

Minutes of ICAG meeting on Wed 9th March 2011 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1

Present: Alison Dines, John Ackers, Stephen Taylor, Chris Ashby, Jacques-Olivier Gaudron,
Adrian Williams, Paul Standeven, Keith Macfarlane, Jon Parker, Adam Cook

Apologies:

Robert Harston, Bridget Peacock, James Gleadow

Matters arising from ICAG meeting on 9th February

Website

Ownership of posts discussed again & everyone asked to contribute to website. Any queries contact Jacques-Olivier who will discuss moving newsletters & minutes from the old website with Dean. Adrian asked to do something about bike security & include a link to immobilise.com

Retrograde engineering schemes

Paul Taylor LBI engineer told John there was not a generic approach to preventing scooter access without adversely affecting permeability for bicycles but agreed ICAG should be consulted on such schemes. Cllr George Allen had told John he thought LBI are avoiding some levels of consultation that are not statutory.

Agenda

Connect2 scheme

John & Ralph wanted to write a press release to say that ICAG was disappointed in the lack of ambition with this scheme at Finsbury Park & wanted to withdraw from further consultation. Jon offered to write this & will discuss it with John. Adam pointed out that the LBI Cycle Action Plan was due to be revised in June 2011 and that ICAG should be consulted.

Funding for permeability schemes

John explained that in 2009/10 £500k had been available for about 20 permeability schemes. This included making Bunhill Row two way for cyclists where £50k had been spent on consultation & ICAG had wanted a contra-flow cycle lane but this would have resulted in removal of residents parking which is always controversial and no scheme had been implemented. £200k had been available in 2010/11 but had been clawed back by the council and now no permeability schemes were being done, apart from two with TfL funding. In light of recent accidents at Old Street, making Bunhill Row two way gives cyclists an alternative route to avoid Old Street and with no funding immediately available more local pressure is needed. Jon said the law firm Slaughter & May is based in Bunhill Row & he could contact them.

Future events

HGV day of action 30th March: Petition to be signed at Colebrook Row crossing between 5-7pm. Chris, Stephen, Keith, Jon, Jacques-Olivier & Alison could help.

Veloteers event Wed 13th April: Veloteers sub-committee to meet again & finalise plans

ICAG AGM 11th May: Alison to invite Ken Livingstone & if not available Jenny Jones

Bike Week 18-26th June: Stall at Farmer's Market on 19th, breakfast to be on Tues 21st, cooldown on Thur 23rd at Bunhill Row, Jacques-Olivier may lead a ride. Publicity needed.

Cycle superhighway

Keith to attend next meeting

24 hour bus lanes

Jacques-Olivier asked about campaigning for 24 hour bus lanes. The meeting was in support of the principal of 24 hour bus lanes. Action – Jacques-Olivier to contact Tom Bogdanowicz at LCC

Any other business

YouTube Account – Stephen agreed to set up a YouTube account for ICAG

Website Editorial comments – John raised the issue of viewpoints expressed on the ICAG website and whether these were the views of the individual or ICAG collectively. It was agreed to discuss in more detail at a later meeting

Highbury Corner – Keith informed the meeting that plans for Highbury Corner were going forward and there would be a consultation later in the year

LCN+ Signage – Keith asked that signage on the LCN be raised at a future meeting. This was agreed

Madras Place Crossing – Paul queried the start date of the work on the Madras Place crossing of the Holloway Road. Chris said

the improvements were still on schedule to be started in July and, as far as he knew, there was no further slippage envisaged.

Next meeting 13th April to be a Veloteers evening.