

Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting 20/05/2026 @ Town Hall

Chair: Steve Minutes: John
 Apologies: Amir, Marcus, Diana
 Present: Nicholas (Hackney guest), Eilidh, Sue, Jay, Keith, NK, Tom, Adrian

| Item | Topic | Action |
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| 1 | Minutes of last meeting (08/04/2026) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted and published • Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ None | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • |
| 2 | Committee Structure & roles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ As agreed at AGM • Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Steve: Ride organiser; risk assessor; Video production; ◦ Nick: Council liaison; consultation response; IT ◦ Marcus: Council liaison; consultation response ◦ Jay: Comms; social media | |
| 3 | Ci Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current position – £ 3,718.17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Spending plans - Note: TBA costs depend on numbers ◦ 50th Celebrations (Museum Launch: Drinks and nibbles £ TBA – depends on numbers) ◦ Ceilidh (room hire £ 355; Band £600; Food £10/head; Drink £ TBA; Licence £21). Note Ticket price covers some of these costs. ◦ Ride picnic: (Cake: £ 150 + delivery; Soft drinks: £ TBA) ◦ Transport of Stand, Gazebo, games, etc. c£200 per event using Pedal me | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ◦ |
| 4 | 50 th anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceilidh – Friday 26 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Urgent publicity required with cut-off date for ticket purchase (no tickets on the door) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CI members, LCC, Neighbouring Boroughs ▪ Social Media ▪ All local groups (via LCC) ◦ John to provide cash for band £600 ◦ Southpaw Snacks (sandwiches / salads, etc.) to progress ◦ Bar to be organised – depends on numbers • Ride Sunday 21 June 2026 – Highbury Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Family ride (beat the bounds) around Islington Borders. Ride in two parts, South (10:30 > 12:00) North (12:30 > 14:00). Need marshals. ◦ CI Stand & Games opportunity starting at 10:00 > 16:00. Need more volunteers to staff the stand. Sue offered – need more. ◦ Picnic after 2nd ride in Highbury Fields – BYO food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cups ▪ Napkins and soft drinks ▪ Cake for 50 people (via Alice) • Exhibition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Launch date / time / venue: 18:30 > 20:00, Thursday 11 June, Islington Museum. ◦ Currently 43 attendees ◦ Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 18:30 Guests arrive ▪ 18:30 > 19:00 Welcome drink and nibbles – Note all staff to wear CI 50 T shirts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ◦ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eilidh ▪ Jay ▪ Tom ◦ John ◦ John ◦ John • ◦ Steve ◦ All ◦ John ◦ Sue / All ◦ All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ John ▪ Eilidh ▪ Eilidh • Keith & Team ◦ All ◦ ◦ ▪ John ▪ All |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 19:00 Welcome ▪ 19:05 Video ▪ 19:10 > 20:00 Free format ▪ 20:00 Guests leave ▪ 20:00 > 20:30 clear up Staff leave ◦ Prosecco, beer, cider, soft drinks and glasses to be provided – delivery 10 June ◦ Ghost bike, banners, flag - delivery 11:00 Wednesday 10 June ◦ Snacks – buy finger food from local supermarkets – delivery 11 June ◦ Video progressing well – currently 33 mins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Produce 10-min version for launch ▪ Produce 3-min versions of sections for social media ▪ Interviews largely completed ▪ Happy birthday” messages have some – need more to be sought ▪ Review and feedback to Steve ◦ Tom B’s photos for “looping” on video and pinning to walls ◦ Research into Gazette / Tribune articles continuing. ◦ Dignitaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All Islington Councillors ▪ All LCC coordinators ▪ Zöe Garbett ▪ Jacob Cable ◦ Exhibition likely to run for three months ● Publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Website ◦ Social media ◦ Tribune article published ● Merchandise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Tote bags, T shirts, etc – new designs being added ● Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The website now boasts many newsletters, thanks to sterling efforts by the CI-50 team. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eilidh ▪ Steve ▪ ▪ ▪ All ◦ John ◦ John ◦ John ◦ Steve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steve ▪ Steve ▪ ▪ ▪ NK/Eilidh/John ◦ Keith / Steve ◦ Eilidh / John /All ◦ ▪ Eilidh ▪ Tom ▪ Nicholas ▪ Nicholas ◦ ● ◦ Eilidh ◦ Jay ◦ ● Eilidh ◦ All |
