

Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting 12 April 2023

Chair: SG Minutes: EM

Attendees: JH, NK, SMO, SMa, OL, KM, AW, KB

Apologies: JG, AD, JD'h

Welcome to new joiners, Kate and Scott

Minutes of last meeting, approval and actions arising

There were no amendments so the minutes were approved and uploaded to the website.

Topics discussed and actions

- 22 April feeder ride to The Big One; SK leading, **marshals needed**,
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/602861122847>
- Moorfields hospital: **EM** to get confirmation of schedule from Michael w/c 17 April
- Bikers' breakfast 30 April 0930 – 1130 Highbury Fields/Highbury Crescent
 - SMA, JA and JG managing logistics and map of borough
 - Business cards: JH organising
 - LCC merch: EM picking up from LCC w/c 19 April; half for Bikers' breakfast and half for Moorfields
 - JA to take magazines
 - Publicity to include inviting journo from Islington Tribune and tweeting on CI
- AGM 10 May from 1800 – 2145 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/603746430827>
 - JH, JG, KM and EM organising
 - Speaker Anna Hughes, venue Highbury Roundhouse
 - Catering: free welcome drink, donations for food/drink
 - SK asked if we needed an alcohol licence: **JH** to investigate
 - Raffle; ask people to take cash and we have QR code for direct payment. **All to please bring raffle prizes**
 - OL** to ask Angel Centre Manager for raffle contributions
- Finance
 - It was agreed that the grant allocated to CI and based on the number of LCC members in Islington would be requested.
 - KM reported that he had paid £50 expenses for leaflets for campaigning by OL at Mildmay/Kingsbury bridge, £59 for IT and £53 for printing. All these were approved.
 - Future expenses will include approx £200 for bikers' breakfast and £300 for AGM.
 - Currently any expenses over £50 need to be signed off by two committee members. KM proposed that this should be raised to £100; **KM** to confirm how to do this and if we need put to the AGM as a change in our constitution
 - KM** to check with LCC that CI had received the feeder ride fee from 2022 Ride London.
- Kingsbury Road bridge update
 - OL and NK met Mike Barrett of TfL to discuss the unsuitability of the current diversion; no update since that meeting. Network Rail are the key players. Will Norman's response wasn't encouraging. Proposed stunt to take place; **OL** to talk to Hackney Cycling to agree details and also to contact local press.
- Socials
 - Ride London feeder 28 May: either JH or EM will lead. **EM** to check dates of next ride leaders' course with LCC.
 - Lea Valley evening ride tbc 19 May: SK
 - Family ride to Victoria Park and farmers' market: SK

- Barnsbury/Laycock bike bus date tbc: JH
 - Rides with other groups – **EM** to update Camden, Hackney, Haringey, Enfield and City
 - Picnic ride date tbc: SG
 - Kidical mass dates in July tbc; another Kidical mass on 24 September to coincide with car-free day tbc.
 - **EM** to ask LCC if we can get CI branded tabards and if not, find out the supplier LCC use
8. Old Street/Clerkenwell Road follow up
 - **JH** to write to Martijn LBI to see what if anything is happening; as it is now six months since our Make the Lane demo, we will plan another repeat performance on 8 June
 - **OL** to sound out PR support/cost for Make the Lane and Kingsbury Bridge closure
 - **NK** to send KB map of cycle routes in Islington
 9. CI response to Climate Safe Streets
 - NK and EM had responded to LCC with a draft update; the final version to be published by LCC to be circulated to committee members asap by **EM**
 - Bike hangars: JH suggested we ask a question at the next Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny meeting on 6 June: **JH** to circulate proposed question. As at January 2023, there were 22 new hangars and 3,500 on waiting list.
 10. Council Liaison
 - NK reported that at the meeting on 13 April, he and OL had received a list of the streets which had been resurfaced. C50 started; Essex Road consultation ongoing, Holloway Road works starting on 24/4 and lasting for a year, review of quick wins list (including the Barnsbury/Laycock LN), the Cloudesley road bollard is now in the correct position. No update on bike hangar pricing or on bike hangar IT system implementation.
 - NK/OL on behalf of CI, and with Hackney Cycling Campaign, are responding to Southgate Road consultation
 - **OL** to contact TfL to discuss C50
 - **Cycling and Walking plan presentation TBC**
 - NK responded to council on behalf of CI on Essex Road consultation
 11. Kings Cross
 - NK met TfL, Camden Council, LCC, Camden Cyclists; the proposed plan is the cheapest and is sub-optimal.
 12. Five Asks
 - **NK** continuing to work on website; plans to have it complete by AGM on 10 May.
 13. Joy Riders
 - There are 7 bikes going free as no longer needed in Waltham Forest; LBI can provide secure storage but not bike maintenance. CI proposed to offer to fund this. **EM** to contact council
 - The rides programme with Camden continues; next JR ride on 18 April with further being planned
 14. Archway scheme
 - NK, SK, KM and LR attended a meeting of the developers of Archway scheme to talk about cycling access, parking etc. Gave many points to work on eg accessibility for non-standard bikes.
 15. Potholes
 - Please report potholes and bike skeletons on <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>; KM reported that this is the easiest and quickest way to get problems on the council's radar.
 16. Date of next meeting
 - 10 May, AGM,