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Chain Stand



M Stand

2 designs causing interest

New Bike Stand designs

Outside the Jeanette Cochrane Theatre at the junction of Southampton Row and Theobalds Road, are some experimental designs for bike stands, with the idea of increasing security. They are well worth looking at. They have been developed by Bikeoff Research Initiative part of the Design against Crime Initiative. They are very interested in our comments. Go to www.bikeoff.org/comment

Cycling M Ps

M Ps can claim 20 per mile expenses when using a bicycle. Top of a recent list was Jeremy Corbyn (Lab, Islington North) who claimed £230, which equates to 1,150 miles. Also claiming £230 was Mary Creagh (Lab, Wakefield) former Opposition Leader for Islington Council. Thanks to Oliver Schick (Hackney Cyclists) for this.

Colebrooke Row

There was an exhibition of proposed improvements for the Goswell Road Island on Thursday March 8. Transport for London officials were overwhelmed by informed comments from cyclists from Hackney, City and Islington. It appeared that cyclists and pedestrians had not been asked how they'd like to see the junction changed. At time of writing, there are plans being made to ensure that cyclists' opinions are made known to the planners. ICAG members hope to offer a cyclists breakfast on the Goswell Road Island, a petition and the consultation document ready to return. Further information from or state your view as soon as possible to:

C: David Havell

P: 020 7985 7332

E: david.havell@cbuchanan.co.uk

Bike Stands Galore

The Council plan to install 500 Bike Stands in the next financial year. The council website has a list of proposed sites for 118. If you have ideas for siting the other 382; you can use the Council website to make your suggestions.

W: www.islington.gov.uk

Annual General Meeting



Boris Johnson and Alison Dines

Boris Johnson M P was highly entertaining when he addressed our AGM after the official business was done. He treated over 80 people to his whimsical thoughts on a cycling policy. Some memorable phrases are: ability to own a bike and retain it, establishing proper respect for our [cyclists] use of the road, the horror of 18 metre long buses, 4 wheels OK, 2 wheels better. Congratulations to everyone involved in organising this, especially Alison, Bridget and Andrew. It just leaves a slight problem for next year – how do we follow that?

Your new Committee 2007-8

Alison Dines	Coordinator
Anja Beinroth	Treasurer
John Ackers	Secretary

Stephen Taylor, Chris Ashby, Bridget Peacock, Sarah Wakefield will be ordinary members.

Ronalds Road/Horsell Road

There are plans for this junction to be opened for several hours on Arsenal match days to allow residents to drive in & out of the area. ICAG is concerned that the current alignment of the bollards might be altered & that the current satisfactory arrangement will be jeopardised for the sake of opening the junction for a few hours on match days. We await a response to our opposition to any scheme that changes the current layout of the bollards. If you would like to comment on this, please contact:

C: Alison Dines

T: 020 7226 7012

E: alisondines@clara.co.uk

Consultation, Consultation

We have recently sent a response by one of our members about the Archway Redevelopment. If you want to know what was said, please contact:

C: Anita Frizzarin

E: mail@afrizzarin.idps.co.uk

Bike baiting

The Islington Gazette had a report of the Finsbury Park Safer Neighbourhood Team using a bike bait to trap a thief outside the Sobell Centre. The report ends with a police warning that they have several other "decoy bikes" in the borough. Thanks to Adrian Williams for this.

Stop and Advise

In response to residents' complaints, the Council has launched a new initiative in partnership with the local Safer Neighbourhoods Police Teams to tackle cyclists breaking the law in Islington. A warning is given with an advisory leaflet detailing safety issues such as cycling on the pavement and riding through crossings while people are on them. Stop and Advise sessions have operated on Essex Road, at Archway and along the canal with more trouble spots planned for this year.

Birthday Celebrated

The cyclist who died in Holloway road last September was remembered by his family on his birthday in January. They attached messages on the street railings near the scene of the collision.

Did you know?

Flashing bicycle lights are permitted now. The alteration to the Regulations in 2005 will be reflected in the updated Highway Code to be published in mid 2007.

Street faults

Correction to last edition. To report faults go to

W: <http://streetfaults.tfl.gov.uk>

P: 0845 305 1234 (24hrs)

E: enquiries@streetmanagement.org.uk

Little Green Ride Dates

Description: Easy-paced rides of around 30 miles

Date: every Sunday fortnight

Start: 10.10 a.m. Finish: 5-6 p.m.

Place: Finsbury Park overland station

Contact: Sue

Telephone: 020 7729 5409

Cycle Workshop Dates

Place: Sunnyside Ecology Gardens corner of Sunnyside Rd and Hazelville Rd, N19 (off Hornsey Rise)

Date: 4th Wednesday of each month (except August and December)

Time: 7 - 9.30 p.m.

Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session towards costs

Contact: Adrian Williams

Telephone: 07810 211 902

ICAG monthly meeting

If you've something to say about cycling in Islington, or just want to listen, come along to the ICAG monthly meeting.

Place: Islington Town Hall

Date: 2nd Wednesday of every month

Time: 7.30-9.30 p.m.

Contact: Alison Dines

Telephone: 020 7226 7012

Agenda items for meetings should reach Alison Dines by the Saturday before the meeting.

ICAG Email Group

If you wish to discuss any of the topics covered in Islington Cyclist in more detail then why not subscribe to the ICAG email list? The list enables subscribers to receive news promptly and the opportunity to give and receive feedback.

If you would like to participate, send an email to: **E:** icag-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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If you've enjoyed reading this issue of Islington Cyclist - but don't live in the borough and so don't get a paper copy - you can now receive our newsletter electronically. All you need to do to be added to the circulation list is send an email to:

E: islingtoncyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Contribute to Islington Cyclist

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