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Veloteers success



We were so pleased with the turnout for the Veloteers' second meeting on 10th November. Everyone took away at least one action from the night. Some have already started; for instance, one has already taken some video footage of his daily commute! Veloteers can also keep in touch with each other by the yahoo group email group. They can join by sending a blank email to: icag_veloteers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. There's also a Face book group to keep in contact. www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115293835164185. The ICAG website will also contain useful information. We hope to have another event in the spring when we can all catch up with our actions. Watch all the spaces for more details. W www.icag.org.uk, go to Local Recourses, then Veloteers.

10 years ago

Islington Cyclist's Forum. There's a report of the fourth one. We had invited councillors, Sustrans, LCC, local developers and a Health Trust. Perhaps something we should think about again sometime in the future?



Council Cuts

At the Council/ICAG/Living Streets liaison meeting recently, council officers outlined big changes to the way cycling infrastructure was going to be funded. First of all, council senior management has removed £200K of funding from the current financial year's cycling related projects. As a result, all but 4 of the permeability schemes have been put on held; those remaining schemes are going ahead because they are TfL (bike hire project) directly funded.

Funding for road maintenance has also been slashed!

In the future, funding is going to be ward based and local councillors are going to be much more involved, presumably with an eye of electoral impact. Officers are packaging up enhancements ward by ward and have drawn a lot of ideas from our map*, so we are told. All money coming into the council whether it be via the Local Implementation Plan funding (from TfL) or from a developers S.106 agreement will be allocated to these enhancements.

*To look at our map go to www.icag.org.uk then Local Resources, then ICAG Hazards Map. You can add your own suggestions.

An ICAG member comments...

Originally Cllrs Andrew Cornwell and Katie Dawson secured £500K or so for permeability schemes and it's not at all clear whether that has been reassigned, squandered, or misappropriated. Unfortunately neither Andrew nor Katie are still elected members. The ward based funding fits in very well with the whole concept of the veloteers on one hand. On the other, it does mean that we will have to engage with councillors and maybe even promise to vote for them if we want to get them to do anything for "an irresponsible minority group that terrorises the walking electorate." Of course when cycling levels reach Copenhagen levels, and we've used the last drop of oil, it will all be so different....

Cycle Hire Stage 2

Phase 2 of the cycle hire scheme will extend eastwards and Islington expects to put in 2 or 3 more docking stations which will provide 170 more docking points. One of those docking stations might be at Islington Green. Send suggestions about where to locate or enlarge others to C Will Umney
E will.umney@islington.gov.uk

Charity Rides

Centrepont have been chosen by Arsenal FC as their Charity of the Season. Rides are being organized from Paris and Amsterdam, finishing at the Emirate Stadium, 27-30 May 2011. More about the rides? W www.classictours.co.uk, click on Challenges, then select May and scroll down for Centrepont. Interested in supporting this? C Steve Parslow
T 7423 6866
E s.parslow@centrepont.org. More about Centrepont? W www.centrepont.org.uk

Jonathan's Christmas Mystery Ride



A gentle trundle from the Angel to Trafalgar Square (where minced wine and mulled pies will be served) and back, taking in some places which form part of the mystery to be solved in a pub at the end. There are prizes of a bike nature to be won, though not a whole bike.

Entry to the ride, and thereby the chance to win a prize, is £2 per person. All of this will go to a charity for speech-impaired children: Afasic.

Meet at The Angel in the N1 Centre Liverpool Road
Sat 11th December
5pm.



Booking essential!

C Jonathan

M 07946 261165

T 7704 1884 by 10th December.

Please bring a pen. You'll need lights, so why not wear something Christmassy?

If you can't make the ride, hope you enjoy the holiday anyway!

Christian Woolmer writes...

I always wondered why, given the high rate of bike theft in London, I had never actually seen one in action. I always make a point of looking at people unlocking bikes and checking on bike stands, so it seemed odd, just as I have never been called for jury service.

But today that changed. I spotted my first thief in full action. Well, not quite. At the bike stand opposite Russell Square tube station, a young man, about 25 with black sweater and jeans, was busily undoing the coil of one of those cables that fit through a D lock. But I thought he looked suspicious and nervous, and spotted that the coil was cut through. He jumped on the white Marin bike and headed off, though he circled around first, oddly. What to do?

