

Cycle Islington meeting minutes (will also be put up on our website)

Wednesday 11 December 2019, 7.30 pm, Islington Town Hall

Present: Simon Izod, Alison Dines, Anita Frizzarin, Kevin Mitchell, Graham Parks, John Ackers, Rachel Bower, Paul Standeven, Geroge Coulouris, Jean Dalimore, Clarissa Carylton, Karen Reid, Chris Kenyon, Eilidh Murray

Apologies: Steve Knatress, Keith Macfarlane, Nick Kocharhook, Talia Hussain, Sue Marris

Chair: Alison Dines Minutes: Eilidh Murray

1. Alison started by welcoming everyone to the meeting and in particular, George and Jean from our sister group in Camden and Simon's partner, Clarissa.
2. **Minutes of meeting** held on 9 October were reviewed; changes to be made as per comments received at the time. Eilidh to reissue and ensure that correct version is uploaded to the CI website.
3. **Minutes of meeting** held on 13 November were approved and can be uploaded to CI website.
4. **Meeting organised by Islington Clean Air Parents** on 25 November was discussed as several CI members had attended it. The general view was that the external presentations had been very interesting, the subsequent political hustings rather less so. Karen proposed that all CI members should sign up to David Smith aka @LittleNinja's campaign for clean air - link change.org - chng.it/fbXFydDM. At the meeting, Richard Watts said that Islington was submitting a Low Traffic Neighbourhood bid for Clerkenwell/Bunhill which would link in with the proposed changes to what is currently referred to as Clerkenwell Boulevard. The mayorial elections would probably hold up progress. Chris felt that this bid was more ambitious than the first two attempts; he and Nick had given a lot of input to it but it still could have been better. There would be an opportunity in 2020 to put in a FOI on the TfL scorecards for the boroughs' bids to see exactly how LBI's bids were rated.
5. Graham gave an update on a **recent meeting he and Nick attended with officers**; Richard Ambler, David Shannon and Costas.
 1. QW10: TfL is looking at this and aims to get spades in the ground in mid February 2020 to complete before May 2020 and the London mayoral elections. Initial work will be on Drayton Park to Finsbury Park.
 2. The long running issue of the gap in CS1 on the Balls Pond Road has been signed off by both councils and work is due to begin in Spring 2020.
 3. Chris Kenyon's photos of parking places being sited near junctions appears to have had the desired effect; the council have said that they are looking at these on an area by area basis and can 'easily remove' dangerous parking places. If anyone sees examples, please take a photo and send to Chris.
 4. Packington Square; due to paperwork being lost, the agreement whereby the developer would be responsible for implementing a cycle path for transfer to LBI now appears to be at risk.
 5. David Shannon of LBI has succeeded in getting £116,000 from the Mayor's Cycle Parking Fund. This will be split as follows: £46k for estate bike parking; £27k for on-site school bike parking; £25k for new outside school bike parking and £18k for bike parking to be split between 9 stations.

6. Bike hangars: 116 already installed, 40 coming soon and another 60 by March 2020. Waiting list of 2,300 cyclists. Apparently there is a 93% occupancy rate. The meeting did not think it worth arguing further about the cost of a place in a bike hangar in Islington, at £104 the highest in London.
 7. Try before you bike; this scheme allows people to try a bike (including a cargo bike) for £20/month; unclear what the t&cs are.
 8. There is a pilot of the 'ride side by side' scheme which asks for volunteers to ride with isolated or excluded individuals.
 9. The Healthy Streets scheme which Sustrans is running on behalf of TfL has apparently been turned down by Hackney; Eilidh said that she had invited Sustrans to talk at our meeting in February 2020 to tell us more about what they are doing in Islington.
 10. There is apparently TfL funding to create ASLs at some junctions. If anyone has any junction in mind for this please contact Nick or Graham.
 11. Three of the 'quick wins' list, now rebranded 'small schemes', have been given the go-ahead.
 12. There was no mention at the meeting of making all one-way streets into two-way for cycling although officers from LBI have met officers from Lambeth to see what lessons could be learnt.
6. Chris said that the revised **Islington Transport Strategy** document would probably be issued in spring 2020 once the new transport/environment lead had been appointed; everyone hoped that it would incorporate our extensive feedback and be a fit for purpose strategy.
 7. We need to decide on **our top priorities** for the new transport/environment head and get a meeting with her asap; it was felt that this could be an encouraging fresh start.
 8. Following some refreshments, **Simon Izod** gave an inspirational account of his 3-month bike ride to the north of Norway on his bamboo bike. You had to be there !
 9. Date of next meeting; **8 January 2020** - guest speaker will be from the Community Plan for Holloway, the group campaigning around the development of the former Holloway Prison site.