

Note: these minutes were formally accepted at the AGM 2026.

Chair:	Eilidh Murray	Minutes:	John Hartley
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Attendees:	Adrian Williams, Alice Duperrey, Alison Dines, Amir Shamsuddin, Anita Frizzarin, David Lincoln, Diana Lockwood, Eloise Curran, Jacob Hamilton, Jay Hoffman, Joe Hill, Johanna Gewolker, John Ackers, Julia Williams, Keith Macfarlane, Louise Halfpenny, Louise Wass, Marcus Schodorf, Scott Moffat, Steve Knattress, Tom Bogdanowicz
Guests:	Ben House, Birgit Maass, Garmon ap Garth, Geoff Stilwell, Josie Warshaw, Rowena Champion, Suami Rocha, Steven Edwards, Tom Fyans, Virginia Cleugh,
Apologies:	Iyke Gentles, Nick Kocharhook, Rachael Swinnerton, Sue Marris

Item	Topic / Action	Action:
1	The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and thanked them for coming	
2	Minutes of last AGM (2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved and will now be published as such on the CI website 	John H
3	Change to Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed change had been circulated to all CI members 4 weeks prior to the AGM and was approved by a show of hands with no dissenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph 42 the following words to be added <i>"Only current members of the Management Committee may be signatories to the designated bank accounts."</i> Constitution to be updated and published on website 	John H
4	Coordinator's report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eilidh gave her report verbally (transcription on subsequent pages). There were no questions, but applause given to various people mentioned and to Eilidh at the end. To be published on website with these minutes. 	John H
5	Treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amir gave the Treasurer's Report and Accounts, (which had previously been circulated to all registered attendees) verbally. John Ackers raised a query re the cost of website hosting. Amir said the figure was as per the bank debit and will investigate further. Acceptance of the was given by a show of hands, with no dissenters. To be published on website. Post meeting note, these are now published, here: https://cycleislington.uk/about/accounts/ 	Amir S John H
6	Election of Management Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was conducted by Keith M. It was proposed that a vote for all Officers and Committee Members should be taken, and this was accepted by all meeting attendees. The applicants having been correctly proposed and seconded, (see separate sheet) the committee was duly elected as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator: Eilidh Murray Treasurer: Amir Shamsuddin Secretary: John Hartley Committee members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice Duperrey Marcus Schodorf Nick Kocharhook Steve Knattress 	
8	AoB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Ackers commented that the use of profiles for committee nominees is a good initiative. 	
9	There being no further business, the AGM finished at 20:15	

Coordinator's notes for CI AGM 11 June 2025

Hello and welcome to you all to our AGM. I was trying to work out how many AGMs we have had since our formation in June 1976 (prior to the LCC itself being set up on 28 September 1978) but our records only go back to 2011 when there was an AGM but with No Minutes!!

They are an important part of running a group where the committee reports back to members on what the group has been doing, its financial health and of course to hold elections to the committee. All this awaits us tonight before we can take part in the Q&A with LCC's CEO, Tom, a session led by Birgit, get stuck into the quiz, buy our raffle tickets, fill our plates with food and of course fill our glasses and have a good natter.

What have we been doing over the past 12 months.

If you haven't heard about our key campaign on the killer junction at Finsbury Park, then we haven't communicated about it well enough. It was London's 5th most dangerous junction in 2023 and last year slipped to London's 10th most dangerous junction. Now this isn't because the 3 councils and TfL have done anything about it; it's just that other junctions have become more dangerous.

We know it's difficult. We know it's a narrow space. We've been told this again and again. We also know that people have died and been injured there, people actively avoid cycling anywhere near it and that none of the authorities supposedly in charge are doing anything to improve things. So we have organised outreach events at Finsbury Park park runs, handed out thousands of leaflets for our petition, along with our sister groups in Hackney and Haringey and local Living Streets campaigners talked to the councils concerned, given some ideas to make minor safety improvements. We don't feel we've been listened to and that the long grasses of inaction are too tempting for councils and particularly TfL to nest in. If you want to be part of making this killer junction safer, come to our monthly meetings, talk to us, get involved. We can't do it alone.

