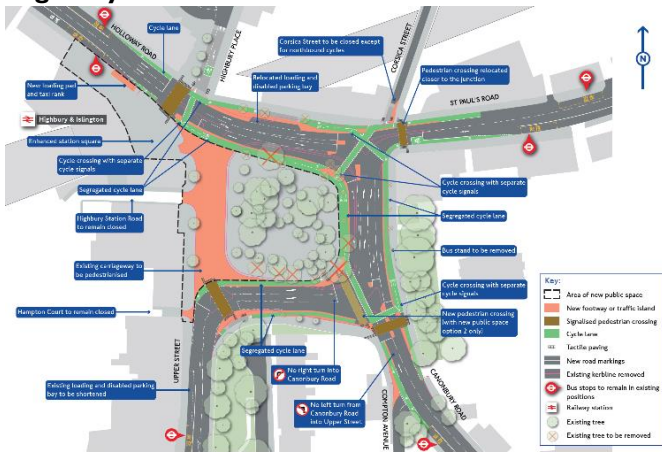


Current campaigns

Quietway

Over the past months, we've collected over 2,500 signatures for our petition to make the Quietway from Finsbury Park to Farringdon fit for cycling. We have been working with Liveable Islington <http://www.liveableislington.uk> to propose improvements which include use of traffic filtering. As we go to press, we are still waiting to hear the Council's plans for the route; however if we find that there are no filters we would not be able to support it.

Highbury roundabout



Improvements to the roundabout have been under discussion for the past 20 years and so we hope that by 2018, construction will, as currently planned, have started on this very over-due scheme. Traffic modelling is planned for February with the public consultation closing on 20 March with results being published in autumn 2016, ICAG's view is that while we broadly support the scheme, we feel that traffic displacement will be an issue, for example in Canonbury Square, which ICAG would like to see improved as it is a major east/west cycle route.

http://www.islington.gov.uk/services/planning/plan_brief_major/Pages/highburycorner.aspx

Air quality at Archway - n19Air

More than 1,000 Islington and Haringey residents have signed a petition calling on Transport for London (TfL) to re-think its controversial plan for the Archway gyratory. Local campaign group, N19Air, organised a protest re bus re-routing on 6 February which was a traffic-stopping success. The council is due to start work on 29 February. More signatures needed – sign here: <https://n19air.wordpress.com>
Photo: thanks to Ginny at N19Air



Kings Cross gyratory

In partnership with the London Boroughs of Camden and Islington, TfL (Transport for London) has been reviewing the road network at King's Cross with the aim of delivering substantial improvements. ICAG's view is that the scheme needs careful review to ensure cyclists' safety at what has been a lethal set of junctions and we are currently in discussion with Islington council about improvements we'd like to see. The consultation runs until 20 March ; <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/kings-cross-gyratory?cid=kings-cross-gyratory> For comments on these and the other consultations relevant to Islington see our website <http://www.icag.org.uk/consultations/>

AGM – 8 June at the Town Hall



We're pleased to announce that Ben Rogers, director of the Centre for London www.centreforlondon.org has agreed to speak at our AGM. Read the article which prompted us to invite him <http://www.standard.co.uk/comment/comment/ben-rogers-at-last-is-this-the-end-of-the-private-car-as-king-in-our-cities-a3153396.html>

What's in a name ?

The Islington Cyclists' Action Group, ICAG, was formed in 1976. We've been thinking about changing our name to something less strident and more modern. We would like to hear from you – what do you think? All ideas to

alisondines@clara.co.uk by 31 March. There will be a discussion/vote and final decision endorsed at our AGM. Current suggestions include: Islington Cyclists, Islington Cycling Campaignyour suggestions most welcome.

Beat the Blues Bike Ride

In spite of grey skies and some gusty winds, on Saturday 6 February nearly 20 cyclists headed off from the Ecology Centre to Walthamstow Village to see the mini Holland infrastructure.

In 2014, Waltham Forest Council was awarded £27 million by TfL for the Mini-Holland Programme to make the borough a great place to live, work and travel around. Paul Gasson gave a tour of the newly-built cycling lanes, the budding village high street, a newly-created square and told us about the journey Walthamstow was on to improve the local area. There are 8 cycle "Hubs" located at the borough's rail & tube stations, each of which will offer secure cycle parking for between 30 and 150 cycles. Access is via a fob which costs £10 per person per year. And there's a cycle lane surface made from a new material which absorbs NO2, paid for by TfL's Air Quality Fund. Our ICAG ride leader who suggested the trip, Alex Santacreu, has proposed a summer ride back to the Village to see how things are progressing. More information about the scheme - <https://wfcycling.wordpress.com/campaigns> and

<https://wesupportmh.wordpress.com>. If you would like to lead a ride, suggest a route, or get involved in running a future bike ride please do get in touch. They are fun, sociable and an excellent way to discover new cycling routes.



Photo: thanks to Alex Santacreu

Cycle hangars – where do you need them ?



Bike Hangar: secure and covered on street cycle parking

With increased multiple occupancy of many houses and limited storage space in flats, many cyclists currently have to lock up their bikes outside with the inevitable worry about bike theft. Our neighbours in Hackney have hangers at a current cost £30/year plus deposit - and on our recent trip to Walthamstow, we were told that there will soon be over 60 in the borough at £12.50/bike/year. Lambeth led the way in 2012 and by 2013, had installed 27 hangars. There is currently a proposed pilot scheme in Islington for just two hangars in Crayford Road and Hamley Road. If you want a hangar in your street, start talking to your neighbours and your local councillors now – list of councillors: <http://democracy.islington.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx>
Photo: thanks to Walthamstow Forest Cycling Campaign

Sign for Cycling !

In May 2016, London elects its next Mayor. LCC has just launched its biggest campaign yet, Sign for Cycling. We want London's next Mayor to make cycling safe and enjoyable for everyone. They must create more space for cycling, encourage more local journeys to be made by bike, and tackle lorry danger. You can tell the Mayoral candidates that you want a city that is greener, healthier and easier to get about. Please sign the petition today: www.signforcycling.org



Cycle Workshop Dates

Place: currently under review
Date/time: to be confirmed
Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session
C Adrian Williams
T 07810 211 902

Forthcoming events

- ▶ Cycle to Cambridge: - 20 March – <http://www.meetup.com/Freewheel-Bike-Tours>
- ▶ Islington cycle club – lots of weekly rides to suit all levels of fitness - <http://islington.cc/>
- ▶ Finsbury Park Festival of Cycling 12 June
- ▶ Bike Week – 11 > 19 June
- ▶ FreeCycle – 30/31 July – annual cycling weekend: <https://www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/events/freecycle/>
- ▶ Critical mass; last Friday of each month <http://www.urban75.org/photos/critical>

Reporting potholes

Local: T 020 7527 2000 or islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem. Or try fixmystreet.com
London: T 0845 305 1234 or www.tfl.gov.uk, click on road users, then on report a street fault.

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/everly 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.

Contribute to Islington Cyclist

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? Just 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, send an email to: icag-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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