

We know it is always harder to keep peddling in the cold of winter, so we've rounded up the "hottest" news for ICAG'ers, and even thrown in a 'Beat the Blues' ride!

***Call for urgent action to support the Quietway campaign
Update on Schemes***

Jeremy Corbyn MP & Prime Minister's Question Time

Council unconvinced on health benefits of cycling

TfL looking to work with cycling troubleshooters

Islington Cyclists & air pollution

Beat the Blues social bike ride in the New Year

*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*

ISLINGTON'S QUIETWAY

The Quietway campaign has reached a critical stage. The Council will be deciding within the next few weeks what to consult on over the winter.

To build on the momentum of the Liveable Islington campaign we set up a public meeting on 3rd November to discuss ICAG's plans

to secure a safe cycle route between Clerkenwell and Finsbury Park.

About 20 residents attended and our idea (see below) for the junction of Amwell, River and Lloyd Baker Streets was unveiled.

Following the screening of videos on the current and previous traffic reduction campaigns and the effect of traffic on communities, there

was a discussion on the next steps of the campaign.

The Council will decide on changes to the Quietway streets in the next month. We know they've already been hearing from people opposed to the plans so please contact your councillors to ensure they know of your support for the plans and here's a guide to the key points:

<http://bit.ly/IPHFLmh>

To be blunt: if Councillors don't hear DIRECTLY from supporters now, it's quite possible that the Quietway won't receive any traffic filters at all - which is what happened on the Quietway 2 route earlier this year.

This could mean no change in the amount and speed of traffic; no change in air pollution levels; and no safe crossings for pedestrians on Amwell Street.

We have collected hundreds of signatures from Islington residents who support our changes.

Now we just need to make sure the Councillors know you're there!



COUNCIL UNCONVINCED ON HEALTH ISSUES

ICAG recently met with Cllr Janet Burgess, Executive member for health to discuss the health benefits of cycling. We had a useful discussion however it is clear that whilst we in ICAG might have always thought the public health benefits of cycling were significant and obvious, Islington councillors are not there yet.

TREES & CYCLE LANES

ICAG has been debating our position with regards to uprooting or keeping trees in the path of cycle lanes. Whilst some members feel trees should always be kept, others believe each case should be judged individually, depending on the maturity of the tree, the surroundings etc. There could be a net increase of trees through our campaigning, e.g. using trees rather than bollards for road filtering. Such an idea could lead to c.50 more trees along the Quietway. *Want to comment? Then please email alison.dines@icag.org.uk*

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

ICAG has submitted a response to the **Central Street** consultation, proposing a reduction in motor traffic by installing three strategically placed traffic filters. Access would be kept but rat running on Central Street and Lever Street prevented.

TfL LOOKING FOR TROUBLESHOOTERS

TfL has invited ICAG members to join them in regular tours of the borough to identify and troubleshoot issues together. A similar scheme in Hackney has proven worthwhile. If you are interested in taking part please contact Alison.dines@icag.org.uk

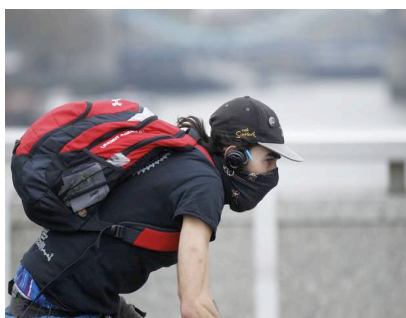
PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the opposition and a hardened cycling activist has asked ICAG to communicate to members his interest in receiving questions for Prime Minister's Question Time.

Here are the emails to use:
janet.chapman@parliament.uk
jeremy.corbyn.mp@parliament.uk
petersenn@parliament.uk
Please copy your questions to alison.dines@icag.org.uk

ISLINGTON CYCLISTS & AIR POLLUTION

CleanSpace is a UK initiative that allows cyclists to monitor air pollution levels and reward them for the miles they cycle. You can simply download the Cleanspace App at <https://our.clean.space/>, view an interactive map of air quality, and track your journeys showing how clean your rides are.



Travelling in a manner that doesn't cause pollution gets you 'Clean Miles' that you can redeem with reward partners like Halfords (for a free bike lock or water bottle) or 20% off at First Bike, to name a few.

BIKEHANGER REQUESTS

It is important that requests for secure, on-street-bike-parking are sent to your ward councillors so they can be added to the ward improvement plan.

NEW YEAR 2016 'BEAT THE BLUES' RIDE TO WALTHAMSTOW VILLAGE

On Saturday 6th February we will be doing a fun ride to beat the winter blues and enjoy the delights of the village, below! *Full details will be on the ICAG website soon.*



Cycle Workshop Dates

ICAG Workshops Cancelled

The monthly bike workshops in Sunnyside Ecology Gardens have had to be discontinued until we can access the building and tools reliably. In the meantime, members may find Hackney workshops useful instead. See www.hackneybikeworkshop.com

ICAG monthly meeting

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.

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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@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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