

**Minutes of the ICAG meeting on Wed 12th August 2015 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Eilidh Murray, Michelle Shipworth, John Ackers, Adrian Williams, Keith Macfarlane, Caroline Russell, Ernestas Jegorovas, Nick Kocharhook, Anita Frizzarin, Tom Harrison, Alex Santacreu

**Apologies:** Alex Ingram, Robert Harston, Tabitha Tanqueray

**Matters arising**

*Council Liaison Meetings - terms of reference*

The council has been given our revisions and we are waiting for their comments.

*Highbury Corner bridge replacement*

Simon had contacted Martjin about the consultation on Highbury Corner and been told it was currently scheduled for autumn 2015. Caroline thought this would be a 'pre-consultation' so our suggestions would be incorporated. Nick was still trying to arrange a meeting with TfL about the current layout.

*Ward partnership meetings*

Alison would put the dates of these on the ICAG calendar once the technical issue of editing it was resolved. Anyone who lived in a ward that did not have any meetings listed should contact their councillors and ask for one to be arranged.

*Space for Cycling petition*

Tabitha had been away and John would contact her to make arrangements for presenting the petition to Claudia Webbe.

*Feeder ride to RideLondon*

The meeting thanked everyone who had been involved and especially Steve for leading the ICAG feeder ride which about 70 people attended.

*ICAG bike maintenance workshop at Sunnyside Gardens*

Adrian was still waiting to hear about access to the building at Sunnyside.

**Agenda**

**Quietway campaign update**

Although over there were now over a 1000 signatures on the petition, many people had not known about the campaign at the latest signature gathering event. These sessions had been very successful, especially on tube strike days, and help was needed entering the pages of petition signatures and email addresses to contact people to follow up. Nick had been contacted by the Barnsbury Square Residents' Association who was interested to know more about the campaign and he had been invited to submit a piece for the next Amwell Society newsletter.

**Liveable Islington Network**

The Quietway campaign was being done under this group to ensure it was seen as a way of making the borough better for everyone and not just cyclists and pedestrians. The potential structure of LIN was discussed with the idea of having a core group of members and supporters. Tom thought the Aldersgate Group was a good model. Some terms of reference were needed so other Islington organisations could be approached about joining and Caroline volunteered herself and Kate Calvert to draft them.

### **Quietway Ride on Saturday 22nd August**

Eilidh proposed this and said she would write to the Islington Tribune about it. Nick would e-mail all those who had signed the petition so far and it would be made an ICAG FB event.

### **Petition for BikeHangars**

The council officers had made it clear that nothing is being done about secure on-street cycle parking currently. John wanted to know if ICAG should start a petition asking for this type of parking but given the focus on the Quietway petition at the moment there was not a great deal of support for this approach. John said he thought that the Green Party would start a petition and it was agreed that if so, it would be publicised by ICAG with retweets and on FB. Tom said that more cycle parking was being made available on the estates and that we should encourage people to apply for that. Jeremy Corbyn had replied to a letter from Anita and he had been told that residents could apply to have a Sheffield stand in their front garden, if they installed it.

### **People's Parking Plan meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Caroline said that issues about parking accounted for a large portion of her inbox. She was holding this meeting as a listening exercise on the current parking consultations and there would be short presentations from herself, the Islington Chamber of Commerce and Living Streets before Q&As and group discussions. Caroline felt the endpoint was likely to be delivering the council's objectives but having equality of public space, for example why should only people with cars use that space and why was parking just about cars. ICAG members were invited to attend.

### **New Quick Wins list**

Nick had circulated a request for 'Quick Wins' as requested by council officers to the ICAG-eng list. These were small changes that would improve life for cyclists in the borough but shouldn't cost more than a couple thousand pounds, including consultation. Things like sign changes, dropped kerbs, bollards, removing gates. Nick had re-done the map and only he currently had editing rights. John pointed out that in the past it had been difficult to track who had made suggestions and any subsequent actions (or reasons why they couldn't be actioned) related to them. Tom said there were also issues about what software to use for maps like this which the LCC were working on. It was agreed the request should be circulated more widely and Tom agreed to receive any ideas on his Tom@icag.org.uk e-mail.

### **ICAG Newsletter**

The deadline was Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August and Keith agreed to contact Judith to check she was able to produce it. Suggested content included the Quietway petition and ideas for Quick Wins.

### **Any other business**

Ernestas said there was a Critical Mass ride to Calais for Bikes Beyond Borders on 29<sup>th</sup> August as an attempt to get bikes and other provisions to refugees in Calais.