

## Manifesto – Eilidh Murray LCC Board of Trustees Election 2022

Having recently retired, I am now able to focus on the things which really matter to me which, of course, include cycling - a key component of the climate emergency tool box. I'm not talking here about competitive cycling. I want to see children cycling safely, women confident on their bikes and many currently under-represented communities enjoying the freedom enabled by that game-changing invention of 1817, the bicycle.



I've been the coordinator for Cycle Islington for 4 years, am involved in Living Streets, the London Parklet Campaign and am a ride leader for Joy Riders. The aims of all these organisations fully resonate with me and I'm very much enjoying having the time to roll my sleeves up and doing what I can to support them.

During Covid, I was part of an active group of campaigners who supported our local council, against viscerally negative and divisive voices, in the roll-out of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. I am delighted to say that Islington now has 8 implemented with more promised. It's great to go on bike rides round our LTNs, particularly with a group of children and their parents, showing them safe routes around the borough. The experience of campaigning for LTNs was certainly 'interesting' but so well worth it. And it continues.

For over 3 years, and following some speed watches on a local road, I worked with Living Streets, 20sPlenty, Wheels for Wellbeing and the LCC to lobby the Metropolitan Police to give PCSOs the powers to issue fines to speeding motorists. Finally in November 2021, this was confirmed as an action in the Vision Zero update '.... in 2022, powers and training will be rolled out in a phased approach beginning with 400 PCSOs'. I'm hoping that this will deliver results and we will be monitoring progress.

The climate crisis needs urgent action at local, national and international levels but the pace of change just isn't fast enough; I am doing all I can to promote the necessary behaviour change at a domestic and local level. Getting more people on bikes and enabling them to cycle safely is a no-brainer. With this comes a requirement for secure bike hangars for bikes of all sizes, adequate safe bike parking at bus and railway stations, suitable bike provision on trains and proper cycling training from primary school to adults. We need to spread the word that cycling is not only good for the climate and our physical and mental health but it's such fun too. Nothing that we don't already know, but worth repeating regularly.

I've been a member of LCC for 15 years, a trustee for 3, vice-chair for 6 months and chair for just under a year and so feel that I have a good understanding of the organisation and its objectives; however, there's much still to learn and to do and, given the opportunity to be reappointed as a trustee, I would be delighted to continue my involvement in supporting the LCC for a second term.

***LCC members nominating this candidate: John Hartley (Proposer) and Sue Marris (Seconder)***