

Cycle Islington meeting minutes 13 January 2021

Chair: Graham Parks and Emily, minutes: Eilidh Murray

Attendees: Keith Macfarlane, David Harrison, Giulio Ferrini, John Chamberlain (Camden CC), Liz Reiner, Oliver Parsons-Baker and Claire, Ralph Hitchman, John Hartley, Richenda Walford, Simon Izod, Steve Knatress, Sue Marris, Tash Hartke, Nick Kocharhook, Alison Dines, Chris Kenyon, Talia Hussain

No apologies received

1. Graham welcomed everyone in particular new members, Oliver and Claire, to the first meeting of the year.

2. Minutes of last meeting were approved and will be uploaded to CI website.

3. Simon gave an update from meeting he had had along with Nick K and Graham P with 4 Council officers including Richard Ambler and Costas, held 13 January: key points below and full details available from Simon:

- Cycleway 38: LBI to respond fully to list of comments at next meeting in 4-6 weeks' time; worked slowed down over holidays. Concern at width restrictions preventing protected cycle lanes in Penton Street - where we held a 'Make the Lane' 3 years ago. Drayton Park section due to be finished by end March 2021.
- Amwell LTN: concern about Amwell Street (very busy cycling route) being treated as the boundary - council recognise it's an issue and it will be reviewed in 6 months' time. Margery Street filter not yet in operation. Lloyd Baker Street needs resurfacing. ACTION: could everyone raise streets needing resurfacing directly with their councillors.
- Clerkenwell & Bunhill LTN: should have been completed by end 2020. Ci have campaigned for years for Clerkenwell Boulevard (Old Street to Clerkenwell) to be made safe for cycling. Council promised to restrict access for private vehicles 2 years ago. Councillors having a meeting next week to discuss. Ci have asked for an update us at a future meeting.
- Canonbury LTN: concern about traffic by passing St Pauls Road by cutting through Canonbury Park North > Canonbury Place > Compton Road; council aware of this and are monitoring.
- St Peters LTN: traffic 'leak' at Arlington/Packington estate and councillors are meeting LBI to discuss. LBI working with TfL to remove banned RH turn to Essex Road to stop cut-through at Greenman Street.
- Highbury LTN: went live on 11 January; no update as John Ackers was attending Highbury LTN group meeting. This is a very large LTN, about twice the recommended size. Simon reported that from his own observations, on the whole cars were complying with new layouts. Good signage.
- CS1 - Balls Pond Road finally open after 4+ years campaigning. Ci fed back to council that the sensors on the lights going north weren't working.
- Cameras at filters: LBI said that all cameras in Islington's LTNs were now operational although there was a grace period of 1-2 weeks following implementation before FPNs were sent out.

- Next LTNs are believed to be St Marys Church and Caledonian Road with the rest of Barnsbury being pushed into the next financial year.
4. John H reported that he had done some leafleting in Caledonian Road but local campaigners are thin on the ground. Richenda to contact Mr Zilberstein, a Kings Cross campaigner, and Eilidh to give any other contacts from the wider community group list.
 5. Tash reported that, with her work Sustrans hat on, she had contacted LBI about bike hangars and cargo bike storage. LBI redirected her to Dave Shannon.
 6. Steve reported that the family map was ongoing and that a route was to be finalised the following evening at a separate meeting. Once finalised, the route will be tested and points of interest identified. Exact format of map tbc. The Ealing Cycling campaign had produced some good maps, the design of which we will copy for the CI website. John H proposed that the idea of the 15 minute city concept, as is being discussed in Paris, should be kept in mind. John C reminded the meeting that Camden's monthly meeting would be held on Monday 18 January with guest speaker Alex Santacreu (ex Cycle Islington and Camden Cyclists)
 7. David H asked that people test the new Footways map also currently under construction and which covers north Islington and Hackney,