

**ICAG meeting Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, David Lincoln, John Ackers, Eilidh Murray, Nick Kocharhook, Alex Santacreu, Simon Izod, Liz Reiner, Adrian Williams, Paul Standeven

Apologies:

Keith Macfarlane, Adam Cook

Matters arising

Ward partnership meetings

Both Nick and Simon said none had been arranged in their wards (Holloway and Barnsbury respectively) and they were advised to contact their ward councillors to request one.

Space for cycling petition

Due to a logistical hitch Victoria Le Brec did not present this petition to Claudia Webbe and it was sent instead.

ICAG name change

Alison would take this forward in the New Year.

Tufnell Park

Nick wanted to include parts of the Tufnell Park Cycles to School scheme in the 'quick wins' list and asked David for his list. John thought it would be useful to get the information from the consultants who had put in the original funding application and would ask Cllr Burgess at their meeting next week as elements should also be in the ward improvement plan.

Gyratory Free Highbury Corner

The scheme was being reviewed as there was concern about the impact of it on neighbouring streets. ICAG should ask the council officers for traffic counts that have been done now whilst capacity is reduced and also request them from TfL.

Agenda

Update on Quietway campaign

There were now 2430 signatures to the petition of which 80% used the Quietway and 50% lived in Islington. It was the largest petition of its kind, although dwarfed by the recent (amalgamated) petition against the parking changes with 10,000 signatories. Nick reported that Paul Taylor the traffic engineer would be presenting the Quietway to the Executive in mid-November. The Executive will then wait to hear the views of the other councillors so it is crucial that everyone contacts their local councillors, telling them how good traffic filtering would be. Nick would e-mail Quietway supporters and put more information on the Liveable Islington website. Once feedback was obtained from councillors ICAG would be shown the plans and they would go out to public consultation. Andrew Gilligan had indicated that he wanted filters on the Quietway. John was concerned that the Highbury Community Association (HCA) may not support the filtering but Nick said that if only Gillespie Road was filtered the scheme would not work and ICAG could not support it. Equality was important to the current administration but it did not seem to recognise the importance of quiet and/or segregated cycle routes in encouraging cycling by all residents. It was

agreed that ICAG should use current research to strengthen the case that encouraging cycling increased equality.

Policy proposal: a presumption in favour of tree retention

This was deferred.

Feedback from Old Street meeting with LBI and TfL

Nick represented ICAG at this meeting which Claudia Webbe, Andrew Gilligan and Victoria Le Brec also attended. He still had concerns about the plans for Old Street and one was that the junction at Goswell Road requires more work from the planners. Another was that the cycle lanes are reduced in width on the bypasses around the bus stops but is an issue only when a bus has stopped there. Alex said that putting bus stops in lay-bys gave cars priority over buses and he felt buses should stay in the traffic flow giving them priority over other vehicles. This aside, whilst the latest scheme is far from perfect, the road is unsafe now and will be better with the new proposals so Nick believed ICAG should support it. Tabitha and Victoria were thanked for their contributions.

Beat the Blues social ride

It was agreed this ride to savour the delights of Walthamstow Village would take place on Saturday 6th February 2016 from about 10am – 3pm. Alex agreed to lead it and Eilidh would help with publicity in the New Year.

Tabernacle Street EC2 cycle contraflow

Oliver from Hackney Cyclists had sent Alison the plan of this contraflow at the northern end of the street which is being installed as part of the central London cycle grid. Any comments to be passed to Oliver.

Neighbourhood planning for cycle and access issues

ICAG member Adam Cook wanted to highlight the use of neighbourhood plans as a means of including cycle and access locally but was unable to attend the meeting. Neighbourhood Areas or Forums need to be designated by the council and although none have been yet they are emerging in Archway and Crouch Hill & Hornsey Rise. Liz agreed to find out about them and liaise as necessary.

ICAG newsletter

The next edition had to be with the LCC for inclusion with the members' magazine on 23rd November. This was the last one that Judith Paris would edit as she was stepping down from the role and the meeting thanked her for all her work for the past two years.

Any other business

Stroud Green Road consultation: Nick urged everyone to respond to this.

Central Street consultation: Tom had drafted ICAG's response to this which Nick would forward if no further comments on it were received.

ICAG bicycle maintenance workshop: Adrian reported that the access problem to Sunnyside Gardens workshop had not been resolved so work could only take place outside. Jonathan Edwards had agreed to be there for the November one but in the New Year, if no solution had been found, Adrian felt they could not continue. If an alternative venue could be found they might start again and in the meantime Adrian was advising anyone contacting him of other workshops in Hackney or Camden.