

Huge success of veloteer launch



A few words before we go...

Over 20 ICAG members met outside the Town Hall for the Veloteer Launch. We started with a ride pointing out some cycling features on our streets. First was Barnsbury Road, where cobbles had been removed on humps to make cycling easier, but we had to avoid the chances of being 'doored.' Then we looked at the improvement at Penton Rise. The Goswell Triangle was next, where the work in progress was inspected. So to Horsell Road and Madras Place, where the ongoing campaign was explained. The last stop was the Olden Garden Room where the 'training' took place. Stephen Taylor led the ride and then guided us through the afternoon. Guest Speakers were Tom Bogdanowicz (LCC), Eric Manners (LBI) and Councillor Greg Foxsmith.



Penn Road

Having had a pleasant lunch, veloteers were asked to list their local issues and 'Adopt a Pothole.' They were encouraged to lobby their potential councillors in the forthcoming local election. A separate Yahoo email group has been set up for members to be in contact, share problems and celebrate successes. Many thanks to all involved to make this such a positive experience.

Surrealism in Upper St

One of our members stopped to buy some milk in Upper Street, locking her bike before going into the shop. On her way back to her bike she found a man tussling with the lock. She demanded, "Oi! What are you doing to my bike?" "Trying to steal it" he replied. He got onto his bike and went. Totally shameless!



At the Goswell Road Triangle

Annual General Meeting
Don't miss our AGM

Wednesday
12 May 7.30pm
Islington Town Hall

Guest Speaker to be announced

Refreshments

'Must have' book



Tom Bogdanowicz's book 'The London cycling Guide' is now on sale. There's a special offer in London Cyclist. You won't be sorry you bought one!

Council schemes for 2010/11

A number of junction improvements are to be funded including Goswell Road/Old Street (£300,000), Hornsey Road/Bavaria Road (£250,000) and at Tufnell Park tube (£256,000). Cycle training gets £100,000 and school travel measures £90,000 - both paid for by Transport for London.

Preparations for the Mayor's cycle hire scheme, including new CCTV, lighting and new 'cycling permeability' measures close to the planned docking stations, will cost £431,000. This funding also comes from TfL.

The Council plans to invest £200,000 on small-scale cycling improvements measures, and its fund for cycle parking on HFI housing estates has been topped up by another £25,000.

Several schemes already underway will not be completed in this financial year. The funding has been moved into 2010-2011. This includes £250,000 of the £750,000 'cycle access package' aimed at tackling one-way streets, banned turns and other barriers to cycling. (Permeability schemes)

Highway maintenance on Islington borough roads drops to £1 million (from £5 million). But £1 million will be added to deal with potholes caused by the bad winter weather.
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All ability cycling in Finsbury Park

Pedal Power meets on Saturdays 2pm- 4pm
6 March, 20 March, 3 April, 17 April, 1 May. More info on our website - go to News, then Pedal Power.



Bike Week 2010

Dates this year are June 19 to June 27. We're planning an action packed week with old favourites – the Tuesday Bike Breakfast for example. Watch out for new events!

Ten years ago...

We reported the opening of London's first Red route – the A1 along Holloway Road and Upper Street. TfL's primary objective was to improve the route for buses. This is why there was nothing much for cyclists except sharing the bus lanes. Also we told of a death of a cyclist from a left turning lorry – sadly still too frequent.



Part of this Festival is the London World Naked Bike Ride

Saturday 12 June 2010
3pm assembly, for 3.30pm departure. Meet in the south-east corner of Hyde Park, in a meadow north of the Achilles statue (this is near to Wellington Arch and Hyde Park Corner.)
Not an LCC ride!

The Little Green Ride

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 pm
C Alison Dines
T 020 7226 7012
E alisondines@clara.co.uk
Agenda items for meetings should reach Alison Dines by the Saturday before the meeting.

Reporting Potholes

This works! In Islington, phone 020 7527 2000 or go to www.islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem. 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-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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