

## Manifesto – Giles Gibson

### LCC Board of Trustees Election 2022

LCC has become an amazing change for good in London. Thanks in no small part to LCC we are at the point where dramatic change is possible, safe active travel, helping tackle climate change, helping to lower the cost of living, the momentum is moving in the right direction and LCC needs to be leading this transformation.

LCC is about people, everyday people, making their lives better, easier, taking the hassle out of safely getting from A to B.

I want to help make this transformation happen and keep LCC at the forefront.

I have been instrumental locally in the community led project to remove the gyratory in Herne Hill and creating a public square, advocating and campaigning for LTNs from way back in 2009, helping create local last-mile logistics operations for cargo bike schemes, close liaison with the local councils to help form their active travel policy. Fund raising for projects to provide free bike trailer loans for people wanting to trial doing the school run via bicycle. During the Covid lockdowns I helped mentor local people who wanted to venture out on a cycle for the first time to get around.

I can bring a wealth of experience to help – business acumen, financial and budgeting, campaigning (have the bruises to prove it), ideas, vision, and a pragmatic approach to getting the biggest bang for the buck possible.

It is also about challenging things, asking the awkward questions, making sure that the end result is the best that can be achieved.

I would be keen on working on ways to expand membership as much as possible. For LCC to lead on best practice on active travel infrastructure design, to be the trusted reference organisation that urban planners go to for advice and expertise.

LCC has achieved great things to date, a tribute as well to the membership, the local groups who work tirelessly in making an impact in their area. They need more support and resources if possible.

I believe that LCC needs to be the champion for every-day cycling, for cycling to be the norm, run of the mill safe activity for everyone, not the exception. It doesn't matter what you wear, who you are, your background, your profession, what matters is that you should be able to enjoy cycling as a part of your life in London.

When not out and about quietly advocating for cycling I am also a volunteer coach at the Herne Hill Youth Cycle Club. In addition, I have also guided various cycling trips for groups of people across the Himalayas, Kyrgyzstan and along the Karakoram Highway.

***LCC members nominating this candidate: Brenda Puech (Proposer) and Laura Parsons (Seconder)***

