

Cycle Islington Minutes 13th April 2022

Present:

SK, KM, EM, JA, JH, JC, SM, SG, NK, Divya, DH, JDH, GP, TB

Apologies: AH

Matters Arising : JA was to add a prece of NK's comments wrt Council Officers meeting to last months minutes. Action JA

Beat Box: EM had been talking to the organisers. Our family ride is to be on Sunday 24/4 14:00-16:00 starting at Highbury Swimming Pool. Marshalls are needed.

Action EM to enable eventbrite booking and item for newspaper.

Action SK and Elidh to review the route and write Risk Assessment for LCC.

AGM 11th May , JH has booked the Drapers Arms, 44 Barnsbury St London, Islington, N1 1ER. 19:00 for 19:30 Start, places to be booked on eventbrite for our first in person meeting for over 2 years. Action EM

CI to provide a drink on arrival and some bar snacks. Members are encouraged to purchase drinks throughout the evening as the room is "free".

Action NK to provide a projector, JH to check to see if sheet can be used for a screen.

Last AGM Minutes and Treasurers report to be sent to eventbrite email list prior to the event. Action EM and KM
Presentation pages for review of the year to be supplied to EM by members.

Simon and Liz to stand down from the committee. LCC confirm we can have as many committee members as we consider necessary. (to include Treasurer, Secretary, and Coordinator)

Carla Francome (@carlafancome) to be guest speaker.

(TV Producer + Film-maker: Netflix • Ch 4 • Channel 5 . Active Travel Campaigner • Patron of the London Cycling Campaign • Blogger •)

Active Travel Hustings: 25th March 18-19.30 on zoom, booked on eventbrite

DH has arranged for the meeting to be chaired by André Langlois (editor of the Ham&High, Islington and Hackney Gazettes, and the Brent & Kilburn Times) with panel consisting of Rowena Champion (labour), Caroline Russell (Green) and Kate Pothalingham (Liberal Democrats), No Conservative Party member has as yet replied to the invitation.

The Hustings, are on zoom, with eventbrite entry

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/islington-active-travel-hustings-tickets-291790913477>

will take the form of Introduction by DH (Living Streets), Then André will invite each panel member to make a short statement. Each in turn will then be asked to answer 4 prepared questions. André will then select questions from the zoom chat from the “floor” (all audience members will be muted).

At the end each panel member will be given 2 minutes to wrap up.

JH agreed to close the hustings

DH is to ask André whether he needs help in timing the responses

Freecycle: 29th May, we shall be offering a feeder ride to the central London motor traffic closed roads as in previous years. We shall be entering the route (which has changed from previous years - no green park) at Museum of London (St Martin's le Grand) as in previous years and leaving from Highbury Place by the War Memorial

Marshalls are needed. (Jenny and SG have volunteered ;)

Simon to lead the ride.

Action : SK to do a reece ride (of usual route ?) and complete Risk Assessment.

Climate Safe Streets: has its own hustings, see web site

<https://lcc.org.uk/campaigns/climate-safe-streets-islington/>,

and <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/311680192847> for Divya's webinar on Thursday, 21 April 2022 from 19:30 to 20:30. The Healthy Street scorecard will be discussed.

Marcus is offering 1:1 cycle rides for prospective councillors. In an interview with the Islington Tribune, Charlotte, the journalist, left out “through streets” implying a complete car ban, when discussing LTNs, this was corrected in their online version.

Cycle Buddies: SK reported that little had happened since last Summer. LCC are in the process of updating their system so we should see some action soon (?)

TB reported that Bart Smith, the new LBI Active Travel Programme Officer, send out newsletters on Bikeability, Buddies, Dr Bike etc, Action SK to see if these can be uploaded to our news groups.io

LTNS JH updated us that the Barnsbury LTN would be the first to have “engagement and design” before going ahead. The council are talking to consultants.

Barnsbury and St Marys are to be leafleted with green Liveable Islington posters encouraging people to join their hyper local group. JH asked for volunteers to deliver the leaflets/posters,. SM, NK,EM and SK all volunteered.

DH, commented that in Mildmay, TFL were being difficult about (un-) banning turns

TB told us that Islington can consult with Brian Deegan of Active Travel England, on design.

Beta Streets LCC have provided beta software to visualise before and after views of streets. (see LCC mag this month page 16) (TB explained by taking photos with lots and then few cars.)

We have 2 logins, Oli to have one and JA the other. EM advised that there is a help video available.

Gillespie Park Spring Event May 15th 12-1600, Adrian to attend with Dr Bike. (also at Sunnyside Community Gardens, first Sunday of the month 1300 - 1500). Sue to pop in with Buddy leaflets supplied by SK.

Hilldrop Community Centre “celebration of the wheel” Wed June the 1st.(day before Thur-Fri bank holiday, half-term?) Asking members to pop in with their bikes. Do we know a time ?

Groups.io EM told us that we can use to communicate 2 way with members, but mail drops to all LCC members who live in Islington (some 700) have to be via Civi (due to GDPR). EM to try to send out a monthly (?) news letter to those members via Civi.
EM to see if LCC can give us a heads up on the new member onboarding process.

Monthly meetings Islington Council are presently allowing 8 people in (our usual) committee room 3.

EM was to check if this was to change or a larger room was available. This would be for our June meeting

It was suggested that hybrid meetings would not work.

Members were asked to think of any alternative *accessible* venues, such as a room in a pub. (in many we would have to purchase some drinks to get the room without charge ;)

AOB the meeting welcomed JDH, he told us about cycle campaigning in France and how he hoped to compare what we were doing and what was happening across France.
He has recently joined LCC and iss yet to receive a welcome pack

NK had been in contact with Michael Barret, who would be doing a survey mitigating the A1 Holloway road work, for those choosing to cycle. (selecting alternative routes) The works are expected to start in October.