointed out that once the consultation period had ended the plans were no longer available on the council's website and Graham agreed to put all consultation plans onto Cyclescape.

Any other business

Dutch cycling in London: Saskia Huizinga was welcomed to the meeting. Saskia had been living in London for five years and, with a French and Dutch background, had found cycling here could be improved! She explained that with a grant from the Academy of Urbanism she had started a website which featured suggestions to be voted on, see www.dutchcyclinginlondon.com/projects

CI newsletter: John said this looked tatty when it arrived but Alison said this was because it was on A4 paper whereas the magazine was smaller which had been raised with the LCC before. John said the next edition was particularly important and should be an 'election special'.

Bikehangars: Graham said he'd been offered a place in the new one on Davenent Road and thought he would take it up.

Crime Survey: Paul had been asked to complete a crime survey by his local Liberal Democrats and thought it could be used to raise awareness of cycle theft and lack of secure cycle parking.

OfO hire bikes: Nick reported that the Christmas newsletter of the Amwell Society contained a report on the menace of dockless hire bikes.

Recycling Centre on Hornsey Street: Nick had been campaigning for bike access to this waste and recycling centre and had finally heard it was now to be allowed via Hornsey Street where large bins would be accessible to those on foot and bike.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th February 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1