

Minutes of ICAG meeting 11th January 2012 at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street N1 7.30pm-9.30pm

Present: Chris Ashby, John Ackers, Keith Macfarlane, Stephen Taylor, Alison Dines, Adrian Williams, Robert Harston, Jon Parker, Paul Standeven, Adam Cook

Apologies: Jacques-Olivier Gaudron

Matters arising from meeting on 14th December

Madras Place crossing

A Keep Clear sign was still needed. Chris to contact engineers.

20mph on principal roads campaign

A few ICAG members had sent e-mails to Paul Convery who then contacted John to ask for no more to be sent until the formal consultation had started. The concern remained about the wards actually receiving money to fund the infrastructure needed for 20mph on principal roads. John to contact council officers to ask about funding and the consultation process.

Agenda

ICAG communications

As most LCC borough groups would be pleased to have the average attendance ICAG usually has at its meetings it was felt the format/time should not change. It was agreed that taking the minutes would be done by a different person each month and that action points would be re-iterated at the end of the meeting to remind people what they had volunteered to do.

Facebook and Twitter should be used more often to attract cyclists who use them but not at the expense of the e-group which would continue to be an important means of communication, although discussions might be directed to the website where comments could be added and seen by all. As the website needed to be kept up-to-date it was agreed Alison would make the contents of its front page a regular agenda item. Stephen would add a Twitter handle from the ICAG Facebook page and put the meeting agenda on Facebook. Jon would "tweet" for ICAG.

Alison had attended quarterly Transport Liaison Group meeting arranged by the council and would find out if they were still to take place as she would have difficulty in attending in the future. Keith and Adrian volunteered to go if necessary.

Speakers for the AGM were suggested and everyone agreed to think of possible candidates for discussion at the next meeting.

LCC "Go Dutch" mayoral campaign

The publicity material for this was not yet available and Keith agreed to ask Gerhard or someone else at LCC to come to the next ICAG meeting to discuss it. Those present thought of other organisations they were involved with that would also support the campaign e.g. schools, friends groups, churches, environmentalists etc. and were asked to think of more for the next meeting.

Kings Cross

John had been to the Bikes Alive ride in the area on 9th January which was attended by about 200 cyclists. The police present seemed to be sympathetic although some LCC members had been concerned that the event might be too confrontational. Alison wondered if ICAG should be doing more but John said the local (Caledonian) ward website said there was to be a meeting of representatives from Islington and Camden with TfL on 12th January. It was agreed ICAG should support other campaigns for improvements in the area and that it would be useful if an ICAG member was on the Camden Cycling Campaign e-group. Jon volunteered to join.

Canal towpath

British Waterways (BW) are planning a consultation on measures to lessen the conflict between users of the canal towpath. Alison would forward the plans for comment to the ICAG members who had attended/expressed interest in the meeting with BW in October and hoped that someone would respond. She would also contact Hackney Cyclists to ensure they were aware of the consultation.

Bike maintenance course in South Islington

John had been contacted by Shanice at St Luke's Centre where a new cycle maintenance and riding training course for young people and their fathers in the Bunhill area is being developed. He wondered if ICAG could support their work financially and if ICAG members might want become involved. Alison would contact Shanice to find out more.

Any other business

Hornsey Rise and Hornsey Road

Adam was concerned that, despite being highlighted in the council's Local Implementation Plan (LIP), these streets were still in need of further improvement; there had been a fatal accident and a serious one in the recent

past. ICAG had done some traffic counts and videoing in the area some years ago and it would benefit from 20mph. Adam was advised to get more local people involved in the campaign to improve safety there.

Neighbourhood Plans

Adam told the meeting about Neighbourhood Plans which are a mechanism for local communities to become involved in local planning. He felt it could be a way for cycling groups, working with other community groups, to influence the local planning decisions and had forwarded Tom at the LCC some literature. Anyone interested should look at the guide "Your place, your plan" available from the Town and Country Planning Association website www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/your_place_your_plan.pdf

Cyclehoops

Leo wanted the meeting to consider getting the council to make it mandatory that on all suitable planning applications a condition of consent would be installation of Cyclehoops on lamp posts outside the property. It was agreed that this was a good idea but it was felt that Cyclehoops couldn't be fitted to lamp posts because access to the internal cabling etc. was needed. Alison would contact Leo about it.

Bike Buddying

A council officer had been enquiring about local bike buddying and Keith would let him know that ICAG may be able to help.

Veloteers

Stephen said that three LCC groups had now developed their own Veloteers scheme.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th February 2012 at 7.30-9.30pm in the Town Hall, Upper Street N1.