

**ICAG meeting Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, Liz Reiner, Rosalind Readhead, Adrian Williams, Caroline Russell, Tabitha Tanqueray, Nick Kocharhook, Talia Hussein, Simon Izod, James Campbell, Graham Parks, Savvas Pavlou, Jenny Scattergood, Rob Taylor.

Apologies: Eilidh Murray, John Ackers, Robert Harston, Sue Marris.

Matters arising

Quietway

Nothing further had been heard about the council's proposals. Once the rush of current consultations had finished campaigning for the route would re-start.

Junction Road

David had submitted ICAG's response. Liz said that Fortess Road was being looked at by Camden council so she hoped a better scheme would be proposed there.

Agenda

Highbury Corner consultation

There had been various schemes proposed for this area for over ten years and there was a risk that it could be once again abandoned if there was significant opposition to the current proposals. Opposition was increasing and Savvos had had a leaflet against the scheme through his door, although it did not say who it was from. Residents around Highbury Fields were concerned about traffic increasing through the Fields. A scheme to close the southern arm, rather than the western arm, of the roundabout was being circulated but there was a risk that the group in favour of changing the existing layout may be spilt by asking for changes that were not part of the current consultation.

In conjunction with Living Streets, ICAG members had already done some leafletting in the local area and Simon would get more leaflets printed for a final push before the consultation closed on 20th March. The area around the primary schools should be targeted and it was agreed that giving out leaflets was probably more effective than delivering them to local households.

Other consultations

- The consultation on Seven Sisters Road from Hackney Council closed tonight, option 5 was the recommended response.
- Nick and Tom had attended a residents meeting about King's Cross. The current proposals did not offer significant benefits to pedestrians and cyclists.
- Cycle Superhighway 11 (CS11) from the West End to Swiss Cottage with a stretch through Regent's Park was under threat. Rosalind said there was to be demonstration in support of CS11 at Regents Park on Friday (11th March) at 6pm and that in New York cars had been banned from Prospect Park.
- North-South Cycle Superhighway (CS6) along Farringdon Road. Information about this and the other consultations, which all closed on 20th March, was available on the ICAG website.

Sign for Cycling LCC's mayoral campaign

It was important that the current cycling programme was continued and expanded by the next mayor. The LCC had launched a petition to get the mayoral candidates to support more safe space

for cycling, create 'mini-Hollands' in every borough and end lorry danger. Suggestions for a mini-Holland in Islington were Mildmay, Caledonian Road and Nag's Head. Once the current consultations had closed Alison would suggest some dates for leafletting and getting signatures for Sign for Cycling. If anyone had an iPad/tablet that ICAG could use the petition could be signed on-line rather than on paper copies. The LCC were organising a hustings event and other public events to which ICAG may be able to lead a ride.

Rosalind reported that Stop Killing Cyclists were organising a protest against air pollution on 27th April from 5-6.30pm outside the Department for Transport.

Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle

This would take place on Saturday 30th July and LCC had again won the contract to arrange lead rides into the centre of London where the streets would be closed to all traffic except cycles. It was hoped ICAG would lead a ride from Highbury Fields as usual.

Simon suggested repeating last year's Safari ride to highlight some more Islington routes and it was welcomed. Tabitha said that Quietway 2 from Bloomsbury through Islington into Hackney was not due for completion for 18 months.

Any other business

Clerkenwell Boulevard

Nick reported that plans for this were being held up as Islington officers expected that TfL would pay for and do the modelling but it hadn't so LBI had to.

Wheels for Wellbeing

Rosalind suggested linking up with this inclusive cycling charity based in Herne Hill. Tabitha said there was a local group Pedal Power based in Finsbury Park which also ran cycling sessions for disabled people.

Stroud Green Road cycle path

Graham reported that the step between the footpath and cycle path had been removed from this cycle lane. Nick said that the planners had considered it a trip hazard and a light strip was to be used instead. As the work had not been completed he suggested waiting until it was finished to review it.

Sussex Way junction with Seven Sisters Road

Jenny said that she regularly used the cycle route along Sussex Way and Hornsey Road and that crossing Seven Sisters Road from Sussex Way could be improved.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th April 2016