

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Steve Knattress, Nick Kocharhook, Graham Parks, Talia Hussain, Adrian Williams, Keith Macfarlane, Tabitha Tanqueray, Liz Reiner, David Braine, Sue Marris, Ernestas Jegorovas, Eilidh Murray, David Harrison, Simon Izod, Chris Kenyon, David Lincoln.

**Apologies:** John Ackers

**Matters arising**

*February meeting with council officers:* Nick confirmed that the audit he'd mentioned last month was a purchased service paid for by the parking department and was not an expensive, time consuming exercise as had been feared.

**Agenda**

**Feedback from meetings with council officers**

There had been two recent meetings with council officers. On 26<sup>th</sup> February Nick, Chris K and Simon Monk from LCC had attended one about the plans for Quietway 10 and Nick had already sent a comprehensive summary to the CI-eng group. It had been disappointing as there were virtually no changes made to the scheme CI had been shown in 2015 and the 'critical fails' had not been addressed. The south end of Penton Street was now being looked at for different treatment by TfL so was effectively no longer in the QW10 scheme. The officers said they would take CI's concerns on board, see what they could do and would meet CI representatives again with updated plans before the consultation. Chris K had recently met Will Norman and felt TfL would want changes made to the scheme Islington had drawn up. He proposed writing Richard Watts about this on behalf of CI. It was agreed the CI should prepare a list of the key features the group believed were needed for QW10 to be successful. Other groups such as the Arsenal Residents Association also wanted traffic reduction along Gillespie Road and Ernestas reported that the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee had agreed to investigate a borough-wide neighbourhood cellular zoning policy to reduce rat-running and overall traffic volumes. David H said he assumed that QW10 would have to meet the TfL Healthy Streets criteria.

The second meeting, to discuss how future Islington schemes could meet the Cycling Level of Service (CLOS), that Nick and Graham attended had been positive with constructive discussions.

**Local election campaign**

It was agreed that there was not enough time to do a joint action with Living Streets in the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> March, designated by the LCC as a week of action. However it was felt that it would be good publicity to organise an event highlighting access issues for wheelchair users, pushchairs and non-standard bikes. Chris said that crossing the Packington estate to Essex Road in a wheelchair was very difficult and the possibility of an event would be considered at the next meeting.

Chris suggested focussing on schools and said CI should find out which ones in Islington had joined TfL's STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) accreditation scheme for London schools and nurseries which aimed to inspire young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling.

Steve outlined a route for the bike ride on 8<sup>th</sup> April which encompassed all 5 Asks and included examples in Camden and Hackney. It was felt this could make the ride too long so he agreed to remove the Hackney section as previous rides had included it.

David reported that the editor of the Islington Gazette had agreed to chair the hustings which would take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April at Christ Church, Highbury Grove. Claudia Webbe and Caroline Russell had

confirmed they would attend. Tabitha, David and Alison would meet to discuss further planning of the event.

Keith had brought copies of the 5 Asks and bike ride leaflets and everyone was asked to take them away and distribute them as widely as possible!

### **Highbury Corner scheme**

TfL and Islington council had announced some changes to this scheme and that work would start after the bridge replacement was completed. A number of local groups had written to the Tribune, prior to the announcement, saying that there should be a delay between the projects and criticising excessive fixed segregated cycle lanes south of the river. Alison had replied on behalf of CI highlighting the 5 Asks. There was discussion about cyclists using the closed western arm and Chris suggested that it was inevitable so CI should advise TfL about considering solutions.

### **CI Committee**

Alison thanked the current committee members for their work over the year. Although it would be best discussed after the local election she said she wanted to give the group reasonable notice that she would be stepping down as co-ordinator at the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> June and asked for anyone interested in taking over the role or joining the committee to contact her.

### **Festival of Walking and Cycling at Finsbury Park Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Haringey Cycling Campaign had contacted CI and Hackney Cyclists about having a joint stall again at this local festival and both had agreed. Tabitha confirmed that Hackney was likely to organise another cargo bike championship. Alison asked anyone who would be able to help on the stall to contact her.

Chris asked if CI had plans to hold a bike breakfast and Alison said in the past those had taken place during Bike Week which LCC was not promoting so much now. Tabitha felt CI was more likely to meet families and infrequent bike users at festivals.

### **Any other business**

None

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1