

Our 5 Asks - we've got to keep up the pressure !



The re-elected leader of the council, Richard Watts, publicly committed to supporting our 5 Asks at the hustings on 23 April. So while that is excellent news, we now need to hold the council to account. It's looking encouraging; for example, here are a couple of quotes from the Islington Labour manifesto 'A growing Islington will need to be a healthier Islington. It is essential that we improve air quality and enable more people to engage in sustainable daily travel. We should be honest in saying this will require a major transformation away from the use of motor cars'. "We will work to ensure that active travel to school, to shops and to sports facilities is more accessible by campaigning for TfL to provide further protected cycling infrastructure on key roads" However, we continue to need your support; talk to your local councillors, write to local

press and keep an eye on what's happening in your area. Are there quick wins which haven't been addressed, do you need a bike hangar near you, what cycling infrastructure could be improved ? Our 5 Asks:

1. [A high quality Liveable Neighbourhood bid](#)
2. [Protected cycle tracks on main roads](#)
3. [Bikehangars](#)
4. [More 'Quick Wins' delivered](#)
5. [A Quietway 10 for the many](#)

* ward meeting dates: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/have-your-say/ward-partnerships>.

**Islington Tribune:

letters@islingtontribune.com, by Wednesdays @ 12 noon

**Islington Gazette:

gazette.letters@archant.co.uk: deadline: Tuesdays @ at 12 noon

Dates for your diary including our AGM on 13 June

* 7 June Stop Killing Cyclists die-in at Woolwich Town Hall

*10 June Joint family cycle ride – 1100 Islington Town Hall

<http://camdencyclists.org.uk/events/lea-valley-ride-3/>

*13 June: CI AGM & guest speaker Isabelle Clement

<https://wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk> 19.30 Town Hall followed

by refreshments. Isabelle is the director of Wheels for Wellbeing, a charity that helps everyone enjoy cycling regardless of disability, health or age.

*17 June: Saddle and Sole - Walking and Cycling festival at Finsbury Park 1200 – 1800

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/events/24636-saddle-and-sole-festival-cycling-and-walking>

*21 June: LBI Clean Air Day - joint event with Living Streets

*28 July: CI led family feeder ride to Prudential London

Freecycle – set off from Highbury Fields at 1000

*1 September: Charity cycle ride for Afasic -

www.afasic.org.uk

*2 September: Angel Canal Festival - <https://bit.ly/2ISctFq>

20 mph speed limit in Islington ? ...not on Liverpool Road !

CI member Eilidh Murray has been out with the local Community Service Officers (CSOs) and councillor Rowena Champion to monitor traffic speeds near the junction of Barnsbury Street and Liverpool Road – improvements still work in progress ! It was an interesting exercise to estimate speeds and then have confirmation from the detector. Gathering such data can help make a case for change. If

you have an area near you where the borough-wide 20 mph speed limit is not enforced, your local councillor will be able to coordinate with the CSO team for some monitoring.

Date	Time	Vehicles	Lowest speed	Highest speed	Average speed
19-Jan	0800-0915	11	25	29	26
13-Feb	0800-0910	19	25	37	26
20-Apr	1445-1600	18	25	32	27

5Asks campaign - Bike ride & joint hustings with Islington Healthy Streets



On 8 April, we organised a 7 mile ride showcasing examples of our local election '5Asks'. Many thanks to the crowd of 25 never-mind-the-weather cyclists of all ages and sizes who came along. Tab somehow managed to take a video of the ride, as well as steering her cargo bike, keeping an eye on her small cycling daughter and pumping up tyres so thanks to her, have a look at her video <https://youtu.be/iqW176wwlKg> to see where we went and what we saw. Many thanks to our leader, Steve, for scouting the route and for getting us all back home and dry !

On 16 April, we joined forces with Islington Healthy Streets to host a well-attended Healthy Streets Hustings, chaired by Ramzy Alwakeel, editor of the Islington Gazette. Candidates

representing all four main parties answered questions about their policies towards traffic reduction, reducing air pollution, school streets and which areas they would target for a Liveable Neighbourhood bid from TfL's fund. All four candidates recognised that our streets are too dominated by traffic and pollution and that the cycling infrastructure is poor. Caroline Russell (Green Cllr) and Claudia Webbe (Labour Exec for Transport) both since re-elected, will not support further delays in improvements to Highbury Corner. Kate Pothalingam (Lib Dem) and Ed Mc Guinness (Conservative) supported cheaper bike hangars and discussed areas and routes they would target for investment for traffic reduction and better cycling infrastructure. The audio recording of the evening is available on our website.

IC monthly meeting

Come along to the CI monthly meeting. Agenda items for meetings should reach alison.dines@cycleislington.uk by the Saturday before the meeting.

- * 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7.30-9.30 pm followed by visit to local pub
- * Islington Town Hall

Forthcoming events

- * Critical mass – last Friday of each month <http://www.urban75.org/photos/critical>
- * Check out Skyrides - <http://www.goskyride.com>
- * Islington cycle club – weekly rides to suit all levels of fitness - <http://islington.cc/>
- * Dr Bike sessions monthly - 4pm to 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month, outside Islington Town Hall on Upper Street, N1 2UD.

Cycle Islington Dr Bike

*First Sunday of the month, 1100 > 1300 at Sunnyside Community Centre, Sunnyside Road, N19 3LX - contact Adrian Williams 07810 21902

** Did you know that only 31 % of households in Islington own a car? **

The turn-out for the local elections on 3 May was **38.36%, very similar to the last election in 2014 **

** Annual cost for a place in a secure bike hangar: £104 - parking permits for electric vehicles £0**

Please send articles/images/suggestions for this newsletter to: alison.dines@cycleislington.uk – many thanks !

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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 <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cyclin/g/>, then click report a street fault

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