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Veloteers News

The next veloteers meeting will be Wednesday April 13.

We noticed that since the last one Veloteers have been looking into:

- a) cycle parking on the Quadrant estate, giving information to local shop owners about how they can get cycle parking outside their premises,
- b) videoing a journey to work
- c) contacting local councillors about cycle access along the path next to Caledonian Park
- d) talking to the Council about signage on London Cycle Network (LCN) route 106
- e) taking pictures of the traffic management at Newington Green: there is no access for cyclists travelling from Mildmay Road
- f) talking to local councillors about the need for a contra flow on Bunhill Row
- g) taking photo of local potholes for upload to the ICAG website. and reporting them on the council website,
- h) doing ground work to find out who owns the land outside Highbury and Islington underground station so that we can call for multi-storey cycle parking there. **ST**

* The Veloteers logo comes from a group in Nashville, U.S.A.

What a life!



Christian Wolmar, pictured above after the theft of his new £900 Claud Butler bike – a birthday present from his children. (The card he's holding was to celebrate the gift.) We featured Christian in the last newsletter writing about his action in foiling the theft of another cyclist's bike in the Kings Cross Area. His shortened piece continues here....

A word of praise for the 999 operator who was willing to keep the line open and did not say it was too dangerous to follow them – though she did say, rightly, not to put myself in danger but I am a big 6ft 2ins old chap who can look intimidating. And good for the cops, too, for sending a couple of vehicles, though the first one went straight past me wasting a precious few seconds that might have got pinkie caught. At least they took the matter seriously, though they rather left it to me to try to get the chap's bike back to him. Anyway, a partial victory.

From Ten Years Ago

Several hiccups in the liaison meetings with the council was reported and meetings were suspended for some time. Having initiated and completed 25 editions of the Islington Cyclist, Doug Angus handed over the editorship to Dean Leigh. This is the 26th by the present editor! We're also grateful to Doug as he preserved all the Islington Cyclists on a website.

Productive Meeting



Tom Bogdanowicz (ICAG member and Campaigns Manager for LCC) met Catherine West (leader of Islington Labour Party) in January. She is supportive of permeability measures and any improvements that don't add to spending. She agreed that Islington should join FORS (lorry standard scheme) and would like to see driver training in the borough. She would like more rides to look at the West and North of the borough. She said she was keen to avoid any further restrictions on cycle access and welcomed news that DfT may be about to approve No Entry Except Cycles signs. **TB**

Doubling our cycle use

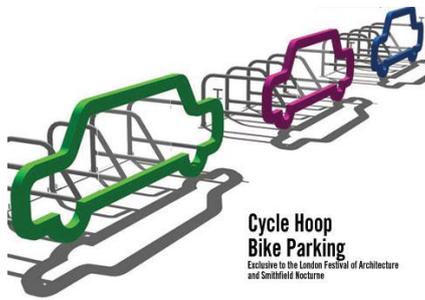
At the January ICAG meeting, we decided in principle to adopt a set of proposals to double cycle use, that Tom Bogdanowicz (as local CTC representative) presented to Council leader Catherine West in early January. We discuss a lot of these issues with council officers all the time but it seems worthwhile listing these proposals on our website which at the moment is a largely policy free area. **JA**

A hub gear specialist!

Bobbin Cycles, 397, St John Street have opened a repair workshop. Alexis, the lead mechanic, is an alumnus of the legendary Workcycles in Amsterdam and hub gears are a speciality.

T 020 7998 0356

E workshop@bobbinbicycles.co.uk



Design by Anthony Lau

Parking in Islington

This is the full text of a message we hope to circulate widely.

We would like to strongly object to the proposal to introduce the "roaming" parking scheme in the borough and regret that we were not given an opportunity to do so when the scheme went out for consultation. Islington Cyclists Action Group represents not just 700 plus members but all cyclists across the borough and we feel that this scheme will have a detrimental effect on them. The scheme will encourage Islington residents to make short trips by car. This is likely to increase the number of car trips across the borough and make the roads less healthy and less attractive for cycling. More private vehicles on the road could also have an impact upon the reliability of bus services. We also feel that this scheme flies in the face of the council's Sustainable Transport Strategy which is to encourage people to use more sustainable forms of transport. It is the short trips that this scheme appears to be encouraging that could easily be done by bicycle or indeed walking.

This scheme could equally have an impact on the council's Air Quality Action Plan.

We would be interested to know what research was conducted to assess the likely increase in private motor vehicles trips on the roads in Islington.

Islington workers win bikes

We're pleased to report that two workers in Islington Libraries won four bikes for their family – one each for mum, dad and their two sons. Already owning a bike each, they disposed of a few...

Finsbury Park Success

After consultation of the local residents and the opposition from ICAG, Haringey Council's proposal to create five football pitches and 83 car parking spaces in Finsbury Park has been dropped.

The space is used to give the opportunity to disabled people to try out cycling in a traffic-free environment. It is also used as an area to train new cyclists in basic control skills in a safe area. www.finsburyparkpeople.co.uk

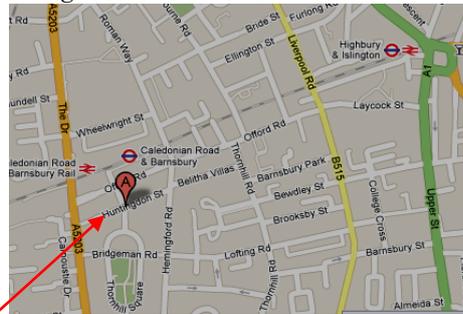
2011 is the Year of Walking

We can expect invitations from Living Streets to join them at events this year

Huntingdon Street closure



Allegedly this road is used by so many motor cyclists that the Council wish to discourage this use by raising the kerb. We disagreed when consulted.



Huntingdon Street is a turning off Caledonian Road

Be careful out there!

A cyclist was knocked off her bike by two cold-hearted attackers who pelted her with snowballs and then kicked her on the ground. The 23-year-old woman was left with fractured ribs after being viciously set upon by the two men, in the early hours of Wednesday in an unprovoked attack as she was cycling between Hall Street and Wakely Street at about 1am. She was treated in hospital. (As reported in the Islington Gazette)

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
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

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.

Three 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? 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

To join the Veloteers e-group, email
E icag_veloteers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
There is a Face book page; www.facebook.com and type in ICAG veloteers.

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