



Meeting with Jeremy Corbyn, interactions with LBI & CI's Election Asks



Meeting with Jeremy Corbyn on 17 November

David Harrison from Islington Living Streets and Tabitha Tanqueray from Cycle Islington met Jeremy Corbyn recently to discuss cycling and walking in the borough. They were delighted to hear of his support for active travel and vision for a future in which our streets are rebalanced to make far better provision for walking and cycling and to reduce domination by motor traffic. Full article <http://bit.ly/2jSgPN>

Islington Council (LBI) interactions
Following various exchanges with LBI (eg Tab's open letter (<http://bit.ly/2hKKHhN>) outlining why we are so frustrated with their very limited progress in improving cycling in Islington and the written response from Cllr Richard Watts, the leader of the council, to Eilidh's question regarding what LBI was going to do differently to deliver to the MTS (<http://bit.ly/2hlalU6>)) it was pertinent that the speaker at the usual monthly meeting on 9 November was senior council officer Eric Manners, Team Leader Transport Planning. He gave an overview of current and future plans

and then took questions from those present. Plans for 2018 local elections

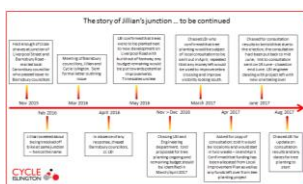
We have been discussing our Key Asks of our councillors leading up to the local elections in May 2018. We need:

- to get the council to listen to our concerns and not allow them to hope that the long grasses of bureaucracy and procrastination will keep us quiet.
- a consistent message in our dealings with LBI and with our ward councillors.
- active involvement from all Islington cyclists to make sure that our Asks are discussed at every opportunity.

The Asks are being discussed on the CIEng mailing list but could include the submission of a high quality bid to TfL's Liveable Neighbourhoods programme (LCC policy is to work together with Living Streets); to build exemplary cycle routes; to implement at least two of CI's list of Quick Wins or the installation of more bike hangars to meet existing demand. We will confirm the Asks in December when they will be launched on our website with our plans which will culminate in a hustings event in April, possibly with Living Streets, and a 'Ride the Borough Boundaries'. If anyone would like to get involved in this campaign please contact Alison (alison.dines@cycleislington.uk)

Do you know your ward councillors? Here's a list with dates for ward meetings <http://bit.ly/2hCsuz2> - please go and talk to them and let us know how you get on. Meanwhile, there is another opportunity to put a question to the Mayor at the Town Hall on 7 December at 7.30 pm. Send to democracy@islington.gov.uk or jonathan.moore@islington.gov.uk by 2pm on 27 November 2017.

Jillian's junction – we're inching forward



Our last newsletter <http://bit.ly/2ASaAQB> showed the time it has taken to get LBI's focus on improvements to the junction of Liverpool Road and Barnsbury Street. On 2 November, a

meeting was held at the junction with a LBI engineer and a local Barnsbury councillor, Rowena Champion. LBI will produce drawings of improvements (by Christmas), put out a consultation (Jan/Feb) and get work done (by end of March). In parallel, Cllr Champion has organised a risk assessment to be done on the traffic speeds. While the improvements discussed didn't cover all our concerns, we are very positive that this is Phase One of an ongoing campaign.

Whittington Park Warning

A cyclist was mugged and his bike was stolen by a gang in Whittington Park one evening in October. There have been improvements in security since and park patrols have increased but be vigilant when cycling through, especially in the dark.

Stop Killing Cyclists (SKC) vigil



SKC's vigil at the Town Hall on 9 November, from 5.30-7pm was in memory of Jerome Roussel and a wake-up call to LBI

to do much more for safe cycling. About 50 attended this peaceful and reflective event; police stopped traffic while people lay in the road with their bikes to remember all cyclists who needlessly die because of inadequate cycling provision. The key speaker was someone with life-long effects of a cycling accident in Islington, Victoria Lebec, who lost her leg three years ago. Victoria's clear message was the featured in the Islington Tribune (<http://bit.ly/2hCsuz2>)

Out and about; CI – Lea Valley ride & bravo Camden Cyclists

On 8 October, our colleagues in Camden organised their autumn ride to Lea Valley so at the last minute, we decided to join forces. On the day, only two CI cyclists pitched up but they had a sunny ride with a lovely group from Camden (and Kensington and Brent)! More details on Camden's website <http://bit.ly/2ARfHAW>

Hats off to Camden for their hard work during the Tavistock Place public enquiry. The current excellent cycle lanes will remain until 30 April 2018; the Inspector's report is expected in Feb 2018 and will be published by Camden once it has been 'fact checked'.

IC monthly meeting

Come along to the CI monthly meeting. Agenda items for meetings should reach alison.dines@cycleislington.uk by the Sunday before the meeting.

- * 2nd Wednesday of every month
- * 7.30-9.30 pm followed by visit to local pub
- * Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD

Forthcoming events

- * Critical mass – last Friday of each month <http://www.urban75.org/photos/critical>
- * Check out Skyrides - <http://www.goskyride.com>
- * Islington cycle club – weekly rides to suit all levels of fitness - <http://islington.cc/>
- * Dr Bike sessions monthly - 4pm to 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month, outside Islington Town Hall on Upper Street, N1 2UD.

Cycle Islington Dr Bike

*First Sunday of the month, 1100 > 1300 at Sunnyside Community Centre, Sunnyside Road, N19 3LX - contact Adrian Williams 07810 211902

Reporting potholes

- *Local: T 020 7527 2000 or islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem. Or try fixmystreet.com
- *London: T 0845 305 1234 or <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cyclin/>, then click report a street fault

Contribute to Cycle Islington

*If you wish to discuss any of the topics covered in this newsletter in more detail then why not subscribe to the CI email list? Just send an email to cycleislington-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

*We have another yahoo group concerned mainly with the engineering projects which we are being consulted about. If you want to join, send an email to: cycleislington-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



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+++ Happy holidays to you all – safe cycling into 2018 +++



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