

Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting 09/09/2026 @ Town Hall

Chair: Steve Minutes: John
 Apologies: Marcus, Jay, Eilidh, NK, Amir Copy to:
 Present: Keith, Adrian, Sue, Anke Boehme, Deb, Scott

Item	Topic	Action
1	Minutes of last meeting (08/07/2026) Accepted and published	
2	Ci Finance - Current position – £ 3,123 - Approval of expenditure for CI-50 volunteer thank-you event (previously agreed by officers in email correspondence) given. (£91 spent)	
3	Flyering Flyers still available (approx. 2,200)	ALL
4	Election feedback - Done on 10 July. no-one except Caroline Allen and Benali responded, Caroline saying she'd already done a ride with us (C50) and Benali saying the following, to which Eilidh responded suggesting he signs up to our newsletter but that we're always at the end of an email too. "In terms of cycling issues we are picking up, do you have a suggestion how we interface with you?" - As a local Councillor the two things I get the most emails about are Seven Sisters (which I know you're on top of), and Fieldway Crescent into Madras Place, across Holloway Road - with cars not obeying the cycle lane. Oh and similarly Highbury Corner!"	
5	50 th anniversary Steve wrote to all video participants thanking them	
6	Finsbury Park / C50 - Caroline Russell and Gio (AT cabinet lead Hackney) came to a site visit on 16 July; we've since heard that she has been asking questions of TfL about our list of quick wins and their (lack of) progress. - We sent our list to LBI at Rowena's request, years ago, to get a response saying that they were mainly TfL issues. We've given Caroline the potted history over the past 8 years and are thinking about asking her to ask a question at Mayor's Question time. We're considering another ghost bike ride but that'll only happen once the ghost bike has finished its stint at the Museum (October 23rd). - The C50 WhatsApp group is pretty active, with Ben House (Haringey), Will Petty (Hackney) and Eilidh acting as local borough coordinators. - Sue will contact Tollington ward and Stroud Green ward councillors about Finsbury Park / C50 and put them in touch with Eilidh, Ben and Will. - Petition status - There has been no progress on this since names were gathered months ago so it was decided to drop this item - Betastreets trial - There has been no progress on this for months, so it was decided to drop this item	- Eilidh - Sue
7	Major Campaigns - Brecknock (with Camden) - This is in the Camden strategy plan – issues include resurfacing and traffic congestion. Tufnell Park Ward Councillors also involved. Steve to monitor - Market Road	- Steve

	◦ Check status with Eshwyn • OSCR ◦ There is a strong architect community in Old Street. Anke to contact and try to engage them.	◦ John • ◦ Anke
8	Consultations • Blue badge exemptions in LTNs: included in our newsletter in July and was blown up by 'anon' who got hold of a copy and had a letter in the Tribune on 17 July. A James Mackay responded with a well-argued letter and so it goes on. We don't propose to send in letters about it as his letter was spot-on	
9	Active Travel Group Liaison - topics • TfL approved schemes ◦ John to send info to Eshwyn / Rowena	• ◦ John
10	Rides / events • Sat 25 July - Wray Crescent Festival ◦ Steady stream of people to the stall ◦ John's games and Dr. Bike very popular ◦ Thanks to everyone who helped on the stall • Mon 24 Aug - Islington Sustainability Fair ◦ Dr Bike popular, as usual. ◦ Not our target demographic but probably worth going again to show our faces • Sun 20 Sep - London Cycling Festival – ◦ Ride – @ 11:00 to Victoria Park to join Tower Hamlets “hub”. Some roads closed due to Shoreditch ½ marathon. And some LTNs opened to traffic. Steve has an alternative route. ◦ Stall – decided against – very small Council event on Highbury fields • Sun 18 Oct Gillespie Park Apple Day 12:00 > 16:00 ◦ Sue will organise stall (liaise with John re equipment needed). Adrian will do Dr. Bike	• ◦ ◦ ◦ • ◦ ◦ • ◦ Steve ◦ • ◦ Sue / Adrian
11	Council Liaison • c/f	•
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 – c/f	• John • Amir
13	AoB • Anke raised the thorny issue of the proposed development at Archway. Despite the fact that there are expected to be lots of people accessing the building by bicycle, the local road infrastructure is unsuitable and unsafe. CI should have been involved in the planning process. Anke will circulate details of the consultation, and we should include details, including recommended responses, in our newsletter. • LCC Central wanted to know if we knew anything about proposed work on Seven Sisters Road. We don't. Neither does Haringey. Have reported back. • LCC Central wanted to ask for a meeting with Una and Rowena - have yet to hear result. One of the committee would also be invited. Eilidh has asked Rowena and Eshwyn for a date for our 'active travel' autumn meeting, 30 September. Simon Monk attending. • Gonul and Eilidh are running monthly women's rides from the Ecology Centre, partly to take the place of Joy Riders (although no bikes to borrow) and partly to support the LCC Women's Network. Most recent one on 6 September. • Thanks to Deborah for her debut newsletter issue! A vote of thanks was also given for Eilidh's huge contribution over many years!	• Anke ◦ Anke / Deb • • - Eilidh • • Deb / Eilidh • Eilidh

	• Eilidh is trying to add a few autumnal pieces to the 50th merch; some issues with getting them uploaded but hopefully will be done soon. • Scott asked whether we are planning any autumnal evening rides • Sue noted that Benwell Road LTN has been suspended – why? Speculated this is possibly due to road works elsewhere. But no-one told us. To be raised at Active travel meeting	• Steve ◦ Eilidh
14	Date/time of next meetings. Please will everyone check your availability to Chair (see rota link below)? • Wed 14 Oct 2026 @ 18:30 – Room 3 ◦ Chair: Marcus 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 • Eilidh ◦ John • Jay ◦ John

Chair / Minutes rota is here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1086c7uQ_5SOEbCOHp1EPQOXz0FbmbVSWYOpLVfzUgWU/edit?gid=0#gid=0

Useful links

- CI Website / BlueSky / Instagram here:
 - <https://cycleislinton.uk/>
 - <https://bsky.app/profile/cycleislinton.uk>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/cycleislinton/>
- 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/3lhydsdaec2i>
- Love clean streets – also an App, obviously!
 - <https://www.lovecleanstreets.com>