

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Eilidh Murray, David Harrison, Sue Marris, Adrian Williams, Liz Reiner, Chris Kenyon, Jan Gondzio, Brian McDonnell.

**Apologies:** John Ackers, Nick Kocharhook, Graham Parks, Tabitha Tanqueray, Keith Macfarlane, David Braine, Kate de Oliveira.

**Matters arising from 11<sup>th</sup> April**

*Cycle parking:* Adrian said that he had not found recent reports of thieves tampering with Sheffield stands but that it had been reported as occurring south of the river in the Evening Standard two years ago.

Sue said her son had tried to use the council website to request cycle parking for his workplace but had found it quite cumbersome. Alison said she would find the e-mail of the officer who had worked on this in the past.

*Quietway 10:* David said that if pedestrian input was needed for QW10 he was happy to provide it. Chris K said the Gillespie Road residents association wanted filtering and one of the local councillors Andy Hull appeared supportive. Tabitha knew some of the members so CI should work with them. Will Norman wanted QW10 to work so CI should take the opportunity over the next few months to capitalise on the Labour re-election. The position of filters in the area was discussed and Adrian said it should be remembered that Drayton Park could become a bus route if there were serious problems on other roads.

**Agenda**

**Review of local election campaign and next steps**

Alison thanked everyone who had been involved and especially Eilidh for keeping it on track and Savvas for his brilliant art work.

Chris said that in the future, any 'asks' should be completed earlier to ensure inclusion in the local party manifestos as politicians were judged on their track record of delivering on their manifestos. Active travel and some of our asks had appeared in the Labour manifesto in the chapter 'Creating a healthier environment for all' and CI should focus on those to ensure they were delivered.

**Feedback from meeting with councillors and council officers**

In Nick's absence Chris had gone to the meeting with council officers with Graham on 8<sup>th</sup> May and would circulate his draft of cycling principles for the council. Chris believed a wider group of CI members should attend these meetings and that they should look at the broader picture of cycling in Islington not detailed design issues which the officers should work on. He also felt each meeting should start with a review and delivery dates of the ongoing schemes and initiatives to emphasise the importance of getting improvements on the ground.

Claudia Webbe was committed to school streets and there was likely to be a year long pilot scheme around Islington Green School enforced by cameras. CI should therefore focus on the fact that no children cycled to school on QW2.

Achievable targets such as small reductions (2-3%/year) in car parking spaces should be set.

Bikehangars would contribute to this, as could removing poorly placed parking places.

It was agreed that CI should write to Martijn about focusing on the Labour manifesto commitments. There was to be a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May with Claudia Webbe which Liz, Talia and David would attend.

**CI committee and AGM**

Alison was stepping down as co-ordinator at the AGM but would continue to liaise with the LCC central office. The chairing and minute taking of the meetings would be done by different people and

Liz, who had agreed to become secretary, would arrange this, whilst Eilidh would take on the role of chair with general oversight of CI.

The speaker at next month's AGM was Isabelle Clement of Wheels for Wellbeing and Alison would invite local disability groups, councillors, officers and Transport for All to the AGM.

### **Potholes**

Adrian had noticed that potholes had been repaired quickly in March but not in April and wondered if this was related to the end of the financial year. Jan regularly cycled along Barnsbury Road and near Barnard Park thought the road surface was very poor. He found the reporting system on the council's website unhelpful as the postcode of a pothole was needed to report it but the 'Fill That Hole' app was better. It was agreed that the process of pothole repair would be discussed at a future meeting with council officers.

### **Attendee needed for meeting about Route 2 Camden-Tottenham**

This meeting with neighbouring LCC groups was to be held the next day (Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm) but no one present was able to attend although Liz said she would be happy to in the future. Alison would check with Simon Izod and contact Jono the Hackney co-ordinator to explain.

### **LCC borough co-ordinators meeting on 22nd May**

Alison was unable to attend this meeting at the LCC offices and Eilidh said she would be able to go.

### **Forthcoming events:**

Alison advised that the following events were taking place and asked for volunteers at the stall in Finsbury Park. Eilidh said she would contact Savvas about producing a leaflet about CI to hand out. David reminded the meeting about the Clean Air day the council were holding (included below).

- Ride with Camden to Lea Valley on Sunday 10th June, 11am at Islington Town Hall
- Saddle and Sole - Walking & Cycling Festival at Finsbury Park Sunday 17th June 12-6pm
- Clean Air Day event on June 21<sup>st</sup> June 4-7pm, Colebrook Row & Goswell Road junction
- RideLondon Freecycle on Saturday 28th July

### **CI newsletter**

Eilidh was working on this (deadline 29<sup>th</sup> May) and had enough material.

### **Any other business**

It was reported that Val Shawcross would retire as Deputy Mayor for Transport in the summer and that Heidi Alexander would take up the position.

**Date of next meeting:** AGM on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall