

The Wave Sat Dec 5

Assemble: 12pm, Grosvenor Square

Climax: 3pm Encircling of Parliament

Dress code: Blue!

We hope to have a feeder ride, but are waiting for bike parking arrangements to be clarified. 1,000s of people from all walks of life will flow through the streets of London to demonstrate their support for a safe climate future for all.

www.stopclimatechaos.org/the-wave

London Skyride 2009



A streetful of cyclists! We led 2 rides to the event. Both rides had in excess of 100 cyclists with many families taking all the kids for a great day out!



A few minutes of your time – now and then...

Do you want to improve cycling provision locally? We're looking for (at least) 16 ICAG members to join the ICAG veloteers. That's one for each ward in Islington.

We will provide full training – just half a day, lunch provided.

Ideas we've had so far include reporting potholes to the council, suggesting a new site for cycle stands, finding out about any schemes that are being consulted on, ensuring that local organizations are taking cycling seriously – maybe shopkeepers asking for cycle stands outside their shops - maybe making sure local offices are making it easy for their staff to travel to work by cycling – *flying the flag for cycling in your neighbourhood.*

Next May sees local elections so you could go to your Councillor's surgery to make sure cycling is on her/his agenda and her/his party's manifesto – finding out whether the other candidates standing for election and their parties are supporting cycling initiatives.

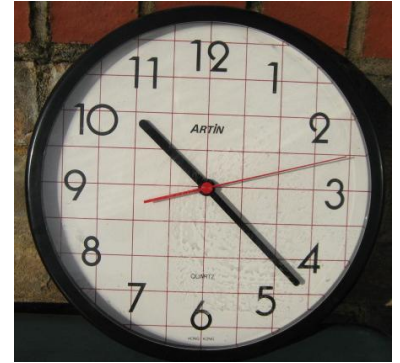
But maybe you'll have a bunch of other ideas, maybe just for your area – they're welcome too!

Most of all we want it to be fun, sociable, not taking up too much time, but especially, rewarding.

Join us in this unique scheme!

Can you spare a few minutes?

C Stephen Taylor
E sltaylor001@yahoo.co.uk
T 07977 235 735





Islay Walk

Homes for Islington (HFI), installed 14 bumps in the road, technically their property, with the aim of slowing down cyclists after residents complained about them speeding down the pedestrian-only backstreet. We understand the Council is working on ways to make this disaster more cycle friendly.

Grinding threat

There is recent evidence of someone stealing bikes by using a cordless angle grinder in the area of Drayton Park to Highbury Corner. These machines will cut through any sort of lock fairly quickly but with a lot of noise and sparks. Keep your eyes and ears open and try to gather evidence for the police to use as soon as possible. The retail cost of these machines is over £300 so it isn't teenage amateurs this time. AW

Too many photos?

You might find there's not enough text for you liking this time – yours truly has only one working hand due to falling off my bike – entirely my fault.

Not too early?



Here's hoping you have a wonderful time over the Christmas/New Year break.



Car-free day

Some of the volunteers who helped out on the stall.



Turf, deck chairs and more spanned the road between Sainsbury's and the Angel Shopping Centre.



A drumming cyclist at the event
Photos from Julia Williams.

Ten years ago

We reported that for the signs on a cycle route west of Holloway Road 'there is little indication...that this route is part of the LCN.' Still true!

Ten years ago (2)

We reported that the first meeting of ICAG took place in the old Registry Office, now a private residence, at the Corner of Liverpool road and Barnsbury St, on Wednesday 30 June 1976. Some might like to know!

The Little Green Ride Dates

Description: Easy-paced rides of around 30 miles
Date: 3rd Sunday in the month
Start: 10.10 a.m. Finish: 5-6 p.m.
Place: Finsbury Park overland station
C Stephen Taylor
T 07977 235 735

Cycle Workshop Dates

Place: Sunnyside Ecology Gardens corner of Sunnyside Rd and Hazelville Rd, N19 (off Hornsey Rise)
Date: 4th Wednesday of each month (except August and December)
Time: 7 – 9.30 p.m.
Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session towards costs
C Adrian Williams
T 07810 211 902

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 of every month
Time: 7.30-9.30 pm
C Alison Dines
T 020 7226 7012
E alisondines@clara.co.uk
Agenda items for meetings should reach Alison Dines by the Saturday before the meeting.

Reporting Potholes

This works! In Islington, phone 020 7527 2000 or go to www.islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem.
Rest of London, phone 0845 305 1234 or go to www.tfl.gov.uk, click on road users, then on report a street fault.

Two ICAG Email Groups

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? The list enables subscribers to receive news promptly and the opportunity to give and receive feedback. If you would like to participate, send an email to:

E: icag-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

We have another yahoo group concerned mainly with the engineering projects that we are being consulted about. If you want to join this one send an email to:

E: icag-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Contribute to Islington Cyclist

Please send any articles or images to:
E: 249keith@waitrose.com
Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of ICAG.
Thanks to all contributors.
Published by ICAG, 84c Riversdale Rd, London, N5 2JZ
©Islington Cyclists' Action Group 2009