

**ICAG meeting Wednesday 10th February 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm  
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

**Present:** Alison Dines, Eilidh Murray, Tabitha Tanqueray, Nick Kocharhook, Alex Santacreu, Anja Beinroth, Talia Hussein, Simon Izod, James Campbell, Graham Parks, Keith Macfarlane, John Ackers.

**Apologies:** Liz Reiner, Adrian Williams, Caroline Russell, Robert Harston.

**Matters arising**

*Representation at council liaison meetings*

In addition to members of the ICAG Committee it was agreed that Rachel Bower, Simon Izod, David Lincoln and Alex Santacreu could represent ICAG at meetings with the council.

*Beat the Blues ride on 6<sup>th</sup> February*

This was a success with 17 riders, a very interesting tour of Walthamstow Village from Paul Gasson and a lovely café stop. It was planned to repeat the ride later in the year and the meeting thanked everyone involved.

*Clerkenwell Boulevard*

The council's plans for this had been delayed as information was needed from TfL. Nick re-iterated that ICAG had still not been shown the final plan to approve or disapprove.

**Agenda**

*Highbury Corner consultation*

Simon had attended a meeting on Monday about the plans for removing the roundabout at Highbury Corner and outlined the proposals. Whilst supportive of these, his main concern was traffic displacement and that this would make the east-west route through Canonbury Square busier, an area in which ICAG wants road closures. He said he would talk to Martijn Cooijmans at the council about this and link up with the Liverpool Road Association which said traffic on Liverpool Road had increased since the bridge strengthening work at Highbury Corner. Simon agreed to lead ICAG response; he and Nick already had a number of improvements which would be put on Cyclescape so there could be feedback from as many people as possible.

*Review council's proposal for the Quietway*

The council had sent their proposals to TfL and expected feedback in two weeks. John and Alex had met Claudia Webbe and Eshwyn Prabhu to hear an outline of these. At the ICAG meeting it was agreed that if the council's public consultation did not include filtering in any streets ICAG and Liveable Islington would recommend their members did not support it. Nick agreed to write to Andrew Gilligan advising him of ICAG's position and with John would arrange for the Quietway petition to be presented to Claudia Webbe. Tabitha agreed to contact Eshwyn to confirm the Quietway 2 was now completed and if so, arrange the bike ride along it that Claudia Webbe said she would do once it was finished. Everyone at the meeting agreed they would not discuss the council's proposals until they were in the public domain.

*Other consultations*

Camden Cycling Campaign (CCC) had put the plans for King's Cross and Cyclesuperhighway 6 on Cyclescape and joint responses by LCC, CCC and ICAG were being discussed. Nick and Simon planned to attend the meeting about King's Cross. The consultations end on 20<sup>th</sup> March and everyone was asked to respond.

#### *Junction Road*

Liz and David had met Min Yee Cheung and Liz Waltham to discuss the council's proposals for this road. There had been minimal discussion with ICAG before the consultation was launched on SurveyMonkey with very poor diagrams (John had received clearer ones after requesting them). There were concerns about the positioning of the cycle lanes and the treatment of bus stops. The consultation closed on 11<sup>th</sup> February and David agreed to contact Min to say the ICAG response would be delayed and draft the response with input from James and Graham.

#### *ICAG/Council Liaison*

John was now wondering what benefit ICAG would gain from signing the TOR. He and Alison would discuss it further.

#### *Bike Week*

The Festival of Cycling in Finsbury Park would take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June and ICAG would have a stall with Haringey and Hackney cyclists.

Anja worked in Gillett Square in Hackney on the borders of Islington and said businesses there were keen to do a cycling festival, although had no budget for one. There was general support of this and Anja said Hackney had also offered support so she would discuss it further with her colleagues and agree a date, possibly not in Bike Week.

#### *ICAG newsletter*

Content for this was suggested to Eilidh, the new editor.

#### *LCC mayoral election campaign*

Alison was going to an LCC meeting later in the month about the election campaign and would give more details at the next meeting.

#### **Any other business**

Caroline said the next Highbury East Ward Partnership meeting was on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and included a TfL spokesperson talking about Highbury Corner.

David suggested inviting the Labour MEP, spokesperson on Transport and Tourism to talk to an ICAG meeting.

**Date of next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> March**