

Minutes of Cycle Islington meeting 14 June 2023

Chair: John H Minutes: EM

Attendees: NK, SMO, SMa, OL, KM, AW, JG, AS, VH

Apologies: SK, AD, SG

Minutes of last meeting on 14 April, approval and actions arising

There were no amendments so the minutes were approved for uploading to the website.

Topics discussed and actions – highlighted in yellow.

1. JH reminded committee members that there was a rota for chairing and taking minutes in our google docs.
2. VH presented the Natural History Museum project 'Overheard' to record sounds on the street; he asked that CI members contribute recordings *and* locations to the central team to give richer data for potential future use. <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/monitor-and-encourage-nature/nature-overheard.html>
3. Finance
 - **KM** to confirm if CI had received the Ride London feeder ride fee from 2022.
 - The LCC auditors have asked us to ensure that expenses are approved by the committee and minuted preferably in advance although afterwards is still acceptable.
 - OL confirmed that he had spent £28.90 on large hand signs for a forthcoming action and this was approved.
4. SMa asked if agendas for meetings, and meeting reminders, could be sent out to all Ci members. **Action JH**
5. EM thanked **JH, SK, AW and KM** for supporting the recent Moorfields Hospital bike week where a new group, Eye-Bike, had been set up.
6. Bikers Breakfast; this outreach event was held on 30 April; **JW** had produced a large reusable map of the borough and had analysed the comments made by passers-by. **JW to meet NK and OL** to discuss next steps. It was agreed to hold another event in September, date tbc, in Whittington Park. **KM to advise** on best weekend day/time of day.
7. AGM 10 May: EM reported that the event, held at Highbury Roundhouse, had gone well with nearly 50 attendees and she welcomed the new committee members **JW and AS**.
 - The speaker, Anna Hughes, gave a good talk about travelling by train with bikes.
 - Cash raised via donations and raffle was £466.50; after expenses we were able to give to £175 to Anna's charity, <https://flightfree.co.uk/> and £175 for CI campaigning. The collection of money was by cash and the LCC recommended option, Stripe. It was felt that in future, we should keep money from different activities separate. KM suggested we should think about having separate floats for different activities.
 - **All feedback on AGM to JH who will be reviewing the constitution** to ensure that people standing for election to the committee indicate in advance of the AGM of their intentions. Changes to the Constitution will be considered and all members notified appropriately (e.g. email, social media and notices of meetings)
8. Kingsbury Road bridge update
 - OL reported that the bridge was due to be repaired by Network Rail in March 2024; there has already been six months of the substandard diversion and it was agreed that the protest should take place on 27 June. **OL to send** mail to participants. **OL to prepare** press release. **EM to draft quote from JH as Ci spokesperson**; CI taking lead on this as Hackney Cyclists are focussed on another local infrastructure issue.
10. Socials & rides

- CI led a feeder ride to Ride London on 28 May; SM suggested that next year, the EventBrite should give a definite time for setting off to avoid people arriving too early and getting impatient.
 - Hackney are running a family ride on 24 June.
 - Islington Living Streets AGM is on 5 July at 1930 in Islington Town Hall. **All welcome.**
 - Pride bike ride is on 8 July; **if anyone** can help marshal, please let **OL** know.
 - **JH will run an Islington family** ride on Sunday 16 July
 - We plan to run a feeder ride to Kidical mass on 24 September to coincide with car-free day
 - EM confirmed that we now had 3 LCC marshal tabards and she didn't think it necessary to get CI branded ones.
11. Old Street/Clerkenwell Road follow up
 - It was agreed to plan our third protest on Clerkenwell Road in September, date tbc, one year since our last one
 - **EM to talk to** LCC to see if they could get a progress update from Will Norman
 - **NK to do FOI** to TfL re OSCR and how much funding had been allocated
 - **NK to do FOI** to TfL asking for all correspondence with LBI regarding OSCR in the last four years.
 12. Climate Safe Streets: EM reported that this LCC report had now been issued and although Islington is not in the top 3 of all boroughs for progress towards the 5 Asks, they are doing particularly well on delivering LTNs which were rated green. Read the full report here. <https://lcc.org.uk/news/best-and-worst-london-boroughs-revealed-2023/>
 13. Bike hangars: **JH to ask a question** regarding their cost and availability at the next Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny meeting on 4 July. As at January 2023, there were 22 new hangars and 3,500 on waiting list.
 14. Council Liaison
 - NK reported that there was no date for the publication of the Cycling & Walking plan.
 - David Shannon would be at the next liaison meeting; **OL/NK to ask** for policy for hangar placements and an update on the planned IT system. A process for swapping places would be very useful.
 - NK reported that a response had been submitted on behalf of CI re the Southgate Road consultation
 - All new consultations are now to be found on LBI's Lets Talk website
 - C50 remains work in progress
 - **OL to contact** British Land re freight hub at Finsbury Square
 15. EM reported that she and Islington Living Streets had had an Active Travel meeting with the council on 5 July. Next meeting due in the autumn.
 16. Five Asks
 - **NK continuing** to work on website.
 17. Joy Riders
 - Bikes are now stored in Camden. Although LBI could offer storage, they did not respond to our offer to provide maintenance. Joy Riders are currently putting on 2 rides/month, combined with Camden. Next ride on 15 July.
 18. Bike stands; SM reported that a Sheffield stand could be requested from the council on <https://www.islington.gov.uk/roads/cycling/cycleparking>
 19. Potholes, skeletons and other
 - Please report potholes, bike skeletons and any other problems in the streets on <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>; this works for TfL and LBI streets.
 - You can also report potholes and bike skeletons to contact@islington.gov.uk
 - The app "Love Clean Streets" is usually very good.

20. **EM to send** out a formal CI newsletter w/c 19/6.

21. Date of next meeting: 12 July in the Town Hall **at the new time of 1900 – 2100.**

Meeting ended.