

Note: these minutes are “draft” until formally accepted at the AGM 2025. However, they have been circulated for comment to all AGM attendees and no requests for change were received by the deadline. The Annual accounts are available on the Cycle Islington website.

Chair:	Eilidh Murray	Minutes:	John Hartley
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Attendees:	Keith M, Johanna G, Liz R, Will D, Steven E, Deborah M, Christian W, John A, Benali H, Daniel, Rachael S, Alistair D, Cameron M, Richenda W, Oli L, Tom B, Sue M, Steve K, Geoff S, Tom F, Diana L, Amir S, Jacob H, Eloise C, Adrian W, Simon B, Alison L, David L, Nick K, Louise W, Scott M, Katie P, John L, Chris K
Apologies:	Rowena C

Item	Topic / Action	Action:
1	The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and thanked them for coming	
2	Minutes of last AGM (2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved and will now be published on CI website</li> </ul>	John H
3	Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
4	Coordinator’s report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eilidh gave her report verbally (transcription on subsequent pages). There were no questions, but applause given to various people mentioned and to Eilidh at the end.</li> </ul>	
5	Treasurer’s report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keith gave the Treasurer’s report verbally (transcription on subsequent pages). In the Annual Accounts, a typing error on the cost of clown hands was noted (£328.90 instead of £28.90 - this was a transcription error by the Secretary in preparing documents for the meeting) but the total costs were correct.</li> <li>Acceptance of the Report and Accounts was proposed by John A, seconded by Christian W and accepted by a show of hands, with no dissenters.</li> </ul>	
6	Election of Management Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This was conducted by Sue M. It was proposed that a vote for all Officers and Committee Members should be taken, and this was accepted by all meeting attendees. The applicants having been correctly proposed and seconded, (see separate sheet) the committee was duly elected as follows:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinator: Eilidh M</li> <li>Treasurer: Amir S</li> <li>Secretary: John H</li> </ul> </li> <li>Committee members:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve K</li> <li>Johanna G</li> <li>Nick K</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8	AoB There being no further business, the AGM finished at 20:05	

## Coordinator's Report

We are the local borough group of the LCC and as such, work with them, along with nearly 32 other boroughs, on their key campaigns of Dangerous Junctions, Cycle Buddies, the recently finished #LondonLovesCycling campaign for the Mayoral elections - and on the LCC Women's Network. We also get to know key officials at Islington Council and TfL.

Talking of LCC, you are all aware I hope that we have a new CEO, Tom Fyans, who joined in September last year and who is here with us tonight - his third appearance at a CI event, thank you Tom, great to see you getting to know the local campaigners!

We work with our neighbouring boroughs in Camden, Hackney and Haringey and current campaigns include (sigh) Old Street to Clerkenwell Road and Finsbury Park junction, the most dangerous in Islington and 5th most dangerous in London. There was a very successful campaign led by Oli on the new bridge at Kingsbury Road which is now open and CS1 is rid of the dangerous 'diversion' at Balls Pond Road.

The council has consulted on some improvements to cycling infrastructure: Essex Road/Rotherfield Street crossing (still no news on dates), Northchurch Road junction with Southgate Road (currently ongoing). We're pleased finally to see improvements on Holloway Road on the C50 cycleway from Camden through to Finsbury Park; we have been campaigning for this for years and while we feel there is still room for improvement - Fieldway Crescent! - it's great that something has been done. Thanks to Nick for his work here and for his blog on our website which reviews all the different sections - and there were a lot!

The council offers a good range of free cycle training for all ages and abilities - and Joy Riders has started beginners' rides using their own bikes which are kept on the Andover Estate.

The council now has 400 bike hangars on public roads across Islington, in addition to those on council estates, providing more than 2,400 places. BUT they remain the most expensive in all London and are only available on an annual basis. Imagine, for a family of four, there would be not much change from £450 for storing their bikes in a hangar. This was one of our 2022 Five Asks which still needs some attention - which it gets from us at any rate!

Sad news in that earlier this year, the Farringdon Road/Clerkenwell Road junction was the scene of the death of a young student at LSE, Cheistha Kochhar. We held a small memorial to mourn her death and we understand that our sister group in Camden is discussing the current route of C6 with Camden Council.

