Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting 11/02/2026 @ Town Hall

Chair: Eilidh Minutes: John
Apologies: Alice
Present: Keith, Steve, Sue, NK, Amir, Adrian, Scott, Rachael, Talia

| Item | Topic | Action |
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| 1 | Minutes of last meeting (14/01/2026)<br>• Accepted and published<br>• Matters arising<br>◦ CI Stand – in progress – agreed to drop from Agenda<br>◦ Naming Santander bikes – seen as a pointless exercise<br>◦ Dropped kerbs (see Council Liaison and Active travel group liaison)<br>◦ Annette Road (see council liaison)<br>◦ Farage drink drive – letter published in Tribune & Gazette in CI's name | <br>•<br>• |
| 2 | Ci Finance<br>• Current position – £ 3,644<br>◦ Will invest some funds in CI's 50th Celebrations<br>• Web hosting renewal<br>◦ Completed | <br>•<br>◦ ALL<br>• |
| 3 | 50th anniversary<br>• Social<br>◦ Poll results show majority of respondents want Ceilidh with snack (not curry) and a keenness for the family ride / picnic idea<br>◦ Agreed Ceilidh band with "snack" £30/person on Friday 26 June 2026<br>◦ Hocking Hall available but not yet booked (~£300). Other venues to be considered<br>◦ Ceilidh band booked provisionally (~£600)<br>• Ride Sunday 21 June 2026<br>◦ Family ride (beat the bounds) around Islington Borders. Ride in two parts, South (10:30 > 12:00) North (12:30 > 14:00). Need marshals<br>◦ Picnic & Games opportunity starting at 12:00 > whenever (mid-afternoon?)<br>◦ Followed by picnic in Highbury Fields - BYO<br>◦ 50th birthday cake & soft drinks to be provided (no hot drinks)<br>• Exhibition / Launch<br>◦ Keith to agreed Launch date with Islington Museum. Aim for w/c 8 June, preferably Friday evening (to enable Councillors to attend).<br>◦ Snacks & drinks to be provided.<br>◦ Video – Steve circulated "content" schedule – all to provide feedback<br>◦ Exhibition likely to run for three months<br>◦ Research into Gazette / Tribune articles continuing.<br>◦ List of dignitaries in Google docs – please add names (Council, LCC, etc.). Post meeting note – Museum recommends we aim to invite 150 people (60% acceptance)<br>◦ Archive on X – NK to download CI archive<br>◦ Newsletters (PDF) – use AI to find useful / exciting / relevant information<br>• Publicity<br>◦ Logo created – being used in publicity<br>◦ Can we add "Est. 1976" to our permanent logo?<br>• Merchandise<br>◦ Neck Ruffs popular – check pricing / minimum quantities, etc.<br>◦ Hi-Viz / Sam Brown belt – check pricing / minimum quantities, etc. | <br>•<br>◦<br>◦<br>◦<br>◦ Eilidh<br>◦ Eilidh<br>•<br>◦ Steve<br>All<br>◦ John<br>◦ All<br>◦ Eilidh<br>• Keith<br>◦ Keith / NK<br>◦<br>◦<br>◦ All<br>◦<br>◦ Keith<br>◦ All<br><br>◦ NK<br>◦ NK<br>•<br>◦<br>◦ Eilidh<br>•<br>◦ Eilidh<br>◦ Rachael |
| 4 | Finsbury Park / C50 | |

