

**ICAG meeting Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Alison Dines, Tom Bogdanowicz, Liz Reiner, Adrian Williams, Keith Mcfarlane, Caroline Russell, Alex Santacreu, Tabitha Tanqueray, Nick Kocharhook, Talia Hussein, Simon Izod, James Campbell, Graham Parks, Jenny Scattergood, Chris Kenyon, Eilidh Murray, John Ackers, Sue Marris, Brian Jones, Sandy, Michael Johnson.

Apologies: Robert Harston

Matters arising

Highbury Corner: everyone who helped with the leafletting done by ICAG and Living Streets at Highbury Corner was thanked as it had increased the responses to the consultation. The results were not yet available.

Other consultations: Nick responded on behalf of ICAG in favour of the play street in Lofting Road.

Stroud Green Road cycle lane: Graham reported that this cannot be used southbound and that there had been parking on the double yellow lines there, especially by mini cabs late at night; this stretch is in Haringey which needed to enforce the parking restrictions.

Agenda

LCC mayoral Sign for Cycling campaign

Tom outlined the campaign and said help was needed to get more people to sign the petition. Alison would send out a Doodle to arrange some local sessions.

Quietway 10

The proposals made by Islington for this route did not include any traffic removal despite some of the roads along it currently being too busy to be classed as a Quietway. After a discussion about the implications of ICAG rejecting these proposals and asking TfL to also do so, the following vote was taken: 'ICAG wants a Quietway 10 which is safe for anyone aged 8-80 to cycle. The plan Islington put forward in the feasibility study does not meet TfL's own standards. Therefore we reject the current plans and will call for TfL not to fund them' which was unanimously supported by those present. Nick would finalise a letter to Claudia Webbe and the officers outlining why ICAG would not be supporting the current proposals and ICAG members would be encouraged to use this to engage with their local councillors about the Quietway and other local cycling concerns. Simon offered to circulate the dates of councillors' surgeries.

Chris said ICAG needed to identify influential groups who would tell Islington why the Quietway and cycling were important and offered lead on this. It was pointed out that the Amwell Street traders were concerned about a loss of business and difficulties with deliveries if that street was closed to through motor vehicles and Islington's Federation for Small Businesses had not been in favour of the parking restrictions proposed last year.

ICAG/council officer liaison meetings

John was stepping down from attending these. Nick would continue to attend them and Talia volunteered to join him.

Air quality petition

Caroline reported on work she and colleagues had done measuring pollution around Islington which had found that in only one location had it been less than the illegal limits. Caroline had set up a

petition with three asks to the council see <https://www.change.org/p/islington-council-let-s-have-clean-air-for-islington>

ICAG name change

In the interests of time this was carried over to the next meeting.

LCC local group grant

An annual grant was available from the LCC to all the local groups and in the past ICAG had not applied for this as it has had sufficient funds. However Keith said the increased Quietway campaigning had meant the funds were lower than previously and asked the meeting if this year ICAG should apply for its grant. In a vote 16 people voted that ICAG apply for the grant, one voted against and three abstained.

Upcoming events

It was agreed ICAG would have a stall or run a ride at the following events:

Festival of Cycling, Finsbury Park 12th June 12-6pm

Cally Festival 19th June

Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle 30th July

Angel Canal Festival 4th Sept 11am-5pm

In addition the Safari Ride highlighting cycling highs and lows around the borough, done last April, might be repeated.

Any Other Business

Quietway images: John asked for high quality photos of either good or bad images of the Quietway which could be included in any tweet or post about it.

Bicycle loan scheme: Michael reported that the council's application for funding for a bicycle loan scheme in Islington, similar to that in several other boroughs, to TfL's air quality fund had not been successful. However there were other organisations which might fund such a scheme but the council was not eligible to apply to them. He therefore suggested that ICAG apply to them for a grant to provide a bicycle loan scheme but concern was expressed about ICAG being able to run such a scheme. Michael agreed to look at other options and methods for funding it.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th May 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1