

710 Members, 130 on the e-group

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Secure Cycle Parking

Using Islington's Climate Change money the Council is to pilot secure cycle parking on roads, something like the picture above (nothing final yet). If successful it could lead to more! The Council hopes this will support increased cycling and result in a decrease in CO2 emissions. 3 sites are to be shortlisted. Want to suggest one? Go to www.islington.gov.uk click on Transport and Streets/Green Travel/Residential Cycle Parking
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Goswell Road Triangle

We were told that the TfL work here was to start this January. On Jan 16 there was no sign of this!

Finsbury Park

Plans for the Sustrans Connect 2 route for walkers and cyclists to Highbury Fields are being discussed. Further details in the next newsletter.

Road Danger Watch Campaign

Our findings have gone to the Council's Road Safety Unit who will liaise with the Safer Neighbourhoods Police Teams for the locations mentioned and arrange some sessions at them.

Those from Highbury West ward have already visited Hornsey Road regarding the issue of vehicles entering the ASL and the next venue will be on Hornsey Rise by the Hillrise ward team. If you have a borough blackspot you are concerned about
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Handing out LCC cards

On Monday 5th January, when the change came into effect, two volunteers were handing out the LCC "Support bus lane watch" cards at Madras Place and on Holloway Road. They found this to be useful as many cyclists were unaware of the new situation with PTWs (Powered Two Wheelers). They were relieved to know that they could influence the Mayor about whether it will be made permanent. Thanks to those who helped with this.



Motor bikes in bus lanes

Back in November three volunteers turned out on two cold mornings to count the cyclists using the bus lane Holloway Road. At the junction of Hornsey Road & Holloway Road (opposite the tube station) we counted an average of just over 300 cyclists travelling south on the Holloway Road between 8.00-9.30am and 39 PTWs (Powered Two Wheelers) travelling in the bus lane. We also counted an average of 181 cyclists waiting in the ASL (advanced stop line) and 56 PTWs illegally entering the ASL after the light has changed red. Now PTWs are allowed to use the bus lanes on Red Routes we will be doing further counts at this location to see how the situation changes. If you experience any difficulties caused by PTWs in bus lanes go to www.lcc.org.uk. Click on What we do, then campaigns, then Bus Lane Watch monitors.

ICAG rapid press response group

Are you a local paper reader? Do you think about replying to a piece with anti-cycling views but don't don't get round to it? Please join our team working to make sure the cyclist's side to the story is heard.

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Canal Towpath Ranger

Joe Young spoke at our December meeting. He tries to encourage good behaviour between cyclists and pedestrians (including joggers). Look out for some graffiti artwork featuring cyclists for the bridges and fresh life in the 2 Tings campaign.

LCN + Routes

Funding for these routes for the year 2009-2010 has been pulled and for the foreseeable future. There were great hopes initially, but there are some cyclists who will not mourn its passing - nor notice any difference!

AGM in May

Put a note in your diary or on your calendar. Our Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday May 13, Islington Town Hall, 7.30 start. Any suggestions for a speaker will be greatly appreciated!

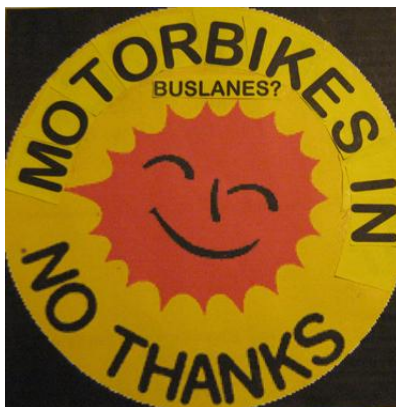
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Bike trailers at Waitrose

We'd like you to know about the trial of these trailers at the Holloway Road branch. Having filled in a simple form, you can use their trailer free to take your shopping home. You must return it within 3 days. Load up! More details at

www.waitrose.com/PressOffice. Then scroll to the piece dated 6 Jan.



If you can remember the sixties...

This update of the Anti-Nuclear image was done by a member. Worth a public airing?

Thanks to Alison Dines for her great help when putting this together at the last minute!

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

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:

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Contribute to Islington Cyclist

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