

Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting 08/07/2026 @ Town Hall

Chair: Jay Minutes: John
 Apologies: Deb, Marcus Copy to:
 Present: Steve, Eilidh, NK (part), Amir, Keith, Adrian, Sue, Diana.

Item	Topic	Action
1	Minutes of last meeting (10/06/2026) - Accepted and published - Matters arising – Cycle count (see minute no. 12)	
2	Ci Finance - Current position – £ 2,940 - Amir circulated a brief statement of accounts, which is shown at end of minutes. - Thanks were expressed to the people who donated anonymously.	
3	Flyering - John has 3,200 leaflets for the event. Contact John if you wish to help - Flyering can be done after 14th July as well	ALL
4	Election feedback Eilidh will email all councillors telling them about CI and inviting them to get in touch	Eilidh
5	50 th anniversary - Congratulations all round to those who participated / organised and especially Keith for the hours of research he put in, along with NK, for the exhibition - Video has been sent to Sarah (at museum) but as yet not available. NK to remind - Steve to write to all Video participants thanking them for their participation - Ceilidh was successful and a good time had by all – probably a good thing that numbers were done on expectation – would have been too hot and crowded. - Rides – well attended (more kids on first ride than second although the second was more child friendly) - Highbury Fields – stall well attended, Dr. Bike popular - Cake – delicious and all eaten on the day	- NK - Steve
6	Finsbury Park / C50 - Jay asked a question at full council meeting - Rowena answered as expected. - Action day – another planned for Friday 16th July with Caroline Russell (Chair of Transport Committee – GLA) and Councillor Gio Iozzi (Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Transport – Haringey). Hackney mayor also invited along with other local councillors - Steve to do interviews and vox pops - Suggested another ghost bike ride in September (after museum exhibition finished) - Petition status - Agreed text to be progressed with Jakub (LCC) - Schools. Etc. text to be circulated for approval – at end of these minutes - Betastreet trial – c/f (deadline September meeting)	- Eilidh / Ben - Project Group - Eilidh / John - Amir - John / All
7	Major Campaigns - Brecknock (with Camden) - Camden will lead - Market Road - Check status with Eshwyn - OSCR - Extensive engagement and modelling ongoing with LBI and TfL	- Steve - John

8	Consultations - Blue Badge - Consultation ends 10 August - Eilidh to publicise in Newsletter with stats on numbers from Marcus to encourage responses	- ALL - Eilidh
9	Active Travel Group Liaison - topics - TfL approved schemes - John to send scheme explanation to Eshwyn - Council is usually supportive of TfL schemes - New Transport strategy - will be published in 2029 following the election of the new London Mayor in 2028; this is usual practice.	Eilidh / John
10	Future rides / events - Sat 25 Jul – Wray Crescent Festival - Full works - Gazebo, stall, games, etc. transport by pedal me (already budgeted) - Helpers (Steve, Amir, Jay) - Set up gazebo @ 11:30 - Dr Bike - Sun 2 Aug - Blackberry ride & picnic - Marshalls (Amir / Others?) - Mon 24 Aug - Islington Sustainability Fair - Dr Bike - Sun 20 Sep - London Cycling Festival – Eilidh to liaise with Hackney's plans - Inform Julie – LCC & Emily - LBI	- Sue - John - All named - Adrian - Steve - All - John - Adrian - Eilidh - Steve
11	Council Liaison NK's report was discussed (circulated to all)	
12	Cycle Count - Colebrook Row – c/f to May2027 to be done 1st Wednesday in June annually - Possibility of buying an automatic counter for use on specific projects. Amir to make business case	- John - Amir
13	AoB - Post exhibition archiving > Bishopsgate?? c/f to September - Decided no meeting in August but a social (August 19th) for all CI 50th organisers / helpers	- John / Keith - Eilidh
14	Date/time of next meetings. Please will everyone check your availability to Chair (see rota link below)? - Wed 9 Sept 2026 @ 18:30 – Room 3 - Chair: Marcus Minutes: John - Wed 14 Oct 2026 @ 18:30 – Room 3 - Chair: Steve Minutes: John - Wed 11 Nov 2026 @ 18:30 – Room 3 - Chair: Eilidh Minutes: John - Wed 9 Dec 2026 @ 18:30 – Room TBB (Eilidh) - Chair: Jay Minutes: John	- All - Marcus - John - Steve - John - Eilidh - John - Jay - 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>

Brief statement of CI-50th anniversary accounts (approximate)
Launch Party

<i>Category</i>	<i>Sub-Category</i>	SUM of Expense	SUM of Income
C50 Launch	Cake	£165.00	£0.00
	Drinks	£311.45	£0.00
	Licence	£21.00	£0.00
	Misc	£3.75	£0.00
	T-Shirts	£0.00	£35.46
C50 Launch Total		£501.20	£35.46

Ceilidh

<i>Category</i>	<i>Sub-Category</i>	SUM of Expense	SUM of Income
C50 Ceilidh	Band	£620.00	£0.00
	Donation	£0.00	£350.00
	Drinks	£36.98	£0.00
	Food	£537.95	£0.00
	Hall Hire	£355.00	£0.00
	Licence	£21.00	£0.00
	Payment Fees	£17.37	£0.00
	Takings	£0.00	£184.50
	Tickets	£0.00	£600.00
C50 Ceilidh Total		£1,588.30	£1,134.50

Text for FP petition for schools

As the **Head** of **xxx** school, we are extremely concerned about the danger our pupils face on a daily basis in navigating the area around Finsbury Park station, comprising Seven Sisters Road from Fonthill Road to Finsbury Park Road and incorporating the junctions with Station Road, Stroud Green Road, Blackstock Road and St Thomas's Road, with its associated "gyratory".

We 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.

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