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SPACE FOR CYCLING, CAMPAIGN 2014 - ISLINGTON'S "ASKS"

Through the SPACE FOR CYCLING CAMPAIGN, the London Cycling Campaign, and every local group are going to make sure cycling is top of the agenda for every candidate at the local election on 22nd May.

As Islington residents, we have worked out together what key aspects of our wards could be improved to make it attractive for anyone to cycle.



What now? Now we lobby every candidate to commit to carrying out our demands if elected - and you can help. The final list of candidates won't be published until 6th

May but you can find out if your current councillors are running - now - by calling their offices; numbers are on the council website www.islington.gov.uk/about. Lobby by all means available - email, Facebook, Twitter and even Royal Mail! From now until 22nd May, we want to make significant noise in Islington about Space for Cycling, and to do this we need as many people on board as possible to help - organising events, contacting candidates, getting friends and neighbours to support the campaign. LCC will be organising an event on 17th May, and ICAG will also be running events around the borough in the run-up. So why not join in? *Email alison.dines@icag.org.uk with your ideas.*

We're thinking something on this scale would be good!



Mass demo for Go Dutch

SYNOPSIS of ASK BY WARD

AREAS WITHOUT MOTORISED THROUGH TRAFFIC

Barnsbury No through motorised traffic along Collier, Donegal and White Lion Streets

Bunhill No through motorised traffic on Bath Street

Mildmay Make King Henry's Walk free from motor traffic

St Peter's Key streets to be filtered

Tollington Prevent 'rat-running' between Hornsey Road and Stroud Green Road

PROTECTED SPACE FOR CYCLISTS

Caledonian Provide protected space on York Way

Canonbury Enable cyclists to cross Essex Road from Canonbury Street to Rotherfield Street

Clerkenwell Convert Clerkenwell Road into the Clerkenwell Boulevard

Highbury East Improve Highbury Park for cyclists

Holloway Protected cycling on Hillmarton, Caledonian and Parkhurst Roads

St Mary's Improve Canonbury Road for cyclists

LIVEABLE TOWN CENTRES

Finsbury Park Help cyclists get to Nag's Head safely

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Highbury West Segregated cycle provision, road narrowing and lower traffic levels on Drayton Park

Hillrise Develop a safe route to Mount Carmel School

Junction & St George's

Develop a safe network of routes between local schools

Final details were not available for a few wards, at the time of going to press, but you can see the full list of ward issues at www.icag.org.uk

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

13 March ICAG meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm to 9.030pm with guest Andrew Gilligan, Cycling Commissioner for London

THE ISLINGTON SECTION OF THE CENTRAL LONDON GRID

As part of the Mayor's Cycling Vision, Islington Council has proposed seven quietways, which will form part of the Central London Grid. Why not get a flavour of what is proposed & what Islington cyclists like? Take a good look at the bold, Clerkenwell Boulevard scheme, proposed and championed by ICAG member Andrew Casalotti.

To view the London Grid and Islington's section, and our response to TfL's proposals, go to the website

www.icag.org.uk

LITTLE GREEN RIDE

After five years of co-ordinating the popular Little Green Ride, Stephen Taylor is stepping down from this role. We'd like to thank Stephen for all the work he's put into running the ride and hope that someone else is interested in keeping it going as a monthly event. Current plans are that it may continue quarterly but no date has been fixed for the next one. If you'd like to take on arranging this longstanding ride so it can take place regularly, please contact Stephen for more details on sltaylor001@yahoo.co.uk or 07977 235735

BROMPTON HIRING SCHEME AT THE WHITTINGTON HOSPITAL

Ever needed a folding bike for a day or longer but not wanted to buy one? Islington is lucky enough to be one of the few places in London you can hire them and the scheme will be reopening in March after an overhaul. See www.bromptondock.co.uk

THE CICLEPARENTS GROUP

Cicleparents is a group of active parents, mums and dads and other primary carers of children, living or working mainly in or around the London boroughs of Camden & Islington. Members share an enthusiasm for cycling and organize weekly rides to fit around busy routines. Typical rides include early weekday rides

(before the kids are awake!) around Regents Park (20km) and up to Highgate (22km).



Cicleparents do it early!

Weekend rides include Epping Forest, Box Hill, Surrey and London to Brighton, plus one major race ride, a year.

<http://cicleparents.wordpress.com/>

BIKE CAFÉ OPENS IN BARNSBURY

A new bike café is opening on Collier Street, in early March. Café Vélo is located on Route 7 of the proposed London Grid and will be run by local social enterprises, GetMoreFood & GetMoreBikes. Mechanics will be on hand to check over cycles and undertake light repairs. If more in-depth work is needed, you can drop your bike off on your way to work. *Café Vélo, The Hugh Cubitt Centre, 48 Collier Street, London N1 9QZ. 7.30am to 2pm Mon to Fri and 10am to 2pm on Sat.*

COFFEE AND CAKE RIDE with

AGE UK Islington and Islington Cycle Club. First Saturday of the month. Meet at 2pm at The Drivers Centre, 19 North Road, N7, 'til about 4pm. A FREE gentle, 10-mile led ride around Islington's quieter roads, with a coffee & cake stop. Call 0207 607 7701 for details.



Happy coffee & cake riders @ Granary Square, St Pancras

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&December)

Time: 7 - 9.30 p.m.

Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session

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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/every month

Time: 7.30-9.30 pm

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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 islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem. Or try 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.

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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: icag-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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