

ISLINGTON CYCLIST

The newsletter of the Islington Cyclists' Action Group



695 Members, 124 on the e-group



Two tings

in Islington

Once again ICAG activists are to be seen on the canal towpath. They are urging cyclists to use the Code of Practice - respecting all users of the towpath. C Anna Walnycki

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Congratulations

Bridget Peacock, an active ICAG member, completed the London marathon in 5hrs 11 mins 19 secs, raising over £3,000 for The Institute of Cancer Research.

Cycle trainers wanted

There is a considerable demand for cycle training for both adults & children in the borough. Are you interested in being trained to do this? The Council will cover the cost if you then deliver some training.

C Will Pountney T 020 7527 4082

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Critical Mass Birthday!

April's 'CM' marked the 13th year of this event. A record 17 folk came from Islington. Hopefully we'll better that next month. What a diversity of riders from at least three boroughs plus France! CA

In colour at http://www.lcc.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=601

Road Danger Reduction

Both the Standard & BBC London radio featured our Road Danger Watch Day on 1st April when we asked cyclists to let us know where they saw irresponsible or dangerous driving around the borough. We had plenty of responses which will be complied into a report & used as part of our campaign to highlight local areas where poor driving occurs. ST



www.icag.org.uk

We've gone live. ICAG has a website! Big shout for Dean, Tania, and Su for their work and the others who have been involved in the planning.

Jon Snow in the Islington Gazette

Interviewed recently, he said, "We need joined up thinking in where all these cycle lanes go. There are far too many that stop and start. There are very good lanes but then they come to an abrupt halt."

Historical Request

We would like to write some history of ICAG for the website. Who can provide some details of our past? C Keith Macfarlane T 020 7272 9522

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Bike Week 2008

Saturday 14 June12-5pm

Dr Bike & Info stall at N1 Centre, Upper Street N1 C Alison Dines T 020 7226 7012 E alisondines@clara.co.uk

Saturday 14 June 11am-2pm

Biodiversity Bike Ride starts Islington Ecology Centre, Drayton Park N5 C Ecology Centre T 020 7354 5162

Sunday 15 June 9.45am

Little Green Ride meet at Finsbury Park Station C Stephen Taylor T 07977 235735 E sltavlor001@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 17 June 7.30-9.30am

Cyclists' Breakfast & Dr Bike at City Road N1 C Alison Dines as above

Thursday 19 June 1.30-6.30pm

Cycling Fair at Spa Fields, Northampton Road EC1 C The Ranger T 07825 098 459

Friday 20 June 5-7pm

Cyclists' Cool Down at Madras Place junction with Holloway Road N5 C Alison Dines as above

Saturday 21 June 12-6pm

ProActive Live: Sports and Cycling Festival on the podium of Emirates Stadium C Kathryn King T 020 7527 2062



Work in progress Dalmeny Road



Turning right off Hornsey Road

Consultations

The council have asked our opinion about the following schemes [that's what they call them] since the last newsletter. They are: a road closure on Dalmeny Road and an improvement to the junction of Hornsey Rise and Courtauld Road, and the access to Farringdon Road from Amwell Road via Lloyd Baker Street and Margery Street. (These are all on London Cycle Network + routes)

Bike theft reports

If you want to report your stolen bike to the police on line, try using this link. https://online.met.police.uk/report.php

Road Danger Reduction 2

ICAG members gathered outside Central Library recently to record the traffic using the turning from Fieldway Crescent into Horsell Road. We are contesting the finding by the Council that there is no need for extra work to be done to safeguard cyclists using this junction.

150 left!

Islington Council's parking permit surrender scheme is now in action. The first 300 people to give up their permit to park get a £200 voucher to use at Holloway Cycles or some free time with Streetcar car club. By 23 April, 150 motorists had taken up the offer. http://www.islington.gov.uk/Transport/GreenTravel/voucher permits.asp

From Islington Cyclist 10 years ago

One cheer for the cycle route

Cyclists shouldn't have to give up the roads for a third-rate network of cycle routes. The greater prize is to make city living less dangerous, polluted, and generally (less) stressful for all people by tackling the many-headed monster of traffic chaos. GK



Stands in Fortess Road

Camden Council has installed these stands, which are the latest development from http://www.designagainstcrime.com/index.php?q=node/39
They are being used!

Little Green Ride Dates

Description: Easy-paced rides of

around 30 miles

Date: 3rd Sunday in the month **Start:** 10.10 a.m. Finish: 5-6 p.m. **Place:** Finsbury Park overland station

C Stephen Taylor **T** 07977 235 735

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 **C** Adrian Williams **T** 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. **C** Alison Dines **T** 020 7226 7012

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

Reporting Potholes

In Islington, phone 020 7527 2000 or go to http://www.islington.gov.uk/Doit/Onlineforms/reportproblem.asp
Rest of London 0845 305 1234 or go to http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/repo

http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/reportastreetfault/934.aspx

2 ICAG Email Groups

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

We have another yahoo group concerned mainly with the engineering projects that we are being consulted about. If you want to join this one send an email to:

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Contribute to Islington Cyclist

Please send any articles or images to **E** 249keith@waitrose.com

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