Camden Council put out a consultation in March to make some positive improvements on the 'Clerkenwell Boulevard' from Theobalds Road/Gray's Inn Road and the nearby junction at Rosebery Avenue and the Leather Lane junction up to their boundary with Islington. They have nearly finished major changes at the killer Holborn Gyratory. Bravo Camden - Islington next please. We've already held two 'Make the Lanes' on the Islington section of the 'Clerkenwell Boulevard' - thanks to Steve for his videos of both events which are

on our website. We are strongly minded to hold a third event to highlight the slow progress here although we are assured by the Council that they are on it.

So what else have we been doing for the past year?

We've run 15 events ranging from evening over 18s bike rides to pubs up the Lea valley, to family rides, to feeder rides for Kidical Mass, for Apple Day at Gillespie Park and a blackberry picking ride as well as our bikers' breakfasts and Saddle and Sole festival appearances. We've also led a feeder ride to the Women's Freedom Ride - a campaign very close to my heart as I'm one of the two LCC trustees on the Steering Group. Thanks to John and Steve who are our ride leaders and to everyone who helps to marshal all our rides.

We publish our rides on our website and on Twitter/X - make a note for 21 June and our first formal Summer Solstice ride to Richmond. A magic evening when people from all LCC borough groups cycle to a viewing spot to see the sun go down - handily near the Roebuck pub - highly recommend you sign up for that when it's publicised. And Ride London comes round on 26 May; we're running a feeder ride to that too.

Our bikers' breakfast in Highbury Fields as part of the LCC's weekend of cycling events #LondonLovesCycling was held a couple of weeks ago; the weather was not in our favour, but we still managed to talk to some wet passers-by, talk about cycling changes required in the borough and marked them on our map, and we handed out stickers. It's not just children who love stickers! And thanks to Johanna's map, we asked people to mark up their cycling wishes on a large map of the borough - where a bike hangar was needed, what junctions needed attention, where signage was lacking, where dropped kerbs were required etc etc. And the map is here at the back so please if you have anything you'd like us to put on our list of quick wins or for campaigning, have a look during the evening. Many thanks to the team behind this event - there are plans to do another.

We are keen to work with other local cycling groups and supported EyeBike at Moorfields hospital which now has over 100 members in their group. We also had a Valentine's Day ride with Islington Cycling Club to where else but Valentine's park - with another joint long ride planned in the summer sometime. It was noted that some of the ICC riders retired halfway through due to the cold but the Cycle Islington attendees stuck it out - just saying!

Adrian continues to offer Dr Bike at Sunnyside Community Gardens on the first Sunday of the month and many thanks to him for his time and expertise. Adrian is one of the founder members of ICAG, now CI and probably pre-dates the formation of the LCC!

We meet council officers every 4-6 weeks; many thanks to Nick, Oli and Marcus for their time. It's so important that we get a chance to input to plans for infrastructure to make them as good as they can be for people on bikes. We're not always listened to, but we do like having our say. And we have Active Travel meetings with the Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport, Rowena Champion, along with our colleagues from Islington Living Streets, about 4 times/year. These are very useful opportunities

to keep our key campaigns at the top of the council's 'to-do' list. Rowena was invited this evening, but I imagine she's relaxing after the small event on 2 May.

Nick and Oli have spent hours responding to consultations on behalf of CI; while we all try to respond on an individual basis to consultations on LTNs and infrastructure changes, their knowledge, and ideas for improvements to schemes are invaluable so again, thanks guys for your time and attention to detail.

Special thanks to retiring members of our committee; Susanne who is heading back to Europe for a gap year and we hope to see her back in London in 2025; Chris; Oli who has a very busy year ahead of him and especially Keith who has managed our finances for as long as I can remember. We hope that they will all continue to come to our events and support our campaigning.

To conclude: the council declared a climate emergency in June 2019 and to reach its target of net carbon zero by 2030, there's lots to do and we're running out of time. As a key enabler to tackle the environmental damage we have inflicted on our planet - can I highly recommend, as I did in 2023 and in previous years, that wonderful invention of 1817, the bicycle.

## Treasurer's Report

It's much the same as last year.

We've spent some money on campaigning items.

As usual we printed fliers. Less usually, we bought some clown hands and our Cycle Islington sail flag. The clown hands were used for the Kingsbury Bridge action and the sail flag has been used in our outdoor events to draw attention. You can find photos on our website. Our map also needed a little money to start it off. It's been a great way of luring people to talk about cycling at events.

We also spent money on catering for our AGM and a donation to Anna Hughes charity Flight Free. She gave a talk about travelling on public transport with a bicycle. And we've paid for the hire of this hall.

