

## Minutes of meeting of Cycle Islington on 8 October 2025

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| <b>Chair:</b> | Marcus | <b>Minutes:</b> | Eilidh | <b>Apologies:</b> | John H, Sue M |
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Attendees; Steve K, Jacob, David L, Keith McF, Amir S, Alice D, Adrian W, Scott, Diana L

- 1 Matters arising from last meeting – other than those with their own permanent topic heading.
  - a) CI Stand – John H c/f next meeting
- 2 CI Finance – Amir
  - a) Current position; £2,893
  - b) Web hosting renewal – NK (c/f to January)
- 3 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events – Project team

Online meeting of project team set up for 20 October and WA group created. Keith has joined the team with a focus on gathering documentation and organising interviews with ICAG members. The Bishopsgate Institute is a potential home for community documents such as minutes, newsletters etc. Steve has agreed to video the interviews. The project team will focus on:

  - a) Social
    - Venue - Costs / Booking
    - Event - Costs / Booking
  - b) Rides
    - Family Ride
    - Picnic
    - Cake
  - c) Documentation
    - Archive records – convert to digital
    - Interviews / Documents gathering
    - Newsletter appeal
  - d) Publicity
  - e) Other
- 4 Finsbury Park – Amir
  - a) Petition text status: Amir, Alice and Jay are working on an update which when finalised will go to LCC for uploading
  - b) Coroners' reports – Eilidh to find out more about the cyclist fatality in 2023 - c/f next meeting
  - c) FP project team update – Eilidh reported on meeting with members of Hackney and Haringay borough groups held recently; a follow-up online meeting with the same group plus LCC Campaigners has been arranged in the next couple of weeks.
  - d) Mass evening ride – Amir went on Critical Mass at end September; possible for us to suggest a future ride comes to Finsbury Park once we have an idea of what our joint campaign on C50 looks like. We might have to locate a white bike where a cyclist sadly was killed in 2023.
  - e) PTAs – Marcus has had response from Ambler and will continue to share information with other PTAs in the area
  - f) Betastreet's trial – Amir, Alice and Marcus to attend an online Zoom with the Betastreet's team who appear keen to help. Amir to set up date/time asap (Marcus in USA for 3 weeks from tomorrow and Alice on sabbatical wef early November)
  - g) ICAP and similar local groups in Hackney/Haringey – Eilidh has contacted ICAP who are supportive; no others identified to date

- h) Steve K said that he had spoken to Jeremy Corbyn, the local MP, at a recent event, who offered his support to the campaign.
- 5 Consultations
- a) Barbican/Golden Lane Liveable Neighbourhood, a joint City of London/LBI LN, confirmed.
  - b) Fenchurch Street consultation open (City of London)
  - c) Dartmouth Park LN and Anette Road LN – no further updates. Dartmouth Park has a large WhatsApp group 'Our Patch' and children's rides are run fairly regularly
- 6 Market Road
- a) Watching brief item; York Way crossing now complete. Council are working on plans for cycle lanes, no deadline provided.
- 7 Council liaison – Marcus / NK
- a) Meeting held with officers on 3 October; Boleyn Road cycle lane in Mildmay LN due to be completed end November, when work will start on King Henry's Walk.
  - b) Lever Street due to be completed end November.
  - c) South section of St John Street – work has started and is due to finish end February/March 2026; cars will be north-bound only.
  - d) The non-standard cycle stands on Rosebery Avenue outside the bikeshop will be removed and replaced with standard ones.
  - e) Marcus was asked to talk to the officers about limiting traffic at end of Liverpool Road outside Sainsburys by installing either a bus gate or by timed closures.
- 8 Manifesto wording – ongoing contact to discuss our manifesto asks
- a) Green Party – John H
  - b) Labour / Lib Dems – Eilidh
  - c) Independents – Amir
- 9 Events / rides feedback
- a) Friday 12 September - evening adult ride – Steve; in spite of rain, punctures and a minor incident, it was a good ride with an initial 11 attendees. Steve might run it again during daylight hours and over the course of a day in 2026
  - b) Sunday 21 September – Car free Oxford Street – Alice reported that a group of 5 cycled down to see the pedestrianised Oxford Street which was a great event; the lack of traffic noise allowed the group to hear not only birds but Selfridges bells. They also bumped into Will Norman for a chat which was informative.
- 10 Future Events / Rides
- a) Sunday 19 Oct 12:00 > 16:00 – Gillespie Park Apple festival – Sue provided a written update; more volunteers needed to help on the stall.
    - Dr Bike / family ride – Adrian / Steve – Jacob volunteered to help marshal the family ride. It will set off at 1030 from Freightliners Farm. Steve reminded people to take cash to buy snacks and drinks.
  - b) Sunday 26 October – LCC Women's Network - Eilidh
    - Feeder ride – Steve has put the feeder ride details on the LCC events page; it will set off from the Town Hall at 1030. Eilidh to confirm the Women's Network ride finish point so that we can take a group back at the end of the main ride, estimated at 1500.
  - c) 25 November 18:30 – LCC AGM
    - St. Paul's Church, Bedford Street, WC2E 9ED

- d) 10 December – members' meeting & social with guests – Eilidh working on identifying a second speaker.
  - Room booking – Eilidh to book a bigger room once we have confirmation of the two speakers
  - Pub booking – John H c/f to next meeting

#### 11 Social Media and Passwords

- a) Google drive links and owners page – All
- b) Passwords software – NK c/f to next meeting
- c) Social media scheduling and cross posting – Jacob reported that he had identified a tool called Buffer; (<https://buffer.com/>) we'd need to open an account and enter our details for Bluesky and Insta. Jacob to discuss with Nick on the latter's return from holiday

#### 12 Commuter bike bus – Jay / Alice

- a) Takeup for this was disappointing; Alice proposed that we stop for the winter months and do a proper campaign for the spring when the clocks change and when more people were likely to be cycling. B/f for February 2026.
- b) Eilidh to ask LCC to remove these as a recurring event on the LCC website
- c) It was suggested that John H, in absentia, contacts the people who gave their addresses at various events to promote our rides; we aren't getting the numbers we used to get and need to spread our net wider.
- d) Amir and Keith suggested we put up posters in libraries; preferably A4 or A5 and portrait sized.

#### 13 Cycle Buddies

- a) Matching / popularity – Eilidh reported that LCC didn't seem to be pushing Cycle Buddies at present; unclear what LCC does and what the local borough groups do in terms of matching buddies.
- b) Leaflet drop to Lyke – John H c/f to next meeting
- c) Noted that Lyke had now left his role with the cycling team although he was still working for the council. No news of a replacement.

#### 14 AoB – All

- a) David asked everyone to promote the work of Pedal Power at Finsbury Park; they run rides on Friday mornings 0930 to 1330 for disabled people wanting to cycle on adapted bikes, tricycles, handbikes. People can just turn up and have a ride for £3, potentially joining the club. Eilidh to put in next newsletter.

#### 15 Next meetings

- a) Wed 12 Nov 2025 @ 19:00 – Room 3
  - Note: LCC AGM @ 18:30 on 25 November
- b) Wed 10 Dec 2025 @ 1900 – BIG Room TBB
- c) Wed 14 Jan 2026 @ 19:00 – Room TBB
- d) Wed 11 Feb 2026 @ 19:00 – Room TBB

#### 16 End of meeting; Marcus as chair ended the meeting at 2030.