

Cycle Islington meeting minutes

Wednesday 9 October 2019, 7.30 pm, Islington Town Hall

Present: Chris Kenyon, Steve Knatress, David Lincoln, Anita Frizzarin, Adrian Williams, Tab Tanquary, Giulio Ferrini, Rachel Bower, Keith Macfarlane, Graham Parks, Eilidh Murray

Apologies: Liz Reiner, Nick Kocharhook, Talia Hussain, Sue Marris, Alison Dines

1. **Minutes of last meeting** held on 11 September were approved; no matters arising. Keith to upload to CI website.
 - Steve said that he had not yet received an organogram from the Council; this was to be expected due to many staff changes recently
 - Chris has sent letters re transport strategy to about 10 councillors. Chris to send a letter template for all Ci members to send to their own councillors
2. **Highbury roundabout**; Chris and Steve gave an update on the formal opening on 2 October when Will Norman, Sadiq Khan, Richard Watts and Claudia Webbe were all present. Chris asked everyone to ensure that when we talk about transport hierarchy, we talk about walking, cycling and public transport in that order - the transport strategy needs to be amended to reflect this. Eilidh to make this point to the 5 LBI councillors who have said they are attending the parklet tour she's arranged for 11 October.
3. **LCC meeting**: Alison's written update:
 - the infrastructure data project had been soft launched this week. We can earn credits for LCC by contributing to it. Steve asked if there were any actions on us having already taken part in a pilot phase. Alison to confirm
 - the Civi mailing system is what is now used to send out newsletters; LCC confirmed that it could send mails to members on a ward by ward basis
 - LCC could provide an annual report of members by ward and Alison had asked for this for Islington
4. **LBI meetings**:
 - Chris confirmed he had sent the formal CI response to the draft transport strategy to LBI. He/Graham had also had a couple of meetings with officers and Claudia Webbe to discuss the strategy; he showed the meeting graphs based on TfL data which provided clear evidence that the strategy was totally unambitious, had failed to address many of our concerns and that Islington was falling well behind other boroughs. This is extremely disappointing; however there was some cause for optimism as Claudia Webbe had taken on board CI's input and was keen to get our support for a future revision of the transport strategy. While it is not expected that there will be a further consultation, the document should be redrafted and adopted by end of 2019. Keith thanked Chris, Nick, Graham and Talia for all their work on the CI response.
 - Graham reported that during another meeting with officers, Clerkenwell Boulevard was mentioned and an announcement is expected shortly. The list of 'quick wins' was discussed as some of these small projects had now been costed by the council; Graham to contact the officers to ask them to deliver these as quickly as possible.
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5. Other agenda items

- Chris asked everyone to take photos of vehicles parked legally in sub-optimal parking places i.e. too close to junctions or areas which obscured or limited visibility; he wanted to have a library of examples for a future campaign.
- Islington local plan consultation; Nick had recently emailed the group asking for input as the consultation ends on 18 October; the key change he had noticed was the cycle parking formula. Tab to email the response by ICAG, Mary Stevens, back in 2017 (action complete) and Chris agreed to write a short response on behalf of CI. However everyone should respond - https://www.islington.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local_plan_review
- Apple Day; CI had been invited to provide a stall for Gillespie Park's Apple Day on Sunday 13 October; Eilidh to organise volunteers.
- Adrian gave an update on the issues with the visibility of traffic signals on the crossing of Madras Place/Holloway Road. He had reported this to TfL who had responded by trimming the trees but not the broken lights; he was concerned that there would be an accident at this junction. The process for reporting problems online to TfL was unnecessarily complicated and Adrian has raised this with Caroline Russell. The telephone number for TfL's customer services is 0343 222 1234.
- Greening of Holloway Road; Steve said that he had invited Rod Gonggrijp to come and talk to us about the work of a group which consists of 50 residents, planners and architects who want to make Holloway Road - the Holloway prison site & Nags head area) more pleasant. All agreed we should work with similar groups and Steve will contact Rod to agree a date.
- Chris to draft a guide to how we use social media.

6. AOB

- Anita asked about data regarding car parking spaces as she was having difficulty in getting information from LBI. on the number of workplace and on-street parking spaces. Chris said that in the draft transport strategy, the stated plan was to reduce on-street parking by 3% a year (1,000 places). Anita said that at a recent question session at the Town Hall, Claudia Webbe had said that bike parking provision was increasing.
- Giulio said that Sustrans was providing 1 officer per 2 London boroughs, funded by TfL, to work on the Healthy Streets programme wef 1 November. While Hackney was really enthusiastic, Islington appeared to be indifferent which everyone felt was a big loss. This is to be taken up with the officers by Chris, Graham, Talia and Nick at their next meeting.
- Graham and David are meeting Sophie from TfL on 10 October to discuss FR2; there had been two people killed and one seriously injured at a junction on the route.
- Chris said that LCC were adopting the slogan 'climate change and healthy streets' for the Mayoral elections in 2020.
- Tab asked if CI wanted to work more closely with Islington Clean Air Parents who were calling on the council to adopt low traffic neighbourhoods. All agreed that we should share the work done on LTNs at our fun with crayons event in March. Tab to liaise with Lucy of ICAP.
- Baring Street consultation is out until 28 October; the plans had been prepared by The Project Centre and it was agreed that Chris would contact them to ask for the original brief as it was unclear what issues they were trying to address. There was nothing in the plans which could be regarded as

satisfactory; poor design, no cycle provision, proposed zebra crossing in the wrong place, traffic calming inappropriate design, all on an already narrow road. All to submit personal responses. Link

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/consultations/north-road-crossing-facility-improvements>

- Recent hit and run incident on junction of Horsell Road; Tab to find out how the victim was recovering. This is a dangerous junction where car drivers cut the corner and a straight-forward solution is to make this area into a low traffic neighbourhood.

7. Date of next meeting; 13 November.