



ISLINGTON CYCLIST

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Bike Registration

Cyclists in London were surprised to hear of the possibility of registration of cycles. Mayor Ken Livingstone had been asked on a phone-in show what he would do about cyclists riding on pavements. Registration was amongst his suggestions in reply. We sent emails and letters to the Mayor, our member for London Assembly and Transport for London. It seems that this would be considered only as a 'difficult last resort.'

Not too late!

ICAG will be running a series of basic maintenance workshops this autumn. They will take place at St. Paul's Church (Steiner School) on the corner of Essex Road & St Paul's Road between 7-9pm.

Tues 19 Sept – general bike maintenance

Tues 17 Oct – punctures

Tues 21 Nov – gears & brakes

The sessions cost £7.50 each (or £5 unwaged) or £20 for all three sessions (£12 unwaged)

For more information & to get a booking form please contact Jonathan Edwards on 020 7704 1884

Arsenal Stadium

We have had this email from the Council:

Regarding the cycle parking at the stadium, the prescribed number of stands have been installed to the rear of the North Bridge building and are accessed near the Arsenal shop on Drayton Park – although the police have indicated that they will not permit their use on match days.

Make what you like of that!

Out and About

ICAG has been making appearances at local festivals and 2 Council events with Doctor Bike available at most of them. We were at the Road Safety Event, Imagine Islington, the Canal Festival and Gillespie Park Festival. We've been able to recruit new members, raise our profile, give out information and the ever popular cycle maps

Designs wanted

We have a badge making machine that we take to local festivals. We'd like a simple bold cycling design to fit two shapes, round and rectangular. The round one comes in 2 sizes – 3 and 4 cm in diameter and rectangular one is 3cm x 3.5cm. If you can help, please contact Alison Dines.

Cycle training in schools

It is possible we could repeat a success at Sir Thomas Abney primary school in Stoke Newington. STA bikes provide bike training all year round, at all levels, to anyone in the school – children, parents and staff. They run children's training about 3 days a week, and have 2 adults' sessions, one for parents in school time, and the other aimed at staff, after school. They also recruit and train local parents as cycle trainers; and now have a pool of around a dozen local parents who work for them. Hundreds of children have been trained, and over 50 adults, most from complete beginners. They have also set up independent cycling projects in other local schools; and run cycle training and promotional events in local parks.

The founder of the project has had discussions with LBI staff and if anyone in ICAG is interested in finding out more about it, please contact Alison Dines.

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Cycling in Islington

Are you frustrated by the design of certain traffic schemes in Islington & how they fail to meet the needs of cyclists? Do you have some ideas on how they could be improved or are you interested in preventing similar ones going ahead? If so, please get in touch as we will be discussing such schemes with the Council over the coming months & welcome input from anyone interested in the design of them.

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Cycle Parking at Finsbury Park Station

Just in case you're not aware, there is a staffed cycle park at Finsbury Park station. It's just off Stroud Green and operated by a swipe card system. The new facility provides secure, covered parking for 125 bikes, with 24-hour access. An attendant is there during peak hours (06.00-10.00 & 16.00-20.00 on weekdays and 08.00-18.00 at weekends) to issue smart cards, top up credit on the cards and help with any queries. The fee for using the facility is 50 pence per cycle for each 24 hours parked.

Cycle Training

In addition to the cycle training run for children, the Council is now providing ad hoc cycle training for adults. If you are interested in either, please contact Rupert, the Cycling Officer (Road Safety and Special Projects Team). See below for contact details.

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Holloway Road Death

We were horrified to hear of the death of a cyclist in Holloway Road. We understand that the motorist left the scene and dumped his car in a side street about half a mile away. We send our condolences to his family and friends. At time of writing, we are discussing some form of suitable memorial.

Traffic Humps

Are any of the cycle lanes you use straddled by traffic humps? If so contact Jason Cromer, Islington Council Street Management.

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Little Green Ride Dates

Description: Easy-paced rides of around 30 miles
Date: every Sunday fortnight
Start: 10.10 a.m. **Finish:** 5-6 p.m.
Place: Finsbury Park overland station
Contact: Sue
Telephone: 020 7729 5409

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
Contact: Adrian Williams
Telephone: 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 p.m.
Contact: Alison Dines
Telephone: 020 7226 7012

Agenda items for meetings should reach Alison Dines by the Saturday before the meeting.

ICAG Email Group

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

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Contribute to Islington Cyclist

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