



Madras Place

Campaigning about the Madras Place crossing of Holloway Road continues. In the first major action between Living Streets and ICAG we have had a meeting with TfL and council officers. We have returned our comments on 4 proposals and look forward to some safety improvements. Work may not begin till 2011, sadly.

Bike parking on estates

Funding has been obtained to install secure cycle parking on the following estates:

Finsbury Estate; Skinner Street, Quaker Court, Banner Street; Redbrick Estate, Bath Street; Pilgrims Way, off Hazelville Road; Brecknock Estate, Brecknock Road; Montague Court, St. Clements Street; Fairdene Court, Camden Road; Jersey/Guernsey House, Clifton Road; Branston House, Hornsey Road. For more info go to our website – News – Council Estate Parking.

**Date for your diary
Annual General
Meeting
7.30pm May 12
Islington Town Hall
Speaker to be
announced**



Work still in progress!

At the Goswell Triangle, roadways have been raised on both sides, but the planned separation pedestrians and cycles can not be seen. The advanced stop line in Colebrooke Row has gone with no provision for cyclists entering 'the triangle.' More photos on the website.



Nice sign at the Angel

The wording warns cyclists about good locking practice. Could we do with more in other parts of the borough?
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Veloteers

There are a limited number of places for the get together on March 13. Come along for a free lunch, a ride to look at some of our successes (and some of our concerns), help to improve your campaigning skills and achieve local cycling improvements, all in a convivial setting. We hope that this will light your fuse to put right those things that niggle you – that 'they ought to do something about.'

12noon prompt start at the Town Hall finishing at The Olden Garden – just off Drayton Park.

Do get in touch
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You have been warned

One of our members was politely reprimanded in Waitrose for having his folding bike in his trolley recently. The staff are happy to accept folding bikes behind the customer service desk. For 5 years he has put his bike and his shopping in a trolley and it is the first time he has been 'told off!' Fellow folding bike owners be aware!

Thief goes undercover

From the e-group: One of our members saw a 'sparkling' bike one evening in Drayton Park. The sparks came from a portable grinder being used on a bike lock. Not long after, the same member was surprised to see someone lying down covered in a blanket next to a bike. The blanket was hiding the sparks while grinding at the lock. Nearby police were informed and, as this was happening while Arsenal were playing, the police have been alerted to look out during future games.

Security in the borough

According to the Islington Gazette, the Police have arrested 6 people for cycle theft and more operations using decoy bikes are planned. It's worth visiting the site below - there are tips on security and a 10% off voucher to be used when buying security and safety equipment.
www.islington.gov.uk/saferbikes



More footy cycle stands?

There are plans for more cycle parking at the Emirate stadium. We will be formally consulted when things are clearer. Meantime if you have any suggestions, please email C Keith Macfarlane
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Secure Facts

In 2008/09 there were 1,348 cycle thefts in Islington. Between April and December 2009 Islington Council installed 211 new cycle stands.

New contact!

There's someone new to contact if you want to suggest a site for new bike stands on borough roads.
C Volkan Ulucay
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Contraflow comes to Islington!

This is a scheme already in place at Roman Way, Caledonian Road end – but does the blue bike sign need to be that high? It's had good feedback from cyclists using it. We have been consulted and responded to the permeability schemes listed below, which are due for completion by April 2010:
Ferntower Road (Newington Green), Lennox Road, Freegrove Road, York Way access improvements, College Cross/ Liverpool Road, Rotherfield Street/Essex Road, Annette Road/Jackson Road, Annette - Tollington/ Arthur, Cloudseley Place/Liverpool Road, Tolpuddle/Cloudseley, Richmond Avenue/ Caledonian Road, Lever Street (Ironmonger Row - Bath St), Williamson St and Penn Road.

The Little Green Ride

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
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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
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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

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