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# **ISLINGTON CYCLIST**

The newsletter of the Islington Cyclists' Action Group



716 Members, 128 on the e-group

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## Sussex Way road bridge

Network Rail has closed the bridge while they demolish and reconstruct it. This will enable trains with larger container wagons to pass under the new bridge. Shame it's not for overhead electrification. It is scheduled for reopening 17 October. The photo shows the north entrance.



### 'Twas ever thus...

The letter to local residents says "A diversionary route will be signposted." There was no trace of this when this photo was taken... Ed: The bridge was extensively refurbished in summer 2006.

# Road Danger Reduction Campaign

We're still busy – detailed reports on our visits to Old Street and Penton Rise are on the website. To see the edited video of Horsell Road go to Utube.co.uk and type in Islington cyclists or visit our website.

W www.icag.org.uk

## Membership freebies



This year the LCC t-shirts that will be given away with membership at LCC events will also be on sale to members. See the ICAG or LCC website for the colours – lime, baby blue and black are new this year. Only £10 + P&P £1.50 – order now while stocks last!

The T-shirts come in chunky unisex sizes (s, m, l, xl, xxl) in red, orange, black or green, and in a sleeker women's cut (s, m, l) in pink, light blue or dark blue. To order, send a cheque or postal order (payable to 'LCC') for £11.50 to 2 Newhams Row, London, SE1 3UZ or call 020 7234 9310 with your card details.

## Lunar cycles

A bicycle recycling scheme has started up in Islington with abandoned bikes being restored & sold. They are also looking for new premises so if you can help out or want to purchase a bicycle contact them via their website

W www.lunar-cycles.com

#### Lisa Pontecorvo

Lisa was well known to some of our members, so we were devastated to hear that she died on Monday 8 September, cycling across Holloway Road from Fieldway Crescent. Our sympathies go to her family and many friends. A simple tribute was held a week later.

## ICAG at Canal Festival



An overcast day didn't stop the heady mix of information, maps, membership recruitment, and good humour.

## LCC survey...

Do help LCC by filling in their survey – it doesn't take a long time and should improve the services and value we obtain from the campaign.

W www.lcc.org.uk click on Get Involved, then LCC Members Survey 2008

# Petition goes on

We continued to collect signatures for our petition to keep motor bikes out of bus lanes when we were at the Angel canal festival and Gillespie Park festival. **Dalmeny Road** 



Apparently there were 300 emails about this small part of LCN+ route 106. The work has now been finished and looks good to our eyes.

# Lighthouse Ride

We'd like to thank Clive Attenborough for organising a great ride through Hackney & Tower Hamlets to visit this eclectic place. Clive has very kindly agreed to repeat the ride next summer - probably the first weekend in July.

#### Bike stand locations

This time it's the council that wants suggestions for sites for bike stands. They can't put stands on TfL (trunk) roads - like the A1 (Holloway Road and Upper Street), but any other suggestions are welcome. E public.realm@islington.gov.uk C Kat Lee-Ball

# From Islington Cyclist 10 years ago...

At ICAG's recent meetings the subject of the merger of the LCC and CTC has been a hot topic. Please make sure you use your vote... ED. The decision was taken not to merge with CTC and we have been travelling separately since.

# Powered two wheelers in bus lanes

Some of you may have been following the reaction to the Mayor's plan. Most recently, Eric Manners of Islington Council has written to the Mayor concluding:

Therefore the Council recommends that the Mayor of London undertake further research before permitting powered twowheelers to use bus lanes. If he proceeds as planned, he takes personal responsibility for any casualties that may occur, as individual boroughs cannot realistically go against this decision for their own bus lanes even if we feel that the wrong decision has been made.



# Luckiest cyclist in London

When I saw my bike being carried away by two men on a scooter, I never dreamed I would see it again. Thanks to the Police I am riding it again. What positively identified it? Not the security tag, nor the frame number, but the Bike Week 'spokie' that I had put on the front wheel. Ed: Good news for a change- the bike was mine!

#### Little Green Ride Dates

**Description:** Easy-paced rides of

around 30 miles

Date: 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: 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 pm Contact: Alison Dines Telephone: 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 www.islington.gov.uk and click on report a street fault. Rest of London, phone 0845 305 1234 or go to www.tfl.gov.uk, click on road users, then on report a street fault.

#### Two 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:

E: icag-engsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

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