

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 11th April 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, Kate de Oliveira, Giulio Ferrini, John Ackers, Paul Standeven, Tabitha Tanqueray, Eilidh Murray.

Apologies: David Harrison, Sue Marris, Chris Kenyon

Matters arising

Alison would correct the minutes of meeting on 14th March about the review of the borough's cycle infrastructure.

Quietway 10: Chris K and Nick had e-mailed Claudia Webbe and Richards Watts regarding CI's concerns over the QW10 proposals. Claudia Webbe had replied saying that only a draft had been shown at the meeting they attended and that changes would be made to it. Nick would ask Chris to forward the e-mails to CI-eng group.

CI Committee: there would be a committee meeting shortly to discuss the new committee.

Cycle parking: Kate asked about requesting Sheffield stands and was advised to use either Contact Islington or Fix my street. It was agreed suggestions for bike parking would be added to the Quick Wins list which Talia agreed to collate. Steve said he had heard that bike thieves were cutting through Sheffield stands and then taping over the break so that they could then pull locks through the stand.

Agenda

Feedback from meeting with councillors and council officers

Claudia Webbe had not been able to attend the quarterly meeting with CI on 26th March as she was ill so the meeting was curtailed. There had been some discussion of Quietway 10, funding for which had been postponed from 2018-19 to 2019-20, about filters versus segregation on certain roads.

Nick and Graham had met with council officers on 10th April. Terms of reference for the meetings had again been raised and Talia said CI had to consider how it worked with the officers as currently CI was not hearing about schemes early enough and some information CI was given was then contradicted by other sources. Graham said the officers would prepare a draft.

CI input into how Islington used the London Cycling Design Standards (LCDS) been requested but as the LCDS are so broad it would take a lot of work to go through and Healthy Streets Approach would be superseding it.

Mobile CCTV could be used to enforce mandatory cycle lanes and stop parking in them but there were not many in Islington although Nick had highlighted the one on Penton Street. Double parking in Drayton Park was not being addressed because QW10 would do that, but concern was expressed about increasing 'bikelash' if a cycle scheme was considered to be taking parking away. There had been a problem in Featherstone Street where contractors had repainted parking bays in the new mandatory cycle lane although this had now been rectified.

Consultations for 200 bikehangars would start in May and these would be from Cyclehoop not Asgard.

At the request of the police, temporary barriers were to be installed on Arlington Avenue at the junction with New North Road to prevent scooters getting through the closures. It had been agreed that these would be temporary and the need for them reviewed. Cameras to enforce 'no motor vehicle' restrictions were too expensive at £30-40,000.

TfL had said CS6 (Elephant and Castle to King's Cross) would be completed in September and the cycling route from Tottenham Hale to Camden would be going through Nag's Head as there was no alternative.

Local election campaign

The weather had not been good for the bike ride on 8th April but despite that about 25 took part including Kate Pothalingham Lib Dem candidate for Highbury East (and her husband and daughter) and Ernestas Jegorovas Green candidate, also for Highbury East. Cllr Rowena Champion couldn't attend. Steve was thanked for planning the route and leading the ride.

The hustings would take place on 16th April and the candidates would be asked to talk about key transport and related health/environment points of their manifestos and answer three questions sent to them in advance, then questions would be taken from the audience. Kate asked if a question about fossil fuel reduction would be suitable and John said it would.

The possibility of other activities was discussed and it was agreed that if Living Streets organised an event to highlight access difficulties for wheelchairs, buggies and non-standard bikes CI would support it.

LCC local group compliance with new personal data regulations (GDPR)

Alison had circulated the latest guidance from the LCC to the CI committee. Mailings would now have to go through the LCC office but as CI did not maintain its own mailing list there was no specific action to be taken. Nick had a list of about 200 e-mails relating to the QW10 campaign but these people had indicated they wanted to hear updates on the campaign and were not LCC members. Alison would check with the LCC office about implications for this.

LCC local group grant

Keith asked the meeting if CI should apply for the local group grant it was entitled to. LCC had asked groups not to apply if they had sufficient funds and Keith said there was about £1000 in the bank account. This included the Tufnell Park money which Alison said was now being used for activities beneficial to all parts of the borough such as buying the new banners, the election campaign, etc. It was agreed unanimously not to apply for the LCC grant.

Feedback on Highbury Corner meeting on 21st March

This Highbury East meeting had been held just before the election purdah and Claudia Webbe had stepped up to the mark, defending the scheme and the need to improve the current layout for walking and cycling. She had promised monitoring and reappraising any difficulties identified but said the scheme should go ahead as soon as the bridge repair was completed. The closure of Corsica Street to motor traffic was a cause of concern to many in the audience.

Any other business

Fossil Free London: Kate gave out leaflets about an event on Saturday 28th April and explained that Islington Labour had set up a borough wide forum to prepare a vision document for the next council on quick, easy, low cost ways of making the borough more environmentally sustainable. CI's 5 Asks could be included and Kate asked for other suggestions. Alison said she would feedback any she received.

Next council liaison meeting: This was to be held on 8th May but neither Nick, Talia nor Tabitha could attend. Graham was available and Tabitha agreed to check with Chris if he would be able to go too.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th May 2018 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall