

There is so much going on this month in Islington!

Together we have generated some huge opportunities for cycling in the borough, and now we need your help to make the most of them. We need more members to:

- respond to the detail of TfL consultations (<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/>)
- represent ICAG at ward partnerships. Details of your ward partnership meetings @ <http://bit.ly/1y0SyGj>
- promote alternative schemes to friends, neighbours and businesses
 - hand out leaflets, and organise events and parties
- get involved in specific schemes including Archway, Nags Head, Holloway Road, Tufnell Park Cycle to Schools, Highbury Corner, Canonbury Ward Improvements, St Peters Ward Improvements, Kind's Cross, Old Street and Clerkenwell Road, Old Street Roundabout.

CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Remember: you can join the debate on major cycle projects on our website www.icag.org.uk

Archway Consultation:

A consultation on the gyratory at Archway started on 3rd November and runs until 14th December 2014. The proposal is to close the south west 'arm' and build a two-way cycle lane. Anyone interested in contributing to the ICAG coordinated response, please contact Liz Reiner on lizreiner@yahoo.co.uk



Artist's impression - with thanks to TfL

Highbury Corner Bridge:

Holloway Road goes over a bridge at its junction with Highbury Corner and this bridge is being replaced by TfL, with work starting any time soon and going on until summer 2017. Whilst this is being done there will be periods when there will be no right (north-bound) turn into Highbury Field for cyclists beginning on 6th January for about 6 months, and cyclists will be diverted via

Corsica Street. The bike racks outside Highbury and Islington station will be removed around 5th January and prior to this Highbury Station Road will be closed (from 15th December) and new racks installed there. There should be notices advising of this around the station area and if you have any difficulties or want to comment on these temporary measures please contact Alison Dines on alisondines@clara.co.uk

Old Street/City Road: Consultation on TfL proposals for a "peninsula" option at this junction has just opened and will continue until 11th January 2015. Hackney Cycling Campaign members attended November's meeting to talk further about their proposal for a crossroad at the junction, which the ICAG meeting in October 2013 had voted to support.



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TfL's proposed design has provoked concern about the amount of development likely to occur on and around the site in the future and the

lack of open space. At the same time, we believe that if the crossroad option is not viable, as a cycle campaigning group we should be trying to ensure whatever is done is as safe and cycle-friendly as possible. Hackney will continue its campaign, and details can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1tbu9m>. The consultation will be discussed again at the December ICAG meeting.

Clerkenwell Road/Boulevard:

ICAG recently met Islington traffic engineers and viewed early proposals for cycle improvements along the length of Clerkenwell Road. Comments on these have been sent to the traffic engineers and will be discussed when they next meet ICAG. Anyone interested in getting involved in helping to improve Clerkenwell Road for cyclists, please e-mail your suggestions to icag-eng@yahoogroups.co.uk.

The North South Superhighway:

We now know that the North-South Superhighway is definitely going ahead between Elephant and Castle and Farringdon. However, beyond this point, plans are unclear at the moment. What we really need now, is your support to ensure a fit-for-purpose highway makes it *to*, and *through* King's Cross. Please get in touch if you can help to raise support.

MORE CYCLING NEWS

Tufnell Park tube station:

A letter from ICAG to Isabel Dedring (Mayor of London's Deputy Mayor for Transport) and Andrew Gilligan has proposed more cycling options when Tufnell Park station is temporarily closed for lift replacement. It was also forwarded to the London Assembly members for Islington and Camden, and Caroline Pidgeon has already stepped forward to champion ICAG's suggestion for implementation by TfL. Watch this space!

Safety concerns at Canonbury Square:

Members have expressed concern about cyclists' safety in Canonbury Square having had several near-misses with motor vehicles when cycling eastbound, along Canonbury Lane into Canonbury Square. After meeting with the Traffic and Safety Manager, Liz Wathen, on-site, Islington's traffic engineers have requested members' recommendations with a view to cost the project. A working group has been set up to discuss options and anyone interested can contact Alison Dines on alisondines@clara.co.uk

Child Health Strategy 2015/19:

ICAG has commented on the consultation for London's North Central Health Cluster Child Health Strategy. Specific reference was made for the need for an integrated policy supporting cycling to school. For background to the consultation visit <http://bit.ly/1Hy30t7>

Reinforcing ICAG's position on the need to encourage children to take up cycling on a regular basis, ICAG member **David Lincoln** will be asking a question to the next, full council meeting about how Islington will facilitate a sustained increase in children cycling to school.

CyclingWorks campaign:

CyclingWorks recently won a special LCC award at the LCC AGM, for their pioneering website, which aims to build support from London Businesses' for the N-S, E-W Superhighway plans.



With thanks to LCC

At this month's meeting, ICAG voted to make a donation towards the cost of the campaign. See more about CyclingWorks' activities and how you can get involved - <http://bit.ly/11G2I7I>

Liveable Islington Network:

ICAG met with representatives from Living Streets and Better Archway Forum (BAF) to discuss improvements to Holloway Road, and agreed to form the Liveable Islington Network. This will allow us to work together on campaigning for improvements there, and possibly other areas of the borough. Isabel Dedring and Andrew Gilligan had been e-mailed with a number of suggestions for the Holloway Road and we await outcomes.

Proposed follow up Space for Cycling (S4C) petition:

The LCC are planning to e-mail all members and supporters to ask them to sign an electronic petition urging council leaders to support S4C. If you receive an e-mail please take the opportunity to put pressure on the council and ask your Islington-based friends and colleagues to do the same!

No room in your flat to keep a bike?

We're hoping that Islington Council will follow Lambeth and Hackney, and install some of these secure, on-street Bikehangars around the borough.



With thanks to Cycle Hoop

If you and your neighbours would be interested in having one in your street please contact Alison Dines alisondines@clara.co.uk

Update on Air Quality:

As part of ICAG's partnership with the HealthyAir Campaign, members have placed 30 diffusion tubes in arterial roads, rat-runs, and quiet streets in South Islington to measure NO2 and highlight the different levels of pollution. You can read more here: <http://bit.ly/1un6lvt>. A proposed map plotting the results will be a powerful tool to convince the Council to filter the rat runs and reduce traffic on arterial roads, such as Clerkenwell Road, which

have heavy pedestrian and cycling flows.

Green Tipples

Join Green Tipples (an informal London-based group of environmental professionals who meet on a monthly basis to share views, insights & ideas) for their Christmas drinks on Thursday 11 December from 6pm at the Earl of Essex pub near Angel tube. See the Green Tipples Facebook Group.

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&December)
Time: 7 – 9.30 p.m.
Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session
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/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

In Islington, phone 020 7527 2000 or go to islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem. Or try 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 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: icag-eng-subscribe@yahoo.com

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