

Spring is nearly here and “all-things-cycling” in Islington are bursting with promise!

In this edition, we are looking at what the green light to the Cycle Superhighways means for Islington cyclists;
how ICAG is helping TfL sound out residents around Quietway plans south of the borough;
this year's AGM;
our new Safari Fun Ride;
this summer's Bike Festival;
and, a new feature, *Members' Marketplace*.

As always, we are calling for volunteers to support several projects in the borough. If you can spare an hour or two this month, to help with surveys, please contact info@icag.org.uk
Read on...

CAMPAIGN UPDATES

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

LIVEABLE ISLINGTON

NETWORK Liveable Islington Network (LIN) was born out of a meeting between Better Archway Forum, Living Streets and ICAG, and it decided to engage with TfL in the first instance to improve the conditions on Holloway Road. So far, LIN has a meeting with Robert Edwards, Sponsorship Manager (Regional Programmes) at TfL, and is waiting to hear from him again.

The ambitious “ask” is for a 20mph limit and a single general traffic lane for the entire length of Holloway Road. This would release large swathes to improve Public Realm, providing more space for pedestrians and a cyclists-only lane, in both directions.



LIN can point to the smooth running of all traffic through the road-works at Upper Holloway (where the railway bridge is being replaced) on a single

lane each way. With a 20 mph limit in place on all borough roads and peak hour traffic rarely reaching this speed, LIN feels this is a realistic although difficult target.

CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAY 1 It is great news that the Superhighways have been given the green light but what will this mean for Islington cyclists? CSI will be routed through Hackney and east Mildmay.

ICAG wants to take this opportunity of achieving a ward ‘ask’ of stopping rat running along King Henry’s Walk. If you live or work in this area and would like to help, please get in touch with us Alison.dines@icag.org.



ARCHWAY A meeting hosted by TfL brought together ICAG, Better Archway Forum (BAF) and Living Streets, and MP Jeremy Corbyn. ICAG’s recent campaign was a success with a good response to the consultation supporting the ICAG/BAF changes to the scheme. Work starts in 2016 and the gyratory will be removed.

HIGHBURY CORNER BRIDGE

The temporary traffic measures that have been put in at Highbury Corner whilst the bridge replacement work is done are unsatisfactory and ICAG will be discussing how they can be improved with TfL.

QUIETWAY IN AMWELL

STREET It is possible that there will be a trial on a scheme to reduce through traffic on Amwell Street, as part of the Quietway cycle programme. In preparations for this, ICAG plan to survey the local shops and residents on their views. If you’d like to help out please contact us Alison.dines@icag.org.uk.

ISLINGTON CYCLE SAFARI

Join us for this ride and discover our proposals for safer quiet cycling in Islington, and how to make your voice heard! On Sunday 26 April at 10am. A fun, family ride of about 8 miles, around the borough, starting and ending at Freightliner’s Farm, Sheringham Road N7. See you there!

SAFER DRAYTON PARK

Residents in Highbury West want to re-instate the width restriction on Drayton Park, to prevent HGVs going through the area, but ICAG feel it is speeding traffic than HGVs that are the problem on this busy cycling route. ICAG has drafted a scheme for a cycle route inside, and therefore segregated by, parked cars, at the wide end of Drayton Park by Holloway Road, whereby reducing the road width would reduce vehicle speed. Average speed cameras and some traffic filtering may also be included. Anyone living or working in the area is welcome to get involved with developing these ideas, so please contact us. Alison.dines@icag.org.uk

NEW NORTH ROAD, ST

PETER'S WARD. Cllr Klute of St Peter's Ward has proposed a scheme, under the Local Implementation Plan budget, to improve the street for cyclists and pedestrians. ICAG has met with traffic engineers to discuss and comment on how the scheme could be improved.

ICAG ANNUAL GENERAL

MEETING will be on Wednesday 10th June 2015 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1. Full details will be available soon on our website.

NEW CANONBURY VILLAGE

is a community of Islington residents who want to see "people-friendly" improvements to Canonbury Square and the surrounding area. Currently the square is a hub for motorised traffic which brings noise and pollution for residents, and is intimidating and dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. It could be so much better! Find out more on their Facebook <http://on.fb.me/1vRzOFq>

AIR QUALITY MONITORING

Healthy Air is compiling a briefing on the results of their air quality monitoring in Clerkenwell, to present to Islington council before the results are publicly available.



FESTIVAL OF CYCLING at Finsbury Park, Sunday 14th June. As last year, the festival is being organised by Haringey and Islington Councils. Full details will be posted on LBI's website soon.

MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

Asgard Addition for sale



Green metal, space for 3 bikes, pick and drill resistant locks, integrated base. Height 4ft 7", width 6ft, depth 3ft. Never used. Glowing reviews from Bike Radar <http://bit.ly/1uYTXsG> and *What Mountain Bike*. £435 RRP. Yours for £380 or any reasonable offer. Contact Oliver on 07963 196333 or september21st2002@yahoo.com.

Bakfiet Cargo Bike for sale

Just one year old, 2.55m long, black frame, features: Shimano 7 hub gears, 4-speed electric assist, with IM81 Rollerbrake and hub dynamo. Upgraded battery, seat quick release clamp, Slagvast nurse lock system with Abus chain lock, puncture-proof tyres, RRP 2014 £3080. £2000 or near offer. Contact needlefish@mac.com



Books on bike travel offered

(Josie Dew, Mark Beaumont et al) and bike magazines (Cycle, Cycling Plus, Bycle, Velovision etc). Offered for free, although a decent donation to a cancer charity would be nice. Contact Jonathan on 07946 261165.

If you would like to feature anything cycle-related for sale or to give away, please send details, with photos please, to Judith@getmore.so

Green Tipples

Join Green Tipples, an informal London-based group of environmental professionals who meet on a monthly basis to share views, insights & ideas. See the Green Tipples Facebook Group for details of next meeting.

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
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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/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 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@yahooogroups.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@yahooogroups.com

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