



737 Members, 248 on e-group

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No Skyride this year



There will be no ride this September as in previous years. **But LCC will run the UK's biggest family-friendly traffic-free bike ride in 2012.** It will start at Hyde Park on Sat April 28 at 12noon and we will be doing a feeder ride, starting at Highbury Fields. See our website for start time.

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Cycling debate in Parliament

Mainly as a result of The Times campaign, there was a debate on cycling in the House of Commons on 23 February.



Jeremy Corbyn (MP for Islington North) paid tribute to ICAG for badgering the council and other bodies to improve cycling safety and other cycling issues. For the full debate go to

W bit.ly/x3mX5a

Annual General Meeting

Islington Town Hall

May 9

7.30pm

Guest Speaker Jonathan Watts from Hopkins Architects who designed the Olympic Velodrome

Light refreshments provided



Planned events 16-24 June

Saturday 16 Stall and Doctor Bike at N1 Centre

Sunday 17 Little Green Ride

Tuesday 19 "Not the Bike Breakfast" Cool down at the Goswell Triangle 5.00-7.00pm

Sunday 24 Stall and Doctor Bike at Farmers Market, Chapel Street.

See website for times

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Sign the 'Love London, go Dutch' petition



Although LCC has around 11,000 members - only about 3,000 have signed the petition. Have you, your friends and colleagues? Do help boost the numbers - 16,509 at time of writing.

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Archway 1 March 2012

The protest jointly organized by Better Archway Forum, Living Streets and ICAG was attended by about 200 people. While pedestrians seemed content to complete one circuit of the gyratory, cyclists were disappointed - "Only once round? Was this only a photo opportunity?"

Islington Tribune printed two letters from ICAG members the following week; this prompted letters from Paul Convery, Labour executive member for planning, regeneration and transport and Janet Burgess Councillor for Junction Ward the following week. "We're all waiting for TfL" is a very simplified summary. There are photos and more on our website.

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Spring is here!

Do look at the footage put on YouTube by ICAG member Chris Kenyon. It shows 40 cyclists crossing Goswell Road at one green light!



<http://bit.ly/GMEhy3>

And if you're a facebook member, look at our new page with photos that give a good idea of what we do.



Towpath consultation

British Waterways, in partnership with Islington Council, Friends of Regents Canal, Islington Cyclists Action Group, Hanover Primary & Nursery School and Islington Living Streets, invited feedback on proposals for improvements to the Islington stretch of the Regent's Canal between Danbury Street and Sturt's Lock. The consultation is over but it's fair to say reaction from ICAG was mixed.

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For those not familiar with this, it has been used to avoid long website addresses (URLs) - a lot! You should be able to copy the simplified address to access the suggested webpage.

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Owen Street, the canal, Bike Week, contact with politicians were all mentioned - no change there! So it was a pleasant change to see a report of a fundraising bike ride across Chile by ICAG member Alastair Fallon.

Bunhill Row consultation

ICAG members felt that the consultation was a "done deal" and wrote just one email in favour of the scheme. Others, we hear, sent upwards of 200 emails in favour of the scheme. We look forward to the implementation.

Council organised rides

Each event involves a 10-mile ride across the borough, taking about 2 hours. The route will vary slightly each time to allow cyclists to enjoy a slightly different view of the borough and will be marshalled by trained instructors and experienced cyclists. Dates: 8 June, 27 July, 3 August, 10 August, 2 November. Start Point Rosemary Gardens, Sherborne Street, N1 E david.shannon@islington.gov.uk T 020 7527 4082 W <http://bit.ly/GL01NL>



Boris Bikes go East & West

From Thursday 8 March, Barclays Cycle Hire was extended east, to include the Borough of Tower Hamlets, and west to Westfield London shopping centre in Shepherd's Bush. **But not further north into Islington!** For details

W bit.ly/p0I9Wu

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
W: www.littlegreenride.blogspot.com

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. Or try www.fixmystreet.com
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? 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

We have a facebook page; go to your page and type in Islington Cyclists Action Group.

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