

ISLINGTON CYCLIST

The newsletter of the Islington Cyclists' Action Group



735 Members, 243 on e-group

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20's Plenty?

We are working with Islington Living Streets on a campaign to reduce traffic speed to 20mph on **all** Islington roads. We have been collecting signatures for a petition to be presented to the Council. An online petition is planned and also a campaign for emailing ward councillors. Don't confuse this with the campaign below!

We're not alone!



The national bodies Sustrans and Living Streets are leading a coalition of 28 partners to deliver the 20mph message more widely in London in the lead up to the 2012 London Assembly and Mayoral Elections. Sustrans are running a postcard campaign, while Living Streets have a website petition.

W www.tinyurl.com/65juv8o

Note 20mph on all borough roads has been our policy since July 2009.

Madras Place – Holloway Road!



(work in progress on Sept 25 from the library side) We're eagerly looking forward to the completion of the new crossing.

Canal Festival



Despite poor weather we had many visitors at our stall. More pictures on the website. **W** www.icag.org.uk

Gillespie Park Festival



Once more we were there, with bike doctors. More pictures on the website. **W** www.icag.org.uk



If you nothing else for ICAG this year, please go to our website home page and vote for which campaigns we should focus on. They are -

20mph - making all streets under borough control 20mph Permeability - to campaign for the removal of obstacles such as road closures and one-way streets for cyclists Cycle Superhighway - to make sure that the cycle super highway through Islington works for cyclists **Gyratories** - to campaign for the removal of the main gyratories in the borough Cycle parking - get more on-street and secure residential cycle parking Road Danger Reduction to raise awareness locally for the need for motorists to take greater care around more vulnerable road users Bunhill Row - to campaign for cyclists to be allowed to cycle in both directions

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Highbury Corner parking



Parking a bike at Highbury Corner is more and more difficult. We found four bikes attached to one stand! On another visit, four stands had 3 bikes locked up to them. We have been talking to a local councillor about improving this situation.

TfL will be redeveloping this site and ending the gyratory. It's not known exactly what their plans for cycling parking are, or when this will start.

More cycle stands

Transport for London may install cycle stands on Farringdon Road on both sides including outside Sainsbury's. If the locations planned are suitable, they will be installing the cycle stands before the end of March 2012.

Highbury Earth Festival

We enjoyed attending this, which took place at Highbury Fields. We were able to obtain more signatures for our 20mph petition.

Speeding cyclists on the towpath...

This issue has been raised again in the local press after British Waterways installed speed humps on part of the towpath. A pertinent comment is that it is a minority of anti-social people who are the problem.

Parking in Holloway Rd

Two years ago Transport for London asked us where the best places would be for cycle stands along Holloway Road so we went out and investigated. We identified locations for 130 new stands. A few weeks ago we decided to find out how the work was getting on. We discovered that there are now 105 new cycle stands along the length of the Holloway Road, whereas before there were only about ten. Well done to TfL for installing stands and to all our members who suggested locations. The next plan will be to move further south to Upper Street. ST



And the university has installed new stands in Holloway Road. Chris Ashby and Stephen Taylor check them out above.

Skyride 2011

We led two rides into Central London -10.00 and 12 noon.





More on the website **W** www.icag.org.uk

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

W: www.littlegreenride.blogspot.com

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

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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 problem. Or try www.fixmystreet.com
Rest of London, phone 0845 305 1234 or go to www.tfl.gov.uk, click on road users, then on report a street fault.

Three 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? 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

To join the Veloteers e-group, email **E:** icag_veloteers-

subscribe@yahoogroups.com
There is a Face book page;
www.facebook.com and type in Islington

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