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Width restriction Drayton Park

This has attracted much activity on our website. Designed to reduce HGV traffic speed, it has meant the loss of part of the cycle lane on the 2nd busiest cycle lane in the borough. A council officer wrote, "(The present scheme is)... less preferable for cyclists, however we do not feel the current layout is unsafe for cyclists for a number of reasons." This width restriction (2 metres), still allows quite large vehicles to pass through, see below.



Please comment at www.icag.org.uk/2012/drayton-park-bypasses/

Bunhill Row

We hope that this scheme has not been changed since we campaigned successfully to allow 2-way cycling in this road. Work has yet to start.



Saturday 16 June 12-5pm
Dr Bike at N1 Centre, Upper Street N1
Come for a free bike check & information of cycling locally, including free cycle maps

Sunday 17 June 9.45am
Little Green Ride meet at Finsbury Park Station (overland)
Put your bike on the train & head into Hertfordshire countryside for an easy-paced ride of around 30 miles with a stop for a pub lunch
For more details contact Stephen Taylor on 07977 235735 or email sltaylor001@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 19 June 7.30-9.30am
Cyclists' Breakfast at City Road /Goswell Road N1
Free Dr Bike courtesy of Cycle Systems Ltd
Join us for a free breakfast & bike check at the junction with Colebrook Row N1

Your committee 2012-2013
Coordinator Alison Dines
Treasurer Robert Harston
Secretary Jon Parker
Deborah Maby, Chris Ashby, Stephen Taylor, John Ackers, Keith Macfarlane are ordinary members.

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Tuesday 19 June 5.30-7.00pm
Not the Cyclists' Breakfast at City Road/Goswell Road N1
Free Dr Bike courtesy of Cycle Systems Ltd
Stop for fruit cocktails & a snack after work, get some local cycling information & a free bike check

Sunday 24 June 10.30am
Food, food, glorious food - a ride around some Islington growing spaces starting at the Highbury Fields cafe N5
Visit a wide variety of food growing spaces and end at the Farmers Market for lunch

Sunday 24 June 10am-2pm
Islington Farmers Market in Chapel Street N1
Information on cycling locally & free bike check

Kings Cross
We noticed that work is under way at the point where the fatality occurred in December. We hope that it will be an improvement.

Welcome James
Taking over from Councillor Paul Convery, Councillor James Murray is now Islington Council's Executive Member for Housing and Development which includes transport - and cycling!

Our AGM 2012



Jonathan Watts from Hopkins Architects spoke at our AGM with great enthusiasm about a project he clearly enjoyed working on - the Olympic Velodrome - to be one of the four permanent venues on the Olympic Park. More at www.icag.org.uk/2012/olympic-velodrome/

Cycle hoops



Cycle hoops - one example circled above - have been installed nearby many Car Club locations in Islington.

Afasic Ride

Do you fancy a London to Brighton bike ride without 25,000 others? On quiet country roads? Self guided (maps supplied) or follow the leader with mechanic and vehicle support. Saturday 14 July 2012 starting in Catford at 9a.m. - 60 miles approx. For 50 cyclists only, this is for Afasic, the charity for speech impaired children.

www.afasic.org.uk
To register for the ride call 020 7490 9410 or e-mail markt@afasic.org.uk You might regret it. But you might not. How will you know?

For an informal chat
C Jonathan Edwards
T 07946 261165

Facebook at Highbury Corner



The paper ring on the handlebars, circled above, says "Difficult to park at Highbury and Islington?" It asks cyclists to make a comment on our Facebook page. Even if your bike hasn't been ringed, please comment. Up to 5 bikes have been seen on one stand. Go to <http://on.fb.me/KkB3Ix> More at <http://www.icag.org.uk/2011/parking-highbury-corner/>



LCC Petition and the Big Ride

Over 40,000 signed the petition in the end - a great result for all concerned. ICAG are thrilled as well as we collected more signatures than any other borough group.

10,000 cyclists turned out for the big ride and it would have been more had it not been for the weather. ICAG led a feeder ride to Hyde Park. More at www.icag.org.uk

Kings Cross Place Plan

ICAG responded to this, jointly proposed by Islington and Camden Councils. We welcomed some of the measures, but hope for more! Please send any comments to
C Alison Dines
E alisondines@icag.org.uk
www.islington.gov.uk/kingscross

Council organised rides

Dates: 8 June, 27 July, 3 August.
E david.shannon@islington.gov.uk
T 020 7527 4082
W <http://bit.ly/GL01NL>

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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