

**Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Graham Parks (chair), Christopher Reeve, Adrian Williams, Nick Kocharhook, Liz Reiner, Chris Kenyon, Tabitha Tanqueray, Giulio Ferrini, Rachel Bower, Pau Standeven and Alison Dines (minutes).

Apologies: Eilidh Murray, Talia Hussein, Steve Knattress, Keith Macfarlane, David Harrison, Sue Marris.

MATTER ARISING

Approval of minutes: April minutes were not readily available and AGM minutes would be approved at next year's AGM.

CI Committee: Simon Izod had resigned from the committee.

Low traffic neighbourhoods (LTN): Chris had written to Claudia Webbe about LTNs and would forward his letter to the CI committee. He thought it was likely LTNs would not be included in Islington's transport plan even though they were cheap and under the council's control.

AGENDA

Freecycle marshals needed: Alison, Christopher, Nick and Graham volunteered.

LCC ride leader training: confirmed for 6th July at Whittington Park Community Centre. No one present, apart from Alison, could attend although Eilidh and Keith had said they would.

Feedback from LCC campaigners' conference: Alison and Steve had attended and found it useful.

Volunteers needed for stall at Finsbury Park festival: Alison would help set up the stall with Haringey and Adrian would be there from 2pm. Tabitha and Jono would do cargo bike races.

Clean Air Day on 20th June: Sue asked if CI would be taking part in the LBI event in which Moreland Street would be closed. The meeting felt that the closure of such a small street would have minimal impact and agreed CI would not be represented there.

Holborn 'Vision and Urban Strategy': David highlighted this consultation from Camden that closed on 3rd July and Nick agreed to draft a response.

TfL transformational plan for Angel: David asked if CI were aware of this and had any views on it. Giulio said had come out of the safer junctions work and was a big scheme of £5m. Given this it was agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

Islington parklets ride: Eilidh suggested a bike ride around Islington and Hackney parklets with Brenda Puech of Hackney. Chris felt small initiatives like this were just photo opportunity detracting from serious transport policies such as low traffic neighbourhoods. Christopher thought it was a step towards reclaiming the streets from cars and it was agreed it would be a good basis for a ride in the autumn.

LBI air quality consultation: Islington had just launched this with a very short consultation period (ending on 23rd June) and Tabitha agreed to draft a response. She had been to an Islington Clean Air Parents meeting, a group run by four mothers asking for school streets, traffic reduction and fewer car journeys. It had been critical of Highbury Corner on Twitter (@air_parents).

Stop Killing Cyclists national funeral event: This was to take place on 7th September and Eilidh wondered why LCC did not support SKC events. Chris said it was because of number of issues (for example format and purpose) which he had spoken to SKC's Donnachadh McCarthy about.

Meetings with council officers: There was now a new council officer, Richard Ambler, attending the meetings with CI and Eric Manners had left LBI.

Stroud Green Road cycle lane: Graham reported that this had supposed to be closed between 12th - 29th March but was still not open. The reason for the closure was not clear although it may have been in part to do with the homeless people using the area under the railway bridge. The Highways Department control road works in Islington and seem not to take account of those walking and cycling whilst they are going on.

Highbury Corner feedback: There had been no response to CI's feedback.

Old Street roundabout feedback: Christopher reported that Bath Street and Peerless Street had become busier and cars were parking on the cycle lane; this had been discussed at his local Tenants and Residents Association (TRA). Chris said that the navigational app Waze contributed to rat-running in the area and used part of Quietway 2 for some routes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Simon Munk proposed another meeting with Claudia Webbe and Richard West to assess the progress made since the last one.
- The Royal Parks consultation on removing all traffic from their parks and opened and would be followed by a second consultation on the proposals.
- Christopher said some local members of Extinction Rebellion were doing a cycle ride through Europe to highlight their message and wondered if they could be invited to speak at a CI meeting which was agreed.
- Adrian reported that Cycle Surgery in Holloway Road had closed.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th July.