

# Cycle Islington minutes 9th March 2022

Chair: JH Minutes: JA

Present John C, Tom, Rachel, Oli, SM, AD, Graham, Diana L, Divya, SK, Alison L, Sue M, Rachel B, Tom B, Talia H, Amir S, Chris K, climate safe streets.

No apologies for absence.

Publicity to support PFS / LTN support action: NK unable to work on this, work paused until May. Steve suggested collecting photos. NK is thinking of collecting photos via twitter and fb. Action ALL: take photos.

Beat the Streets, <https://www.beatthestreet.me/islington/>. EM reports that launch is March 14th for 6 weeks. 71 beat boxes on the website. Action SK: to organise a ride around some of them on 24 April during Go Explore week.

Active Travel Hustings, April 25th, EM/DH are organising and inviting candidates. Oli suggests we need volunteers to a) manage zoom call b) prepare some good questions to kick off the Q and A.

Highbury West & Fields consultation. JA reported on a recent drop-in at Highbury Fields. JH said officers really like the people support at drop in sessions. NK suggested we need to reach the people in blocks/estates that have access to large resident social media groups - good idea.

EM gave feedback Low Traffic Islington meeting; RC was very positive but wouldn't roll out LTNs as quickly in future, longer engagement and consultation process.

SK reported the council's Planning Committee has passed the planning application for Holloway redevelopment. Cycling provision is limited. Tom B said we need a cycle route along Camden road/Hungerford road. SK says that's in the CI response. SK warns that loads of lorries will be moving all the demolished materials from the site. First residents move in 2026.

BetaStreets. Tom B says we can redesign streets visually, add parklets, trees, powerful software. LCC is very keen, Oli volunteered to work on this. Tom suggests taking photos of streets (ideally with no cars) that you want to redesign. Action ALL: think about streets that need a makeover.

Essex 100 & Freecycle marshalling on 29 May. Simon Izod has agreed to lead the Freecycle feeder ride, thank you. Action ALL: Marshals wanted.

CI AGM May 11th. Eilidh asks for speaker suggestions. Asking Laura L.

Divya and Will are doing a webinar 'a healthy street is a climate safe street' part of nurture Islington on April 21st, eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/healthy-streets-for-you-healthy-for-the-climate-too-tickets-311680192847>

Methodology: SK suggests that the negative impact of roamer parking should be included in the Healthy streets scoreboard weighting. 50:38

NK reported on the last meeting with officers. (Nick has much longer notes). Width restrictions are being removed and replaced with planters which are 2 cars wide. 'Ranty Highwayman' says they are unneeded. Examples: Colebrook Row, Benwell road, Northchurch road, 6 or 7 places in total.

Market road improvements postponed. Tom B argues that they shouldn't be.

Ten phases of construction work planned on A1 work so as to put green men at Palmer place/Drayton Park (which will reduce capacity). Holloway Rd/Hornsey St junction affected. NK is concerned that traffic will be displaced to other streets.

Tom B says we should get Michael Barratt at TfL to ensure that there are safe cycle routes during construction; Action NK

Tom L-S at LBI looking for staff for infrastructure delivery with focus on active travel. Oli volunteered to be on the liaison team.

People Friendly Streets video now live at

<https://cycleislington.uk/2022/people-friendly-streets-enable-families-to-cycle-in-safety/> Thanks SK.

## AOB

Mike Cherry at LCC working on cycling buddies; cycle buddies in hibernation, wants to get referrals from GPs, community groups. Monthly zoom calls for new riders and another monthly call for buddies. Cycling buddies will be matched London wide by LCC not at local group level any more (partially because of GDPR). Tom B suggests that parents with children should be invited to buddy up.

Political hustings. Two parties would be standing against LTNs. CK suggested that perhaps we (CI) should ask opponents on social media what they would do instead of LTNs.

EM reports Joy riders <https://www.joyriders.org.uk/> are coming to Islington.

Date and venue of next meeting, on zoom, Wed 13th April.