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| | • Petition status<br>◦ Text for individual emails - Amir to provide John with brief to draft text<br>• FP Project team update<br>◦ Agreed ride-round with Councillors 20/02: Rowena & Caroline (Islington), Sarah (Hackney), +one (Haringey)<br>• Possible action days<br>◦ Agreed to organise a "Cycle Round" with a white bike post May elections<br>• Schools / PTAs – Marcus to follow up (Ambler already on board)<br>◦ Need text (petition) relevant to schools<br>• Betastreets trial – c/f | •<br>◦ Amir / John<br>• FP project team<br>◦<br>◦<br>• FP project team<br>◦<br>◦<br>◦ John<br>• Amir |
| 5 | Consultations<br>• Emirates rebuild<br>◦ Progress on letter to CEO – John to establish status from David | • David<br>◦ John |
| 6 | Market Road<br>• Follow up at February liaison meeting | • NK/Marcus |
| 7 | Council Liaison<br>• Meeting notes attached for meeting attendees | • |
| 8 | Active Travel Group Liaison - topics<br>• Dropped kerbs removal policy (e.g. Bridgeman & Tilloch Streets)<br>• September Festival of Cycling<br>• Saddle & Sole | • Eilidh / John |
| 9 | Manifestos<br>• Progressing<br>◦ Green Party – completed (asks in - & more)<br>◦ Lib Dems – no comments<br>◦ Labour – Rowena has accepted responsibility<br>◦ Independents – Leader still to be contacted. | •<br>◦<br>◦<br>◦<br>◦ Amir |
| 10 | • Local Election planning / actions<br>◦ Write to leaders<br>◦ LCC Leafleting – volunteers wanted<br>◦ Work on strategic cycle network | • All<br>◦ Eilidh<br>◦ All<br>◦ Marcus, NK, Eilidh |
| 11 | Risk assessment review<br>• Completed. All risk assessments now to go through Steve | • All |
| 12 | Camden / Islington Council Liaison<br>• Officers & Councillors from Camden & Islington to understand how Islington could do things quicker / better | • NK |
| 13 | Future events / rides<br>• Sat 14 Feb – Valentine Ride, in conjunction with Camden – Geoff Stilwell leading<br>• Sun 15 Mar - Kidical Mass starting at Granary Square – publicise only (not worth doing a feeder)<br>• Jun – summer solstice ride to Richmond (non-led ride). Date TBC. Steve to contact Tim Lennon (Richmond)<br>• Sat 21 Jun – 50th Anniversary Rides (see above)<br>• Sun 20 Sept – London Cycling Festival. Eilidh to contact Emily Lewis<br>• Autumn – Blackberry ride & picnic (do it earlier this year) | • Steve<br>• Eilidh<br>• Steve<br>•<br>•<br>• Eilidh<br>• John |
| 14 | Social Media and Passwords<br>• All in hand and progressing | • NK |

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| | ◦ NK to write idiots' guide when system ready | ◦ NK |
| 15 | Commuter bike bus<br>• C/f to April | • Jay |
| 16 | AOB<br>• Alice has had to resign from the Committee due to other commitments but wishes still to participate in campaigning activities. We are sorry to lose her and thank her for her contributions to date.<br>• LCC Young People's membership was discussed.<br>• AGM date – agreed as part of 10 April member's meeting<br>◦ John to prepare paperwork, etc.<br>• Access to LCC (Islington) member names / GDPR / Gift Aid for donations. Query with LCC<br>• Eilidh to review LCC welcome letter for new members | •<br>•<br>• All<br>◦ John<br>• John<br>• Eilidh |
| 17 | Date/time of next meetings.<br>Please will everyone check your availability to Chair / take minutes?<br>• Wed 11 Mar 2026 @ 19:00 – Room 3<br>◦ Chair: Marcus Minutes: John<br>• Wed 8 Apr 2026 @ 19:00 – Room 3 (includes AGM)<br>◦ Chair: Eilidh Minutes: John<br>• Wed 13 May 2026 @ 19:00 – Room 3<br>◦ Chair: Steve Minutes: John<br>• Wed 10 Jun 2026 @ 19:00– Room TBB<br>◦ Chair: Eilidh Minutes: John | • All<br>• Marcus<br>◦ John<br>• Eilidh<br>◦ John<br>• Steve<br>◦ John<br>• Eilidh<br>◦ John |

Chair / Minutes rota is here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1086c7uQ_5SOFbCOHp1EPQOXz0FbmbVSWYOpLVfzUgWU/edit?gid=0#gid=0

Useful links

- CI Website / BlueSky / Instagram here:
  - https://cycleislington.uk/
  - https://bsky.app/profile/cycleislington.uk
  - https://www.instagram.com/cycleislington/
- LCC Calendar of events here:
  - https://lcc.org.uk/events-calendar/
- Clean cities "Car Spreading" campaign, website / BlueSky here:
  - www.cleancitiescampaign.org/carspreading
  - https://bsky.app/profile/olord.bsky.social/post/3lhydjsdaec2i
- Love clean streets – also an App, obviously!

https://www.lovecleanstreets.com