

Minutes of the ICAG meeting Wed 13th May 2015 at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1 at 7.30-9.30pm

Present: Tom Harrison, Liz Reiner, John Milne (Queensland Rd), Rosalind, Anita, Alex, Eilidh, Nick, Keith, John A

Apologies: Alison, Adrian W, Robert Harston, Tabitha.

Matters Arising

Council Liaison meetings - Terms of Reference

John A agreed to circulate link to the council's draft Terms of Reference that they want us to agree to.

Rosalind said that the UK Supreme court's decision that forces UK government must come up with a serious plan to address air pollution was important and offers us a great campaigning opportunity. So we should be careful about agreeing to any restrictions to our campaigning activity.

To avoid a long term lock in, Alex proposed that we add a sunset clause so that the TOR would have to be renewed every 12 months.

ICAG's Vision and Strategy

Tom gave a presentation on an ICAG strategy (to influence the council and TfL) and sought opinion and views. He has separate notes!

(During that discussion, first time meeting attendee, John M said that he'd found the ICAG website clunky and had struggled to find information about meetings or the email list.)

Events

AGM 10th June

Catering: Action: Keith and John. Budget not discussed but we bought too much wine last year.

Publicity: Action: Eilidh circulating a plan. Nick creating facebook event.

Bike Week 19-27th June: Bike Breakfast (23/24th? date not discussed)

We decided to have it on the Finsbury to Farringdon cycle route. Traffic flow too fast on Amwell Street. We finalised on outside Thornhill Primary School because it's also where we'd also like to filter the traffic. We're also going to guilt trip the Mums driving their kids to school into having a croissant. Rosalind suggested Offord Rd as residents would be keen to remove motorised traffic. Arundel Square also suggested.

Action: Nick to coordinate with school

To be organised: Dr Bike through micycle. We decided to set up working group to organise this: Nick, Alison, Alex, John A, with invites to Suzy and Tab.

Nick suggested that we have a petition. (Could be the soon ending LCC space4cycling petition). (Post meeting follow up: Suzy can make a morning in this week).

Freeride to London and Back (1st August)

Discussed whether we should invite police. Keith said it's very helpful. Majority in favour. Tom thought that police no longer offered any support for this kind of event. Alison has already sent out email asking for marshals.

Volunteered marshals include: Nick (leading into town), Eilidh, Tom, Tom B, Simon, Clarissa, Steve (cycleoptic), John A offered to lead back.

Keith suggested that marshal training was valuable. Rosalind suggested we create a twitter list, she volunteered to do this.

Angel Canal Festival 6th September 11am – 5pm)

Volunteers to man the stall: Anita.

Anita said that the Kenyon's collection of bikes creates a great talking point. We decide to go ahead and hope we can get more volunteers closer to the date. (Post meeting follow up: Suzy said she'd deliver one Kenyon to deliver a bike and work on the stall.)

Festival of Cycling at Finsbury Park, 14th June

Volunteers to man the stall: Anita

Keith credited LBI officer David Shannon for organised this annual event.

Tom queried the value of attending this event in campaigning terms, especially as it involved key resources like Kenyons. Anita said that simply engaging with cyclists was valuable. Nick suggested that we use this event to build support for our plans for the Finsbury Park to Farringdon quietway and that could involve collecting petition signatures. Tom wants to identify @IslingtonCycle twitter followers that live in the Finsbury Park area that could help out.

Finsbury Park to Farringdon quietway

Deferred to pub.

Stroud Green Road

Because of additional pedestrian flow during construction work at the station, LBI wanted to close one of the cycle lanes under the bridge and allow pedestrians to use it. Nick quickly arranged a meeting with LBI and with the help of a viral tweet, LBI agreed to reposition the northbound cycle lane and Haringey Council also agreed to remove the parking on the east side of the road. (more on icag-eng). Tom congratulated Nick on turning this situation around. Nick received applause.

Eilidh suggested that we organised an opening ceremony.

Highbury Corner - changes to temporary road layout

Nick said we were getting most of what we wanted but expressed frustration that TfL's project manager wasn't responding to calls for a meeting (emails on icag-eng about this).

John A concerned that Nick had done all the legwork on Highbury Corner on his own. Tom suggested that we try to bring in some of the many people that identified fixing Highbury Corner as their top ward priority during the first phase of the space4cycling campaign last year.

Jeremy Corbyn M.P.

Anita and Keith say he's keen to come to a meeting and have invited him to do so.

AOB

Rosalind reported that 4 members of the public asked about the lack of bikehangars at the Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting on the previous evening, much to the dismay of the chair who wanted to focus on air pollution.

John A reported that, in the context of the Finsbury Park to Farringdon quietway, officers earlier in the day said they were still reluctant to use filtered permeability unless there was grass root support expressed through the ward partnerships. Keith said that he thought that Islington Council officers were conservative on all issues not just cycling.