

**Present: Minutes of ICAG meeting on 9th April 2014 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Tom Harrison, Keith Macfarlane, Alison Dines, Suzy Fogg, Sheridan Kelly, David Lincoln, Adrian Williams, Nick Kocharhook, Andrea Casalotti, Jono Kenyon, Tom Bowker, Ernestas Jegorovas, Paul Standeven

Apologies: Robert Harston, John Ackers

Agenda

1) Space for Cycling (S4C) local election campaign

Tom, Keith, Alison and Suzy meet before the meeting to discuss a S4C event. It was agreed the event should aim to attract local media and Islington cyclists to encourage them to contact their local candidates. The event should be positive, fun (costumes/colour/children) and ideally involve bicycle powered music and food (e.g. smoothie machine) rather than negative such as stopping traffic. It could also involve all sorts of wheels such as scooters, shopping bags, roller skates etc.

Arranging a 'play street' was discussed but it is probably not possible in the time available. Highbury Fields would be a central venue and would probably be the starting place for the Islington feeder ride to central London for the big LCC ride on Saturday 17th May. The Town Hall or the N1 Centre could be other possible venues.

NB. The last Islington Tribune before polling on Thursday 22nd May will be published on Friday 16th May (the Islington Gazette comes out on Thursday).

Action: Nick to help Tom H, Keith, Suzy and Alison arrange the event. Further ideas and volunteers most welcome!

2) Following up ICAG meeting with Andrew Gilligan

For notes of meeting see:

At the meeting last month, AG said the cycle superhighway (CSH) on Holloway Road had 'been canned' but those present felt Holloway Road should be improved for cyclists. Caroline Russell was following up her suggestion that TfL make the road 20mph.

Action: Tom H to draft and circulate a document on improving Holloway Road.

There was also concern that the CSH from Blackfriars to King's Cross would not use all of Farringdon Road and instead use Saffron Hill and Herbal Hill. Andrea confirmed that Herbal Hill was not 4m wide and suggested that it could be used one way and Farringdon Road the other. Tom H thought the bus route should be taken off the street as the number of cyclists could outnumber the number of bus users.

Action: Tom H to draft and circulate alternative proposals for CSH on Farringdon Road.

3) ICAG AGM on 14th May

Bruce McVean, Founder of Movement for Liveable London, will be speaking on 'Towards a healthier and happier city: why London's transport system needs to change'.

A number of members of the ICAG committee will be standing down and anyone interested is invited to join.

Action: Anyone interesting in joining the ICAG committee to contact Alison.

4) Bike Week 14th – 22nd June

Any event that works for the S4C campaign could be repeated for Bike Week! David will apply for a play street in Tufnell Park and Suzy volunteered to organise a breakfast. It would be good to have a ride and a stall with Dr Bike as usual. Tom Bowker suggested asking the Look Mum No Hands café if they would like to be involved at the breakfast.

Action: Volunteers and anyone with ideas to contact Alison.

5) LCC local group grant

ICAG has to submit its annual accounts to the LCC and can apply for the grant available to local groups. This is £200 per group plus 30p per member so approximately £400 for ICAG. Robert, ICAG's treasurer could not be at the meeting but Alison believed ICAG had a healthy bank balance. It was agreed that costings were needed for ICAG activities and campaigning materials so that the grant could be applied for if necessary.

Action: Jono, David, Keith and anyone with campaigning ideas/quotes for materials to send approximate costs to Robert

6) Update on 'The Grid'

Tom H showed an online map of Islington on which he had added current no through roads/other permeability treatment (which was not always good for cycling) and places where he thought such treatment could be introduced. Everyone was very impressed and felt it would be clearer to have pictures of the streets available too, which can be done by subscribing to the software.

Action: Tom H to ensure he is editor of map and to circulate the link for others to amend or add further suggestions, especially in the north of the borough.

Tom H to subscribe to software and ICAG to reimburse cost.

Andrea said Camden Council had commissioned Camden Cycling Campaign to make visuals of the proposed Clerkenwell Boulevard and this would be done by the architect John Dale.

7) Update on Nag's Head

At a TfL Design Review meeting of Nag's Head stakeholders last month, where LCC (but not ICAG) was represented, concerns were expressed about the LCC/ICAG proposal for a two-way segregated cycle lane on the south side of Seven Sisters Road with buses travelling one way, by the police, LondonTravel Watch and Living Streets, mainly on account of the difficulties for bus passengers. This means that the scheme least favourable for cycling could be accepted if ICAG does not do something. It was agreed that ICAG should meet Living Streets and Sustrans, groups which would usually be supportive of cyclists, to discuss the proposals.

Action: Jono and Tom H to arrange meeting Living Streets and Sustrans.

Date of next meeting: AGM on Wednesday 14th May at 7.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1 with guest speaker Bruce McVean.