| 5 | <p>Finsbury Park / C50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Petition status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Text for individual emails – Feedback required from committee members to revised petition text (repeated at end of these minutes) ● Ghost bike protest ride Wednesday 27 May @ 08:15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Start point Mayton Street junction with Hornsey Road ◦ C50 to Manor House (and back??) ● Schools / PTAs – Marcus to follow up (Ambler already on board) - c/f <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ John to create once committee have approved individual email text ● Betastreet trial – c/f | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ◦ All ● Project Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ All ◦ ● Marcus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ John ● Amir |
| 6 | <p>Major Campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brecknock (with Camden) – c/f <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Discuss whether we want to take this on | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All ◦ All |
| 7 | <p>Council Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NK report was circulated for comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ John to send again to non-committee members present at meeting ◦ Anyone with queries – raise with NK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All ◦ John ◦ All |
| 8 | <p>Active Travel Group Liaison - topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To be discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ TfL approved schemes implementation (as per manifesto ask) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eilidh / John |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Discuss when new transport strategy will be published ◦ Dropped kerbs / removal of shared space– what is policy / is it written down? ◦ Parking enforcement on Holloway Road | |
| 9 | <p>Future events / rides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 17 Jun @ 18:00 – summer solstice ride to Richmond (non-led ride). TB queried date (other groups going 24 Jun). To be clarified. Steve to contact Tim Lennon (Richmond) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Post meeting note – Date now confirmed as Wednesday 24 June • Sun 5 Jul - Feeder to Women’s ride • Sat 11 July – LCC picnic • Sun 20 Sept – London Cycling Festival. • Autumn – Blackberry ride & picnic (do it earlier this year) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve ◦ All • Eilidh • All • Eilidh • John |
| 11 | <p>Social Media and Passwords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Buffer” idiots guide – c/f • Instagram passwords needed from Alice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK • Eilidh |
| 12 | <p>AoB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Mary’s Church invitation to attend – agreed not to go • Goswell Road triangle cyclist count (for comparison in CI 50 project - John to do 28/05 • Lunchtime deliveries opportunity at Whittington Park – volunteers wanted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eilidh • John • All |
| 13 | <p>Date/time of next meetings. Please will everyone check your availability to Chair (see rota link below)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 10 Jun 2026 @ 18:30 – Room 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chair: Eilidh Minutes: John • Wed 8 Jul 2026 @ 18:30 – Room 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chair: Jay Minutes: John • Wed 12 Aug 2026 @ 18:30 – Room 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Chair: NK Minutes: John | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All • Eilidh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ John • Jay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ John • NK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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>

Suggested text for FP petition

We, the undersigned, call on the Mayor, Transport for London and the Boroughs of Islington, Haringey and Hackney to urgently fix one of London’s most dangerous junctions for cyclists and pedestrians: the intersection of Seven Sisters Road, Stroud Green Road, and Blackstock Road.

This junction is part of a key route with no safe alternatives due to the park and railway lines. In 2023, over 2,000 cyclists used it daily. Yet Cycleway 50, which improves safety to and from Camden, stops short of this spot - leaving riders exposed at the most hazardous point.

This junction sits on a TfL-managed road and touches three Boroughs (Hackney, Haringey and Islington) and we ask all responsible authorities to work together now to make it safe for everyone.

The Mayor's own Zero Vision Action Plan includes the following statement:

- ***Transforming dangerous junctions:*** *After identifying 73 junctions with the worst safety records, TfL is proceeding with a major Safer Junctions programme that will see significant safety improvements made at these locations to reduce road danger for people walking and cycling*

We see no evidence of any action proceeding to transform this dangerous junction. What we do see, every day, is pedestrians and cyclists being forced into dangerous conflict with motor traffic.

If the Mayor is serious about his Zero Vision goals, then he must urgently provide leadership, funding and a workable design to make this junction safe for all vulnerable road users.