

ISLINGTON CYCLIST

The newsletter of the Islington Cyclists'
Action Group



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This summer Islington is going to enjoy a full calendar of cycling events, and social happenings in the great outdoors!

Here you can find out more about ... ICAG's 2015 AGM

Updates on our campaigns
The latest on the Air Pollution debate
Summer 2015: Bike Events in Islington
And Members' Marketplace.

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

AGM

The ICAG AGM will be held on Wednesday 10th June from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street NI. Our speaker this year will be Michael Liebreich whose talk 'Thoughts on the future of cities and mobility' will start at 8.30pm. Michael will talk about the trends he sees in transportation, particularly in cities. He'll touch on changes in the use of cars of all types, delivery traffic and active transport as well as some of the background patterns of urbanisation, air quality and obesity. Michael is Chairman of the Advisory Board of Bloomberg New Energy Finance. He is also a Board Member of TfL, Chairman of St Mark's Hospital Foundation and a former Olympic skier. For more information, contact alison.dines@icag.org.uk

A VISION & LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR ICAG

Tom Harrison has been working on this and we hope to see it on our website soon.

Our **Cycle Safari** on 26th April, was judged to be a great success, especially as the weather was so cold. Intended to encourage more residents to take to the street on two wheels, almost 100 participants, with fluffy-eared helmets, tigerstriped leggings and bicycle baskets rammed with soft animal toys made for a colourful Cycle Safari.



The ride saw all age groups enjoying the fun ride, which finished at Freightliners Farm, in Holloway, where they tucked into cakes and refreshments, and enjoyed music by acoustic band Pedal Folk.

CAMPAIGN UPDATES

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

FINSBURY PARK TO FARRINGDON QUIETWAY

Islington's engineers are still reluctant to use filtered permeability, unless there was evidence of grass root support expressed through the ward partnerships.

STROUD GREEN ROAD

Due to additional pedestrian flow during construction work at Finsbury Park station, Islington Council wanted to close one of the cycle lanes under the bridge and allow pedestrians to use it. However, with quick thinking and a bit of viral tweeting, ICAG was able to persuade LBI to reposition the northbound cycle lane and Haringey Council also agreed to remove the parking on the east side of the road.

HIGHBURY CORNER – CHANGES TO TEMPORARY ROAD LAYOUT

To date, TfL has agreed to the majority of our proposals but are stalling on update meetings. As a result, we are losing momentum. We need more hands on deck. So, if any members out there, who identified fixing Highbury Corner as their top ward priority, and have spare time to help campaign, please contact Nick at info@icag.org.uk

WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

We need help with our Led Ride to London Freecycle on *I August* and our annual Bike Breakfast.

New roles are:

Cycle parking champion. You could look out for likely spots for new cycle stands or help campaign for bike hangers in the borough.

Liaison with the Islington bike shops. Helping to **campaign about air quality and obesity** in Islington. Our monthly meeting is on the second Wednesday in the month at the Town Hall and you are all welcome! *Contact info@icag.org.uk*



Space 4 cycling writ large!

"Space 4 cycling stage 2" involved gathering signatures for a petition, which we hope to present to the full Council, at a time when it will have the strongest impact.

UK'S SUPREME COURT RULING ON AIR QUALITY

ICAG and many other campaigning groups in London welcomed the UK Supreme Court's ruling on 29th April, ordering the Government to produce without delay a new air pollution plan. This no doubt means that the Ultra-Low Emission Zones in London will be expanded, cycling and walking will be at the centre of urban planning, and public transport made more attractive. At last, and a great boost to our campaign for safer cycling.



EVENTS

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.

ICAG BIKE BREAKFAST

ICAG will be running its annual Bike Breakfast. Located outside Thornhill Primary School on the Finsbury to Farringdon cycle route, it will be an opportunity to talk with parents who drive their children to school. Full details on website and Facebook.

ANGEL CANAL FESTIVAL Sunday, 6th September. ICAG

will have a stand and Bike Doctor at this year's Canal Festival. We will also have a few of the Kenyon Bike Collection on show! We need volunteers to run the stand during the day. If interested, contact info@icag.org.uk

MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

Asgard Addition still 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 bit.ly/IuYTXsG 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 still for sale!

Just 15months old, 2.55m long, with 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 chipped Abus chain lock, puncture-proof tyres, RRP 2014 £3200. £2000 ono. Contact needlefish@mac.com

If you would like to feature anything cycle-related for sale or to give away, please send details, with photos please, to lilycouture@icloud.com

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

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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 **C** Alison Dines **T** 020 7226 7012

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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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We have a Facebook page; go to your page and type in Islington Cyclists Action Group. And you can follow us on Twitter @IslingtonCycle

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-su

bscribe@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: icag-eng-subscribe @yahoogroups.com

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