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Another step towards 20 mph on Holloway Road?



The London Assembly passed a motion on 16/01/13 to get TfL to support 20mph on the Transport for London Road Network. The Assembly called on TfL to publish the rationale for retaining the 30mph limit where they have declined a request from a local council to reduce it to 20mph, including modelling data and supporting detail. This may help to make all roads in Islington 20mph.
<http://bit.ly/V8iVt9>

New Cycling Initiative

The cycling officer for the Council is starting an Islington Cycling Club. This will have ride events for adults and also British Cycling Go-Ride coaching and Go-Ride Racing for juniors. They will also be setting up a schools grass track racing league. If you want to be involved, contact:
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Date for your diary

Our AGM will be held on May 8 2013 at the Town Hall. As ever there will be an interesting guest speaker and tasty refreshments.

Archway Gyratory now



and maybe 2-way by 2014...



(Photos from Islington Gazette - lower one showing the northern arm changed to bus, walker and cyclist access only)

Islington planners invited us to a meeting to show us their plans in December. We were pleased to see ASLs at every junction, but we've asked for segregated cycle lanes and 20mph throughout the new scheme and more. It's unlikely there will be any implementation before 2014. Watch this space!

No more newsletters?

We need someone new to take over the newsletter. Any volunteers? If not, we need to assess our alternatives. Do our website, Facebook and Twitter accounts provide enough information? Please contact:
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Meeting at Olden Gardens



14 ICAG members, a mixture of new faces and old hands, met on Thursday 24th January with the grand vision of making Islington a cycling paradise - and then talked about how to achieve that! The focus was on the local ward level and who to contact about getting something done, with areas of interest being a cycle route linking schools in Tufnell Park, Highbury Corner and Islay Walk amongst many others. The delicious supper spurred on discussion and everyone left with a modest action to start the process going. "It was a well structured, focused evening," said one attendee. As only seven of the 16 Islington wards were represented we plan to hold similar meetings later in the year to 'roll out' this way of supporting our members. Many thanks to all who attended and helped in the organization of a successful evening. **AD**

To find the Ward Improvement Plan for your ward and see if it mentions cycling, go to:
<http://bit.ly/RCahN8>

Ironmonger Row Baths



Newly refurbished, there are no longer cycle racks at the side of this building; previously there were at least 7. Although promised 'in a week or so' on 8/01/13 temporary cycle stands have not appeared. Maybe it's the weather... We could do with one of these.



Air Quality Working Group

The council have a Pollution Projects Team and is required to produce an air quality action plan detailing how emissions will be reduced in order to meet EU limits. There was a meeting on 31/01/2013; contact: E sukky.choongh @islington.gov.uk

New Parliamentary move

"There is an all-party parliamentary cycling group (APPCG) inquiry into how we can, as the title goes, Get Britain Cycling... The inquiry is significant, hugely worthwhile and could end up a significant element in building up momentum towards a longer-term goal. But will it happen in my cycling lifetime? I'm still not convinced." Excerpt from post by Peter Walker on the Guardian's Bike Blog 24/1/13

Half term cycle training

This February half term Islington Council is running free Bikeability cycle training courses for children at 3 locations: Elthorne Park, Hazellville Rd, N19

Rosemary Gardens Tennis Courts, Sherborne Street, N1

Waterside Youth and Play Project, 50 Dame Street, N1 7FR

There are 3 Levels:

Learning to ride

Level 1 and Level 2

For info on the 3 levels and a booking form go to:

<http://bit.ly/LAu2Bp>

You also need to email to

book the COURSE & VENUE

you are interested in. **For dates for each course:**

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10 years ago

We reported that Islington Labour Group Cyclists (we wonder if that's still running) had done some safety audits on the borough's cycle routes, looking at existing cycle facilities and problems. The contact person? Councillor Catherine West - now Leader of the Council.

Free Security Marking

The TfL-funded MPS Cycle Task Force regularly set up engagement stalls offering advice as well as free security marking and registration onto Bike Register's online database. Forthcoming: 14th February 2013:4-7pm - Seven Sisters Road, Junction with Green Lanes N4

21st February 2013 - 7.45-10am - same venue.

Silcone Roundabout

Old Street roundabout is called this by the local estate agents. We'd like to see an Old Street Crossroads. Silcone Crossroads is already "booked" - it's between Lichfield, Tamworth, Sutton Coldfield and Walsall.

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

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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

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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

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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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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:

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