



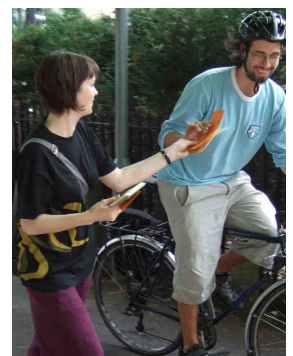
The Biodiversity Ride starts out



Dr. Bike at the N1 Centre



Information at Tour  
d'Arsenal



Picking up a flier at the  
cyclists' breakfast

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### ICAG celebrate the Tour de France being in town – Prologue

On Saturday 7 July more than 100 cyclists congregated in Highbury Fields to ride to Hyde Park to watch the first day of the Tour de France – the Prologue time trial. The group was well represented, with LCC members, novice cyclists, cyclists that hadn't ridden for a while, children on bike seats, regular commuters and couriers. Riders could then view this fantastic and historic cycling event from the LCC priority viewing area near Hyde Park Corner where we watched the publicity Caravan pass and the 189 elite cyclists race by on the 7.9k route at one minute intervals. Many watched the peleton leave London in Stage 1 of the Tour the following day. An amazing weekend for cycling in the city. [BP]

### Engineers Meeting

After a gap of 18 months, Council engineers finally agreed to meet ICAG along with Living Streets. ICAG reps were presented with details of schemes that are currently being developed. It also turned out that next year's funding bid had already been submitted to TfL in June. This was in spite of TfL encouraging, if not insisting, that councils consult with the local cycling groups before submitting their annual funding bid. **This didn't happen!**

Chris Ashby, Sarah Wakefield and John Ackers who attended the meeting were in favour of carrying on meeting the engineers with Living Streets. But they felt that ICAG should seek regular separate meetings. Prior to the meeting ICAG submitted a list of issues that need to be addressed including cycle training for council staff, permeability, joined-up planning, the consultation process, echelon parking, signing and turnover of engineers/consultants. The council asked for more time to respond to our list. [JA]

[www.islington.gov.uk/Transport/SustainableTransportStrategy/Funding\\_Bid/](http://www.islington.gov.uk/Transport/SustainableTransportStrategy/Funding_Bid/).

## Diary Dates

### Festivals in September

**Sept 2 Angel Canal 11-5pm.**

W [www.angelcanalfestival.org](http://www.angelcanalfestival.org)

**Sept 9 Gillespie Park 2-6pm.**

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W [www.islington.gov.uk](http://www.islington.gov.uk)

We usually run a stall at both of these fine events – volunteers always welcome!

### Cycling Events

Sept 9 Tour de Britain – feeder ride from Islington Town Hall to Crystal Palace leaves at [www.tourofbritain.co.uk](http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk)

Sept 23 Hovis London Freewheel – feeder ride to Finsbury Park

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## Coming Shortly

The TfL cycle guides have been revamped – there are now 14 – used to be 19. We now have one map that covers the whole of Islington [No 14]. When available, copies of that map will be sent to all Islington Libraries. Other maps will be available from the TfL website shortly.

[www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/roadusers/cycling/cycleroutes/default.asp](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/roadusers/cycling/cycleroutes/default.asp)

## Freshers Fair

City University will be having an event to familiarize newcomers to Islington. Because of interest expressed last year, they have contacted us to give some input about cycling. What form this may take is not clear at present – we may ask the Council's Green Travel Officer, the Cycle Training Officer or local cycle shops to be involved. We **will** need volunteers to help on a stall! Up to 3,500 students will pass a cycling information stall (one of 60).

## Sustrans & Connect2 Project

Sustrans has submitted an Islington cycling & walking scheme (one of 79 nationally which comprise the Connect2 Project) to the Big Lottery Fund's Living Landmarks. It links Highbury Fields, the Emirates Stadium & Gillespie Park to Station Place at Finsbury Park. An awareness raising event will take part on Highbury Fields on 27th Sept & there will be a public vote later in the year to decide the winner. For more information

[www.sustransconnect2.org.uk](http://www.sustransconnect2.org.uk)

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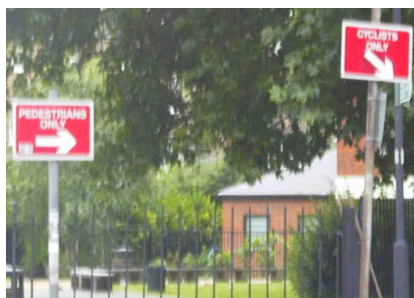
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## Hovis London Freewheel

This new event includes a traffic-free circle (11am-4pm). It will start from 6 hubs – one of which is Finsbury Park. We may be expected to help cyclists [new and returning especially] to travel there. Cyclists will be able to go round the streets of central London traffic-free, past major landmarks with thousands of other cyclists from all over the capital. Register soon!

[www.londonfreewheel.com](http://www.londonfreewheel.com)

## What's it all about?



Signs to be found near the Goswell Road Island. [RC] Send your favourite sign[s] that don't make sense to E [keith.macfarlane@islington.gov.uk](mailto:keith.macfarlane@islington.gov.uk)

## Parking Charges referendum

The result was announced and this showed 56 per cent in favour and 44 per cent against on the question 'Should the cost of a resident's parking permit depend on how much the car pollutes?' Turnout across the Islington was 29 per cent, not far short of turnout in local elections, in absolute numbers 36,149 voted. There were majorities in favour in every single one of the 16 wards. [AC]

## Feedback

Except for the addition of photos, the format and content of this newsletter has changed little over recent years. Any suggestions?

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## Little Green Ride Dates

**Description:** Easy-paced rides of around 30 miles

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month

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

**Place:** Finsbury Park overland station

**Contact:** Stephen Taylor

**Telephone:** 07977 235 735

## Cycle Workshop Dates

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

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:icag-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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E: [islingtoncyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:islingtoncyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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