

Future Route 2 – Tottenham Hale to Camden

At approximately 12km, this is one of four new cycle routes planned by TfL. These will support the Mayor's Transport Strategy, helping to meet the target of 80% of journeys being made by walking, cycling and public transport by 2041. FR2 would connect Tottenham Hale, Seven Sisters and the Nag's Head, and cover seven junctions identified as being among the 73 in London with the worst safety records. It will link cycle tracks and routes in Waltham Forest's mini-Holland, past the new Wetlands centre, to

Tottenham Hale, Seven Sisters, Finsbury Park, the top of Caledonian Road and on to Camden's Royal College Street. There are concerns about the potential impact of the route on Finsbury Park so if you live near, please do get involved in the debate and become a member of the Friends of Finsbury Park <https://bit.ly/2XeNAHs>. Please add your comments on FR2 on cyclescape <https://bit.ly/2tu1V5d> and to TfL here: <https://bit.ly/2ShmT1c>; by 31 March. The full consultation is planned for autumn 2019.

We shared the love of cycling on 13 February



We had an excellent attendance at our monthly meeting on 13 February; this was most encouraging in view of what we want to achieve in 2019!

Chris gave a comprehensive overview of campaigns from the last 18 months and outlined our priorities for the next 12 to 18 months. Full write-up and slides are on our website <https://bit.ly/2NmHmRi>. The message to all cyclists in Islington remains that no matter if you have an hour a week or an hour a month to spare, you can use that time constructively. Talk to your local councillors, get to know your local community groups and help share the love of active travel.

Coming up – calendar of events 2019

As well as our regular second Wednesday of the month meetings, there's lots more happening. Keep an eye on our website and Twitter feed for more information:

*19 March Make the Lane at Clerkenwell Boulevard; meet at 1600 at the junction of Old Street and Central Street.

*6 April Spring Family Bike Ride – from 1400 to 1600 - more details to come. Our family socials are easy-paced rides and will take in various points of cycling interest around the borough.

*8 May AGM with Jeremy Vine as guest speaker. As we are hoping this will be a popular event, we will be asking people to register via Eventbrite in early March.

*early June tbc CI social ride from Islington to Amsterdam

*16 June Finsbury Park Cycling festival

*3 August - CI-led ride to Freecycle

*early September date tbc - Angel Canal Festival

*22 September; Car Free Day - more details to come

Bike (and hike and camping) Jumble sale – Sunday 24 March

A good opportunity to sell what you no longer need and buy just what you didn't know you wanted! Hackney City Farm, 1a Goldsmiths Row, E2 8QA from 1100 – 1500. Sellers can book a table through jonathanedwards49@yahoo.co.uk or call him on 07946 261165. Anything bike/hike/camping

related welcome. Sellers will give 10% of takings up to £15. Buyers: there's no admission fee, a very good cafe on site, and gardens, park and farm animals so something for all. Here's hoping for a sunny spring Sunday and a few interesting bargains!

Quietway 10 - Gillespie Road – trial point no entry started on 18 February



On 18 February Islington Council introduced a trial point no-entry near Gillespie Road's junction with St Thomas's Road.

The trial period has been extended from its original plan but in spite of many meetings with LBI and local councillors, the design hasn't changed and we predict significant traffic displacement along Aubert Park and Avenell Road. The result will be that motor traffic speeds on Gillespie Road may increase—and residents are unlikely to see the calmer, quieter street they expect. At the same time, residents on

those roads where traffic displaces to may equally oppose worse conditions on their streets. A single point no-entry is not sufficient to remove through or "rat-run" motor traffic from the area. If remaining roads are open as through routes, such traffic tends to just displace. This is why TfL, Living Streets, London Cycling Campaign, and international best practice all recommend a full area-wide treatment for any "low-traffic neighbourhood". The larger treatment could be achieved with planters at only 3 locations. This would cost very little, likely even less than the current scheme as it would not require any cameras, changes to parking bays, kerb cuts or build-outs.

The trial period will last for 18 months allowing the council to monitor traffic data and feedback from the public before any decision is made to make the changes permanent, or not. We are taking a keen interest in the trial and would welcome comments from local residents and cyclists.

Make the Lane – Clerkenwell Boulevard – 19 March

The Make the Lane team work with local cycling groups to highlight the many roads and junctions which are dangerous for cyclists. The previous event in Islington was on Penton Street in December 2017 (in the pouring rain!) on a particularly narrow cycle track with only paint to segregate cyclists from heavy traffic. This year we will Make the Lane to highlight the dangers of Clerkenwell Boulevard which was the scene of yet another needless cycling fatality in September last year. The route is from Old Street Roundabout to the British Museum and is one of the most popular cycling routes in Central London. At peak times, bicycles represent over 60% of all vehicles. But as anyone who's cycled along it knows, it's dangerous, polluted and hostile. Both Islington and Camden Councils are fully aware of the total inadequacy of this route

and their various attempts to implement meaningful changes over the past five years have come to nothing. It's been too long. We want change now. We want safe cycling on Clerkenwell Boulevard.



CI monthly meeting

* 2nd Wednesday of every month, Islington Town Hall, 7.30>9.30 pm followed by visit to local pub. Agenda items for meetings should reach alison.dines@cycleislington.uk by the Saturday before the meeting

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/cycling/>, then click report a street fault or contact@islington.gov.uk

Cycle Islington Dr Bike

*First Sunday of the month, 1100 - 1300 at Sunnyside Community Centre, Sunnyside Road, N19 3LX - contact Adrian Williams 07810 211902

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 - 4pm to 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month, outside Islington Town Hall on Upper Street, N1 2UD.

Did you know that:

- *LBI have committed to install 49 bike hangars by end of March to add to 90 existing hangars = space for 552 bikes with more on estates and Sheffield stands.
- *You can report bike skeletons/abandoned bikes at contact@islington.gov.uk

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