### Income

Again we're indebted to donations from members which attract Gift Aid.

It seems that last year's AGM raised £335.61 - believe that's a record.

We accepted a grant from LCC and we earned £180.00 for leading a ride to Ride London. We were able to raise a small amount at the Islington Council Saddle and Sole Event.

Questions?

We do need to sincerely thank all the people who give their time so tirelessly to Cycle Islington.

Don't stop!

And we need to thank all the people at LCC's 'Head Office.'

And if there's anyone who wants to lend us a hand, please don't be shy. Come and have a word or contact us.

## Management Committee Candidates

## Officers

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
<b>Nominee</b>	Eilidh M	65183	Coordinator
<b>Proposed by</b>	Richenda W	61938	
<b>Seconded by</b>	John H	63875	

**Eilidh's statement:**

"I'd like to stand for the role of Coordinator in Cycle Islington as I believe that over the past few years, I have been able actively to support the group in campaigning, social media, council meetings, rides and coordination with LCC staff. Having been heavily involved in the launch of the LCC Women's Network, I am keen to promote the campaign at a local level, linking our activities with other cycling groups, notably Joy Riders and Cycle Sisters. Being an LCC trustee, and currently chair of trustees, gives me additional insight which helps keep Cycle Islington firmly on London's cycling map."

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
<b>Nominee</b>	Amir S	131434	Treasurer
<b>Proposed by</b>	Eilidh M	65183	
<b>Seconded by</b>	John H	63875	

**Amir's statement:**

As Treasurer, I can bring my experience doing accounting for two of my own startups as well as in previous treasurer roles (long ago!) for university societies.

I am always happy to volunteer for campaigns in any required capacity, and e.g. I helped draft the press release for the most recent Old Street "Make the Lane" campaign.

I am keen to help make cycling in London safe and accessible for my two young children and believe in a vision for London which would allow everyone, regardless of age, to be able to choose this healthy, community-building, climate-friendly mode of transport.

	Name	LCC member no.	Position applied for
<b>Nominee</b>	John H	63875	Secretary
<b>Proposed by</b>	Sue M	84733	
<b>Seconded by</b>	Tom B	64173	

**John's statement:**

Having been Secretary for the past year, I apply for re-election in this post. I believe that my organisation skills have shown me capable of performing as Secretary, professionally and efficiently. Specifically

- Managing the minutes – any efficient organisation must have minutes produced in a timely fashion, with actions clearly identified.
- Organising regular members' meetings, AGMs, etc. and keeping an eye on the Constitution to ensure it is relevant to CI's activities!

If selected, I will bring dedication and skill to the task to ensure that CI has the best chance of even greater campaigning successes.

**Committee members**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>LCC member no.</b>	<b>Position applied for</b>
<b>Nominee</b>	Steve K	61145	Committee member
<b>Proposed by</b>	Eilidh M	65183	
<b>Seconded by</b>	David L	66792	

**Steve's statement**

Application for Committee Member

I have been a member of Cycle Islington for many years and am an active committee member.

I have completed the L CC ride leader's course, and I think my knowledge gained of routes and the postcode lottery of infrastructure, enables me to organise safe and interesting group rides.

I have used my skill as an editor, to shoot and edit videos to amplify our campaigns.

I hope to continue to give my experience and time to Cycle Islington to help enable more people to choose to cycle safely on our streets.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>LCC member no.</b>	<b>Position applied for</b>
<b>Nominee</b>	Johanna G	19618	Committee member
<b>Proposed by</b>	Eilidh M	65183	
<b>Seconded by</b>	John H	63875	

**Johanna's Statement:**

As a transport planner by profession I have technical knowledge and skills which I would be able to contribute to Cycle Islington over the coming year. This could include drafting consultation responses and conducting analysis / mapping. As previously noted, due to working for Camden my involvement has to be limited to projects that do not overlap with the borough boundaries. Something I would like to work more on over the coming year is events and working with partners to increase our reach. One idea includes organising an additional bikers' breakfast or similar, joint with Haringey and possibly Hackney in Finsbury Park.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>LCC member no.</b>	<b>Position applied for</b>
<b>Nominee</b>	Nick K	74330	Committee member
<b>Proposed by</b>	John H	63875	
<b>Seconded by</b>	Richenda W	61938	

**Nick's statement:**

I'd like to stand for the CI committee again this year. I have a decade of experience with CI, including many years spent advocating for safer, greener streets with the council. I have a background in IT and a passion for transportation design.