

We unanimously reject LBI's feeble proposals for Quietway 10



Photo: thanks to Alex Santacreu

At the monthly ICAG meeting on 13 April, with no spare seats in the room, there was a unanimous vote to reject the Council's plans for the Quietway 10 route.

'ICAG wants a Quietway 10 which is safe for anyone aged 8-80 to cycle on. The plan Islington put forward in the feasibility study does not meet TfL's own standards. Therefore we reject the current plans and will call for TfL not to fund them'

The proposals made by LBI did not include any traffic removal despite some of the roads along it currently being too busy to be classed as a Quietway. Their plans excluded any filters, they refused to take any ICAG comments on board and we find their approach to not using funds already committed by TfL on a key part of the N/S cycling infrastructure, unacceptable.

It was agreed that the ICAG committee would finalise an open letter to Claudia Webb and her officers outlining why ICAG would not be supporting the current proposals.

We also recommended that TfL reallocate their proposed funding of £300k to other cycling infrastructure projects which will deliver real benefits to local communities. While this could be regarded as controversial, it is clear that the money will not be spent on creating a true Quietway and therefore would be better spent in another borough which has the vision and political will to understand the longer-term benefits which Quietways are already delivering in many boroughs throughout London.

ICAG members are all encouraged to engage with their local councillors about the Quietway and other local cycling concerns. Go to your local council surgeries, get to know your councillors and make them aware of your concerns. There's a doodle giving dates of all forthcoming surgeries, plus some key 'asks', on <http://www.liveableislington.uk> so make a date and let us know how you get on.

** Help ! **

We urgently need good quality pictures of Quietway 10 for our FB page; if you can send us quality images of good and bad incidents which would support the case for a fit for purpose route, please send to alisondines@clara.co.uk

ICAG's AGM – Wednesday 8 June Town Hall, Upper Street NI 2UD

This is a chance to meet the local cycling community and to find out how you can help make Islington a better borough for cycling. Ben Rogers, director of the Centre for London www.centreforlondon.org is our speaker; read the article which prompted us to invite him <http://tinyurl.com/zxy4nc9>.

All most welcome.

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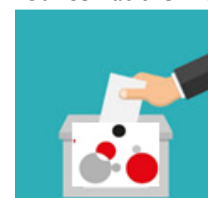
ICAG name change

Many thanks to everyone who sent in suggestions for a new name for ICAG. The committee narrowed the list down to four:

- * Islington Cycling Campaign
- * Islington Cyclists
- * Cycle Islington
- * 'no change' option

Please do vote via the link

<https://www.opavote.com/vote/5078271528009728> and the new name will be announced at the AGM.

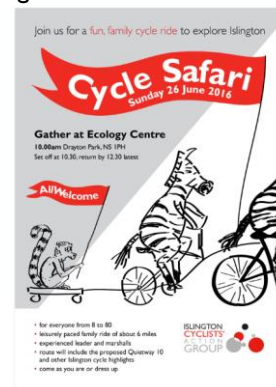


ICAG's 2nd Cycle safari ride – Sunday 26 June

In 2015, we held our first family-friendly Safari Ride when about 70 cyclists from 8 to 80 joined us for a leisurely ride round the borough. In response to requests for another, we're delighted to announce our 2nd cycle safari on Sunday 26 June. Meet at the Ecology Centre, Drayton Park, NI at 1000, set off at 1030 and return by 1230. Our route will focus on the Quietway 10 route and will also take in other cycling high spots round the borough.

This is why we all campaign for better cycling provision in Islington and more widely in London; to be able to enjoy safe cycling with friends and family.

If you can help us spread the word, help put up posters or distribute leaflets, get in touch with alisondines@clara.co.uk



Cycle hangars – persistence pays



Photo: thanks to Laurie Canham

When cyclist Laurie Canham moved to a second-floor maisonette in Islington in 2010, he identified a small area of unused land just outside his home. An ideal place he thought to build a bike hanger to save him, and other cyclists in the neighbouring blocks, from heaving their bikes up and down stairs and avoiding leaving them either outside, with the inevitable risk of theft, or in communal walkways.

He approached the Managing agents, Hyde Group, with a business case and received a sympathetic hearing. In 2011, he presented to the residents' association, which supported

the idea, and the local site engineer who agreed that the proposed site was ideal.

Nothing happened for two years in spite of Laurie following up and then in 2014, the team at the Managing agents changed. So he started campaigning again.

Earlier this year, 5 years after having first suggested the idea, the local engineering services manager gave the final approval. The waste space was paved over, the hanger was installed and 2 keys were provided for 6 bikes. Oh dear. The local housing officer responsible for the project managed to procure the missing keys and in March this year, Laurie locked up his bike for the first time in a bike hanger at the entrance to his home. Persistence pays !

Let us know how you are getting on; have you asked either your housing association or the council for a hanger ? What was their response ? Islington is shamefully behind its neighbouring boroughs of Hackney and Camden in providing safe, secure bike parking. Depending on the weekly charge, the capital outlay for a fully-subscribed hanger would be paid back in between 3 - 5 years. We believe that LBI are in tentative talks with a hanger provider but the more the issue is highlighted by people asking for hangars, the more chance there is of seeing them installed in our streets. Remember, one hanger for six bikes equals one space for a single car.

Cycle Workshop Dates

Place: currently under review
Date/time: to be confirmed
Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session
C Adrian Williams
T 07810 211 902

Forthcoming events

* Islington cycle club – lots of weekly rides to suit all levels of fitness - <http://islington.ccl> and *Dr Bike* sessions here <http://tinyurl.com/j5ml75k>
* Finsbury Park Festival of Cycling 12 June
* Bike Week – 11 > 19 June
* FreeCycle – 30/31 July –annual cycling weekend: <http://tinyurl.com/jkopl9d>
* Critical mass; last Friday of each month <http://www.urban75.org/photos/critical>

Reporting potholes

Local: T 020 7527 2000 or islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem. Or try fixmystreet.com
London: T 0845 305 1234 or www.tfl.gov.uk, click on road users, then on report a street fault.

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
Email: alisondines@clara.co.uk

Agenda items for meetings should reach Alison Dines by the Saturday before the meeting.

Contribute to Islington Cyclist

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? Just 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, send an email to: icag-eng-subscribe@yahoo.com

Please send articles/images to alisondines@clara.co.uk

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Sign Change.org petition for cleaner air in Islington - <http://tinyurl.com/jcowh4n>

See LCC's open letter to Sadiq Khan – <http://tinyurl.com/z8kbzox>