Market Road. You know that road which is a key link between Camden and Islington? The road which leads to football pitches, tennis centre, Caledonian Park and playgrounds? The wide wide road which has a painted cycle lane which is total catnip for people to park their cars and vans and delivery vehicles in? Have a look at Steve's video on our website to see why we want change here. York Way is looking rather splendid (thanks Camden!) And then across into Islington, cars rule supreme. We want a joined-up, safe route for cyclists going through our borough. We don't want to be the poor, unsafe relation.

Clerkenwell Boulevard. OSCR. Islington's road from Old Street to Clerkenwell Road. We know it's difficult. We know it's narrow space. We know it's got many junctions. We also know that it's dire. It's dangerous. Women have lost limbs there. It's a known very black spot for cyclists - and has been for years - and at least the Camden end is being improved. But Islington's end? Nothing. Some modelling completed nearly 9 years ago has been dusted down to see if any of it could be used (as it cost just shy of £1 million that would be good). The previous council Transport chief spouted some nonsense the evening before we held a Make the Lane there in 2019; nonsense designed to deflect attention from the very real dangers. Another Make the lane in 2022 didn't encourage anything meaningful. The council asked for funding in the 2025/26 LIP settlement, and it appears that TfL has provided some funding as that road is classified as a 'high potential connection' in TfL's own Strategic Cycling Analysis.

These campaigns take time, effort, dedication and energy but believe me, when even small changes are introduced, it feels so good! Jillian's junction at the crossing of Liverpool Road /Barnsbury Street took FOUR years to improve after a local nurse, Jillian, was knocked off her bike and we started to campaign for change over 10 years ago..

But let's be positive as on the whole, we are a positive bunch. Great news - work on the junction between East and West Canonbury on Essex Road is finally being improved again after years of discussions, emails and councillor exchanges. This appears to be simply moving a pedestrian crossing and introduction of a bike crossing but, being on the busy Essex Road with its endless traffic including 5 bus routes, it's complicated to orchestrate. The council wisely take such opportunities to improve greening at the same time and so we're delighted to see some new trees and SUDS.

Some stats for you now: since last May,

- We have held 7 in-depth meetings with officers
- We have had quarterly Active Travel meetings with Islington Living Streets with our Transport/Environment lead, Cllr Rowena Champion and her team
- We have held 11 Dr Bike sessions at Sunnyside community gardens
- We have held 8 outreach events such as Apple Day in Gillespie Park, St Marys Church repair shop and of course Finsbury Park
- We have run 9 rides including solstice rides, Blackberry rides, evening and family rides
- We have held monthly meetings, usually at the town hall, on the second Wednesday of the month
- We've supported I-Bike rides, Joy Riders rides, Kidical mass rides and LCC events such as flyering days and the recent Festival of Cycling where we held a joint ride with Camden cyclists and Joy Riders and went to see our pals in Haringey as well as taking a family group to Hackney. There's a super video of a 3-year-old peddling away for dear life on that family ride - we've put it on our BlueSky account to inspire everyone!
- We've responded to many many council consultations, as individuals and as Cycle Islington - it's very important that the council gets feedback to consultations as the average response rate is dire and can often be skewed by bad actors some of whom aren't even residents.
- We've posted on BlueSky, we've sent out fairly regular newsletters, both formal red-tops and informal emails.

And so I'd like to thank the many people involved in all these events; people who give up their free time, money, imagination and enthusiasm to support our joint important cause. You are all total stars, and I personally love working with you to get meaningful change.

I'd also like to thank Cllr Champion and her team for their efforts to make cycling the go-to transport in the borough for as many people as possible. Islington really is a 15-minute city. With a car ownership of about 30%, we don't want metal boxes to continue to be given the priority they have enjoyed for far too long - genuine blue badge holders are a notable exception here. These boxes clutter up our streets as the majority of them are only used occasionally. There is a super quote by the mayor of Pontevedra in Spain "it's not my duty to make sure you have a parking spot. It's the same as if you bought a cow, or fridge, and then ask me where you're going to put them".

Trying to do what's right with an ever-diminishing budget and a small but shrill, vocal opposition is challenging. We're right behind you Rowena so please crack on with Liveable Neighbourhoods being delivered in the whole borough by 2030, cycle route improvements, taming of Lime bike parking, provision of secure bike parking and Bikeability for our school children of all ages.

