

Cycle Islington meeting 12 February 2020

Present: Alison Dines, Steve Knatress, Ralph Hitchman, Giulio Ferrini, John Chamberlain, Julie L, Kevin Mitchell, Stuart Brooking, Nick Kocharhook, Graham Parks, Adrian Williams, Clive Carter, Anita Frizzarin, Eilidh Murray, Simon Izod, Talia Hussain, Liz Reiner, Diana Lockwood, Paul Standeven and Karen

Apologies: David Lincoln, Keith MacFarlane, Sue Marris, Tab Tanqueray, David Harrison and Kate Pothalingam

Chair: Alison Dines Minutes: Eilidh Murray

1. The minutes from the meeting on 15 January were approved.

2. Update from meeting on 11 February with Cllr Rowena Champion, lead Transport/Environment, Nick and Chris.

- The revised transport strategy will include something on low traffic neighbourhoods but not clear if it will include our other asks for specific targets and reduction in parking. Date for publication is 'end Spring'. There will be no further consultation. Talia to send her workings re sustainable mode share to Nick as she is unsure if LBI's figures were correctly calculated; Nick to query with the council. Next quarterly meeting with Cllr Champion is May.
- Future Route 2: although this had been planned to be completed prior to Mayoral elections, as there are no confirmed plans, there will be no construction in immediate future.
- Old Street/Clerkenwell Road: Cllr Champion appears to be retaining existing plans for removal of all traffic from this road - except for EVs. The City is trialling a closure of Beech Street;
- QW2: this will be part of a LTN as council recognise that the roads are far too busy for a QW. Council had a bad experience 4 years ago with resident backlash; consultation at the time did not provide required support. Nick to ask for copy of consultation results.
- Cllr Champion had a site visit to Highbury Corner with some visually impaired people to see issues regarding timings at the lights and has asked for ideas for improvements.
- QW10 South part; Cycle Islington would support either Thornhill or Liverpool Roads - TfL prefer Liverpool Road. Current parking survey being carried out as plans to remove 60 parking spaces.

3. Update from Council officer meeting - Nick and Graham from CI, Julie Plichon, David Shannon, Eric Duval, Costas

- 4 small schemes planned for Bride Street, Arlington Way, Popham Street, Baldwin Terrace - will improve accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Current consultation on widening Arlington Way - please could we all respond positively.
- David Shannon, lead on Cycling and Walking, confirmed
 - LBI is applying for some of the £10m/year DfT Bikeability funding

- 44 bike hangars were installed in December, and 59 planned to be installed by March
- Saddle and Sole festival to go ahead in Finsbury Park - date tbc usually in June
- New bylaw regarding dockless bikes due for consideration by DfT in May
- Launch of 'try before you bike' planned for March
- CI asked about issues with badly planned street works. Giulio to confirm which TfL guidebook should be used and Nick/Graham to inform LBI. CI to tell officers if issues are identified and they will follow up
- New LBI officer who is ex-Waltham Forest, Eric Duval, is taking on part of QW2
- New LBI officer who is currently chair of Tower Hamlets Wheelers, Julie Plichon, is taking on QW2 west of St John Street, she is also a LBI inclusivity officer.
- Balls Pond Road CS1 works; should be signed off soon by Cllr Champion; Hackney signed off 4 years ago
- QW10 North should be started by end February at Gillespie Road and finished in mid June; junctions in Holloway Road need reworking
- The WSP survey sent to CI in November, and which Graham replied to on behalf of CI, is to be ignored
- Noted that there are EV charging points in lamp-posts in Liverpool Road; if QW10 goes along Liverpool Road, these charging points can easily be moved. These are provided by Ubtricity.
- Liveable Neighbourhood bid round Old Street has been submitted

4. Cycle Islington priorities for 2020

- Low traffic neighbourhoods
- FutureRoute 2
- Clerkenwell Road scheme (will go to consultation mid year)
- QW10
- QW2

5. Following successful Ward partnership meeting in Highbury East, all to ask their ward councillors for one; constitutionally each ward should hold one annually but many wards have not had one for years.

6. Spring Cycle Ride - Steve to research a route to Olympic Park; planned date second half of April. Noted that as families will be encouraged to participate, we will need a good number of marshalls. This bike ride could be promoted as a ride for the climate to link in with LCC forthcoming campaign.

7. AGM in May; Simon has contacted one speaker and if we don't get a positive reply by 16 February, we will ask Chris to ask Peter Walker.

8. Bike ride to Paris: Simon planning for a 4-day trip in September with participants responsible for their own accommodation/ferry booking and return journeys. Eilidh has contacted Alexander Santacru who has offered a ride round Paris and Julie has contacts in Paris-en-Selle.

9. Adrian confirmed that all Cycle Surgery bike shops are to close, as is MiCycle in Barnsbury. Clive recommended 'Bikes for Good Causes' in Haringay which charge £25 for a full service plus costs of parts.

10. LCC Policy Forum; Eilidh asked if anyone was interested in getting involved; Giulio, Graham and Ralph asked for more information about what was required. Eilidh to provide information.

11. David Shannon asked for volunteers for a meeting on 10 March at 2 pm focussing on inclusivity.

12. AOB

- David Harrison had asked for an update on contraflows; Nick/Graham to bring up at next month's officer meeting.
- Consultation out on cycling provision in Green Lanes in Hackney - all to respond
- There will soon be 30 School Streets in Islington
- John from Camden asked if CI use Slack - CI currently doesn't
- John proposed that Camden and Islington should share more information; John/Nick to discuss

13. Date of next meeting 11 March at 1930 in the Town Hall.