

## **Minutes of the ICAG meeting Wed 10th September 2014**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Michael Johnson, Jono Kenyon, Edward Mason, David Lincoln, Emily Taylor and Annie, Andrea Casalotti, Alex Santacreu, Alex Ingram, Nick Kocharhook, Anita Frizzarin, Tom Harrison, John Ackers, Keith Macfarlane, Paul Standeven, Tabitha Tanqueray, Chris Kenyon

**Apologies:** Adrian Williams, Robert Harston

### **Matters arising:**

**Tufnell Park tube station:** David had written to the Islington Tribune about introducing more cycling options when the tube is temporarily closed for lift replacement but Alison had not pursued joint support for a letter to TfL with Camden Cycling Campaign.

**Angel Canal Festival:** Alison thanked everyone who helped on the stall. The local Labour party had a petition to the Canal and River Trust on their stall asking for measures to reduce the speed of cyclists such as chicanes and humps. Several ICAG members discussed the petition with the local Labour councillors and it was generally felt that the party was absolving itself of anything positive it could do to encourage cycling on the alternative route using local streets.

### **Agenda:**

#### **Working with Islington Council (LBI)**

Tom, Tabitha and John had met with the senior LBI officer Eshwyn Prabhu and Cllr Claudia Webbe on 2nd September. ICAG are trying to promote the use of filtered permeability (as per Hackney example in De Beauvoir) around the borough, especially for the Quietway 38 route, but LBI is reluctant; although acknowledged that in an ideal world Islington would become like Holland. Claudia had said she would not cycle in London because it was too dangerous and it was felt she was very unlikely to take up an offer of a cycling lesson or an escorted bike ride around the borough. LBI seemed to feel that TfL is putting up barriers and not providing enough money as LBI want funding for cycling schemes throughout the borough and not just in the southern part. LBI are using the Project Centre to design much of the TfL funded work and say that traffic modelling and consultation take up significant sums of money. However Jono questioned whether LBI has a statutory duty to undertake modelling, as he believed other boroughs didn't do this and asked for this to be confirmed with Eshwyn.

There was also concern that streets where motor flow was too high to be conducive to cycling were being proposed by LBI and Alex said he would see if he could locate some traffic flow data around the Quietway route.

Tom proposed writing to LBI, acknowledging some of the constraints and suggesting that LBI and ICAG could do a joint letter to TfL about them and said he would draft and circulate a letter to Eshwyn. [Post meeting note: Tom's letter was e-mailed on 25th September].

#### **Safe cycle route to Bridge Academy, Hackney**

Emily and her 12 year old daughter Annie asked about how to go about making Annie's route safer from her home in Canonbury to school at the Bridge Academy, on the canal in Hackney. Annie currently uses the New North Road but several ICAG members, prior to the meeting, had suggested using Willow Bridge Road, Canonbury Street and Rotherfield Street as an alternative although this had difficulties and was not as direct. It was suggested that Emily and Annie contact their local councillors, the school and Sustrans for support.

## **ICAG's vision**

Tom presented his draft version of ICAG's vision which included the key routes and other measures for cyclists which ICAG would focus campaigning on. There were numerous suggestions from those present which Tom agreed to consider and he would circulate a revised version. The meeting thanked Tom for the huge amount of work he had put into the vision so far.

## **Any other business**

### **Consultation on TfL's segregated Cycle Superhighways**

Chris Kenyon said there was concern that businesses and organisations such as the Freight Transport Association, AA and RAC, etc. are really against the proposals so we must make sure they aren't rejected outright because of groups like that. A website has been set up for businesses to endorse their support and Chris asked everyone who knew businesses along the routes to get them to sign up [www.cyclingworks.london](http://www.cyclingworks.london)