Getting more people on bikes is a silver bullet, unaccountably not yet recognised by vast swathes of the public or indeed our politicians. Who doesn't want better physical and mental health, or social activities with like-minded people, or reductions in air pollution and noise, or safer cycling routes? We know we do.

So in closing, may I commend to you that most fabulous invention of 1817, the bicycle!

CI AGM 2025 Management Committee Officer nominations

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
Nominee	Eilidh Murray	65183	Coordinator
Proposed by	Alison Dines	60682	
Seconded by	Jacob Hamilton	204856	

Eilidh's statement:

I would like to put my helmet in the ring as CI's coordinator. I've held the role for quite a few years now and hope that I've done a sufficiently good job that LCC members in Islington are happy for me to continue. I'm an LCC trustee and currently the deputy chair of the Board as well as the coordinator of the LCC Women's Network and a ride leader for Joy Riders. Inclusivity is a key issue for the Board and LCC as an organisation and I am keen to develop links with a wider group of Islingtonians than the usual suspects to help make cycling the natural, safe and easy option for everyone in the borough.

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
Nominee	Amir Shamsuddin	50534	Treasurer
Proposed by	Nick Kocharhook	74330	
Seconded by	Johanna Gewolker	19618	

Amir's statement:

I am quite technically minded so can help CI with finances and digital setup and am enthusiastic to help on campaigns and also with social and family rides. I have now been CI treasurer for a year and have also managed accounts for small businesses before that, so am well set up to continue in this role. I hope to help out on other in-person campaigns such as at Finsbury Park junction.

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
Nominee	John Hartley	63875	Secretary
Proposed by	Sue Marris	84733	
Seconded by	Adrian Williams	103755	

John's statement:

Having been Secretary for the past two years, I would like to continue in this role.

I believe that my organisation skills and dedication to detail enable me to perform the role efficiently and effectively. Specifically:

- Organising regular members' meetings, AGMs, etc.
- Managing the minutes, identifying actions and making sure they are completed.
- Keeping an eye on the Constitution to ensure it is relevant to CI's activities.

If selected, I will bring dedication and skill to the task to ensure that CI has the best chance of even greater campaigning successes.

CI AGM 2025 Management Committee Member nominations

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
Nominee	Steve Knattress	61145	Committee member
Proposed by	Gönül Ekmekci Tekin	136431	
Seconded by	Sue Marris	84733	

Steve's statement

I have been a member of Cycle Islington for many years and am an active committee member. I have completed the LCC ride leader's course, and I think my knowledge gained of routes and the postcode lottery of infrastructure, enables me to organise safe and interesting group rides. I have used my skill as an editor, to shoot and edit videos to amplify our campaigns. I hope to continue to give my experience and time to Cycle Islington to help enable more people to choose to cycle safely on our streets

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
Nominee	Nick Kocharhook	74330	Committee member
Proposed by	Amir Shamsuddin	131434	
Seconded by	Jacob Hamilton	204856	

Nick's statement:

I have programming and design skills which I have deployed for cycling campaigns for over 10 years now.

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
Nominee	Alice Duperry	215609	Committee member
Proposed by	John Hartley	63875	
Seconded by	Eilidh Murray	65183	

Alice's Statement:

As a commuter cyclist and transport planner, I'm passionate about making cycling in Islington safer and more accessible. I can support Cycle Islington's campaigning by contributing professional insight on street design proposals and public consultations, and by helping to engage effectively with the council. I'm also keen to support fundraising efforts with energy and enthusiasm, and to encourage new cyclists to feel confident on the roads. My experience, local knowledge, and commitment to active travel would make me a valuable member of the committee.

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
Nominee	Marcus Schodorf	81717	Committee member
Proposed by	Nick Kocharhook	74330	
Seconded by	John Hartley	63875	

Marcus's statement:

I have been a member of the Islington Cycling Campaign's infrastructure committee for over two years. In that capacity I have liaised with the council and made contributions which have improved their infrastructure proposals. As a structural engineer specializing in the design of bridges, I am very familiar with public works and design codes as well as how projects wind their way through the design and implementation process. This experience helps me push for informed and realistic improvements to the council's proposals.