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LCC AGM

The LCC's Annual General Meeting was a great social occasion and opportunity to learn more about the LCC's activities over the past year. Alongside the important campaigning wins, highlights included over 370 bike rides organised by 350 local group members as well as innovative bicycle recycling projects with community-based organisations.

The Guardian columnist Zoe Williams was guest speaker at this year's Annual General Meeting of the LCC. She entertained the audience with her trials and tribulations road testing the loudest bicycle horn on the market but also made serious points about the challenges of cycling on London's roads.

Islington cyclists were well represented at the LCC Board elections with 5 candidates out of the nineteen from Islington.

The most contested Board elections in LCC history resulted in the election of Mel Grech and Suzy Fogg (both from Islington), Rachel Aldred, David Love and Claire Wren. They join existing members Ann Kenrick, Rik Andrew, Mustafa Arif, Alastair Hanton and Tony Levene - a well-balanced Board that will be supporting the LCC to prepare the ground to make cycling a key voting issue in the 2013-2014 Borough elections.

Suzy Fogg

New Year, New Ideas!

ICAG invites you to supper at Olden Gardens, Drayton Park N5 on Thurs 24th Jan at 7-9pm. Meet fellow cyclists and discuss how we can improve cycling in Islington. Childminding costs can be covered. RVSP (for catering numbers) to C Stephen Taylor

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3 Boroughs - 20 mph news

At an Executive meeting (18.10.12), Islington council decided to implement a 20 mph limit on all borough roads. They decided to do this in spite of opposition from the Police and TfL. Camden's Cabinet will discuss a similar scheme on 5 December 2012 and decide if the proposal is go to public consultation. Hackney Council passed a motion calling for 20 mph on all Hackney streets at their meeting on 21.11.12. Great news for cyclists!

Archway Gyrotory

The Council are consulting us about a scheme to make Archway two-way. Don't hold your breath!

Quick wins

After James Murray (the Council's Executive Member for Transport) came to the October ICAG meeting, we agreed to draw up a list of quick wins and longer term goals. We decided to send them all to him and the list is on the website and our Facebook page.

www.icag.org.uk

Tufnell Park Cycles to School



This is a campaign started by ICAG veloteers to promote cycling and walking as part of children's daily routine. We propose a circular network of safe routes to school connecting six local schools and six play spaces. The 2 mile route would be subject to focussed improvements to prioritise the cyclist and the pedestrian, with special attention given to junctions, crossings and the environment outside of schools.

The campaign was launched on Saturday 10th November at the Tufnell Park Farmer's Market. We hosted a market stall while more mechanically minded ICAG volunteers provided a 'Dr Bike' service of free bike checks and repairs. The Camden Cycling Campaign was also represented. The day ended with a well attended family bike ride around the route that was completed by a range of cyclists of all ages.

David Lincoln

Twitter @tpc2s or
www.facebook.com/TufnellParkCyclesToSchool

Zen and the art of bicycle maintenance



On 25th Sept ICAG joined Highbury Roundhouse volunteers on Highbury Fields for a fund raising event for their new building. Lots of bikes were revitalised and then security marked by the police. It's a great local resource; please see their website about how to support them.

Alison Dines
www.highbury-roundhouse.org.uk

Old Street roundabout

As the gateway to our local 'silicone valley' it is important that any development of this area improves it for cyclists and pedestrians. Please get in touch if you'd like to help ICAG ensure this.

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Safer Lorries, Safer Cycling

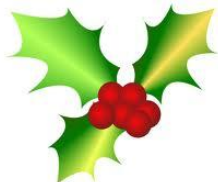
If you're on the LCC email list, it's hoped you'll have had an email asking you to contact your local councillors and Council Leader to progress the campaign.

www.lcc.org.uk/pages/safer-lorries-safer-cycling

Cycle Hoops

Thanks to those involved in making so many of these appear in Tufnell Park Road.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas break and wish you safe cycling in the New Year.



Bunhill Row 2-way success!



It is now legal to cycle both ways along Bunhill Row and along a resurfaced road. Thanks to all involved in achieving this. For regular users of Bunhill Row, this is old news; it just missed the last Newsletter.

Kings Cross Gyrotory Study

Transport for London (TfL) is undertaking a feasibility study of the main road network in the Kings Cross area, aiming to improve safety on the roads, in the area to benefit all users. ICAG (along with Camden Cyclists & Living Streets) were invited to a focus group session. We're pleased they are still seeking to improve this area, although this is by no means the first study.



The little green ride enjoyed beautiful autumn colours on their journey from Knebworth to Stevenage in November. Third Sunday in the month!
www.littlegreenride.blogspot.com

10 years ago

There's mention of the Congestion Charge starting on 17 Feb 2003 - the Congestion Charge is almost 10 years old!

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
C Adrian Williams
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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
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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.

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E: icag-subscribe@yahoo.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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