

As summer mellows into autumn, we present a round-up of ICAG and partner initiatives that are helping to make Islington a safer and more enjoyable borough for cyclists & residents alike:

**The latest on the petition to create Islington's latest Quietway
Our latest Quietway Ride
The Quick Wins list
The latest on Campaigns
Cycle Parking Update**

*As always, we are calling for volunteers to support several projects in the borough.
If you can spare an hour or two please contact info@icag.org.uk*

ISLINGTON'S LATEST QUIETWAY - UPDATE

Liveable Islington Network is a local initiative to campaign for change that can improve day-to-day life for pedestrians and other road users - not just cyclists. Due to its inclusive approach to attracting support, the network has quickly evolved into a major campaigning tool for ICAG. Currently, Islington's latest Quietway is its major project.

Islington Council has secured money from TfL to build a cycling Quietway from Finsbury Park to Clerkenwell. The route is quieter than Holloway Road, but it is still heavily used by through traffic. We want the council to trial removing the majority of traffic from this route by only providing local access. After a 6-month trial and comprehensive traffic counts before and during, the council can make an informed decision about the proposal.



Petitioning on the Quietway route

This is a great opportunity for cycling money to be used to benefit local communities. Installing traffic filters at strategic points on Westbourne Road, Thornhill Road, Gillespie Road and Amwell Street will reduce pollution and traffic noise for those living and working here. At the same time, it will create a truly "Quiet" route north to south through Islington. Everyone from school children to pensioners will be able to walk, scoot, and cycle here in comfort and safety.

A petition has been launched with the goal of getting 2000 signatures, and it is growing fast.

The petition can be found at <http://chn.ge/1QzpE69>

Hundreds of signatures have been collected at a Bike Breakfast at Thornhill School, the Cally and Amwell Street festivals and the Festival of Cycling in Finsbury Park. As of 8 August, the petition has over 1300 signatures and we're regularly canvassing support at 'sign up' sessions around the borough.

The Quietway vision has been presented at the Highbury West and East Ward partnerships meetings.

At the Highbury West meeting the residents present voted in favour of

the Quietway vision and to support road closures. Since then council officers have been asked to look at filtering on local roads and Cllr Greening has suggested a filter near Drayton Park station and school. At the Highbury East meeting there were fewer attendees and more concern about where the traffic would be displaced to if there were road closures, and it was agreed this needed to be addressed in future presentations. The next ward partnership meetings to attend will be in Bunhill (combined with Clerkenwell on 23rd September) and Barnsbury (no date set yet).

So, if you haven't already please sign the petition, and ask others to as well. If you live, work or study along the route, or you are a member of any of the faith or community groups based on it, please spread the word. And help is needed entering the pages of petition signatures and email addresses so that we can contact people to follow up. Please contact us via www.liveableislington.uk

If ICAG members attend local Ward Partnership meetings and make their voices heard, we have proof of grass-roots support for campaigns. So we urge you to go to your local meetings! The details can be found on the ICAG website calendar at www.icag.org.uk.



22 August, Cycle the Quietway Ride

Rides like this are a great way of meeting people and telling them about our campaigns. It would be good if we could organise a few more but to do so we need extra people to assist with the marshalling.

If this is something you could help with please let us know so we can build up a group of people who can be involved. LCC are organising training so if you've not done it before, this is available.

Contact alison.dines@icag.org.uk

THE "QUICK WINS" LIST

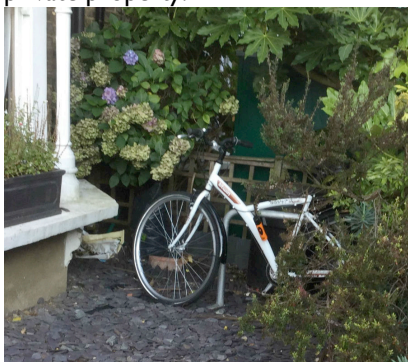
The council has been asking us for a list of small changes that would improve life for cyclists in the borough. These are things that shouldn't cost more than a couple thousand pounds, including consultation. Things like: sign changes, dropped kerbs, bollards, removing gates, potentially some paint. If you have any suggestions please send them to Tom@icag.org.uk

CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Remember: you can join the debate on major cycle projects on our website www.icag.org.uk

CYCLE PARKING UPDATE

The council's existing cycle parking programme includes the provision of on-street Sheffield stands wherever they can be installed across the borough. Residents are welcome to nominate specific locations by contacting public.realm@islington.gov.uk. The council is also willing to supply Sheffield stands to residents who wish to install them themselves on their private property.



A Sheffield stand in your front garden?

The secure on-street parking debate still rages. Whilst Camden, Hackney and Haringey roll out Bikehangars they are still not appearing in Islington. ICAG members must indicate to their councillors that secure on-street cycle parking is just as important as car parking and get them to put pressure on Islington Council to provide it. So anyone who would like this type of parking in their street should contact their local councillors and with our members continuing to lobby we hope we will finally have some installed. More cycle parking is being installed on local estates so take the opportunity to apply for those spaces.

AI: TEMPORARY REROUTING ALONG TUFNELL PARK RD

After Christmas, Tufnell Park Road will be affected by the closure of the AI for bridge repairs and cars will be re-routed along Tufnell Park Road, together with lorries along Brecknock Road, for 3-4 weeks. Concern has been raised about the safety of cyclists using the junction by Tufnell Park tube as a pedestrian island there is going to be removed as part of the temporary scheme. An advance stop line (ASL) may be beneficial although this would depend on the phasing of the traffic lights and any banned turns. ICAG hopes that TfL will facilitate the use of the AI by cyclists whilst motor traffic is diverted.

THE PEOPLE'S PARKING PLAN

The Green Party in Islington, led by Councillor Caroline Russell, has launched the People's Parking Plan strategy. With the Council planning to change the parking rules in our borough, the Green Party believes residents can come up with a better plan for those who drive, and the majority who don't. You can join the debate and contribute to the Plan via the project's Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/1Jv3e68>

TfL CYCLIST SURVEY

TfL is surveying cyclists on how they choose their routes. To take part visit <http://bit.ly/1MOcLbe>

ANGEL CANAL FESTIVAL Sunday, 6th September 11am to 5pm. ICAG will have a stand at this year's Canal Festival. It's a popular local event so do come and see us on the bridge by Danbury Street! If you'd like to help run the stand at some stage of the day please contact alison.dines@icag.org.uk

MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE Ladies' Raleigh Bike - needs good home and mechanic. This bike has been out in all weathers for the last 10 or so years, but the frame is in good condition, so it would be a shame to take it to the dump. Needs some replacement parts! Can deliver [free] in Islington. Contact 249keith@waitrose.com



Old Raleigh in need of love

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
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/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 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 a Facebook page; go to your page and type in Islington Cyclists Action Group. And you can follow us on Twitter [@IslingtonCycle](https://twitter.com/IslingtonCycle)

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 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: icag-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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