I unlocked my bike that was on the stand next to where the Marin had been, and headed off in pursuit, expecting that he would be out of sight. But he was not; quite the opposite. He was in the next street, accompanied by a younger man in a pink sweater. I stayed a bit behind following

them and called 999. I got through straight away to a helpful lady who, though, did not know the area as she had no idea of the street names I was giving. The two young men were going slowly and then separated and I followed Black Sweater on the bike. He was going very slowly, and I kept giving the street names to the operator, while hoping the cops would come quickly.

Then Black Sweater met up with Pink Sweater, and gave him the bike. Although Blackie had done the cutting and stealing, I decided to stay with the bike in order to ensure there was evidence. They had not noticed me following, and Pinkie went very slowly through a couple of council estates. I kept the 999 line open which the operator was happy to do.

Eventually, after crossing a couple of main roads, he stopped outside a block of flats in Northdown Street, a side road off Pentonville Road ['spell that for me please', said the operator] and pushed the bike in just as the cops arrived. They went into the block but as they had come with sirens blaring, Pinkie had disappeared, but the bike was in the courtyard of the flats. The cops tried to go after Pinkie but I suspect they did not find him as there was a back entrance. I asked the cops where they would take the bike and they said Holborn police station.

I returned to the scene of the crime and left a message to the victim on his lock. The chap, Ian, called me a couple of hours later and I told him the story. He was convinced he had locked the frame of his £350 bike to the stand with the D lock, but he has just retrieved his bike from the cop shop 'minus one spoke' – so silly fellow had locked his wheel with the D lock. A lesson to us all. Best to lock both cable and D lock through the frame.

Ian told me that he had already lost one bike from the stand opposite Russell Square, so clearly a dangerous area and requires two locks. The stands outside the Renoir cinema around the corner are, I think, another dodgy area.

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See front page for Veloteer contact details

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Veloteers News

The next veloteers meeting will be Wednesday April 13.

We noticed that since the last one Veloteers have been looking into:

- a) cycle parking on the Quadrant estate, giving information to local shop owners about how they can get cycle parking outside their premises,
- b) videoing a journey to work
- c) contacting local councillors about cycle access along the path next to Caledonian Park
- d) talking to the Council about signage on London Cycle Network (LCN) route 106
- e) taking pictures of the traffic management at Newington Green: there is no access for cyclists travelling from Mildmay Road
- f) talking to local councillors about the need for a contra flow on Bunhill Row
- g) taking photo of local potholes for upload to the ICAG website. and reporting them on the council website,
- h) doing ground work to find out who owns the land outside Highbury and Islington underground station so that we can call for multi-storey cycle parking there. **ST**

* The Veloteers logo comes from a group in Nashville, U.S.A.

What a life!



Christian Wolmar, pictured above after the theft of his new £900 Claud Butler bike – a birthday present from his children. (The card he's holding was to celebrate the gift.) We featured Christian in the last newsletter writing about his action in foiling the theft of another cyclist's bike in the Kings Cross Area. His shortened piece continues here....

A word of praise for the 999 operator who was willing to keep the line open and did not say it was too dangerous to follow them – though she did say, rightly, not to put myself in danger but I am a big 6ft 2ins old chap who can look intimidating. And good for the cops, too, for sending a couple of vehicles, though the first one went straight past me wasting a precious few seconds that might have got pinkie caught. At least they took the matter seriously, though they rather left it to me to try to get the chap's bike back to him. Anyway, a partial victory.

From Ten Years Ago

Several hiccups in the liaison meetings with the council was reported and meetings were suspended for some time. Having initiated and completed 25 editions of the Islington Cyclist, Doug Angus handed over the editorship to Dean Leigh. This is the 26th by the present editor! We're also grateful to Doug as he preserved all the Islington Cyclists on a website.

Productive Meeting



Tom Bogdanowicz (ICAG member and Campaigns Manager for LCC) met Catherine West (leader of Islington Labour Party) in January. She is supportive of permeability measures and any improvements that don't add to spending. She agreed that Islington should join FORS (lorry standard scheme) and would like to see driver training in the borough. She would like more rides to look at the West and North of the borough. She said she was keen to avoid any further restrictions on cycle access and welcomed news that DfT may be about to approve No Entry Except Cycles signs. **TB**

Doubling our cycle use

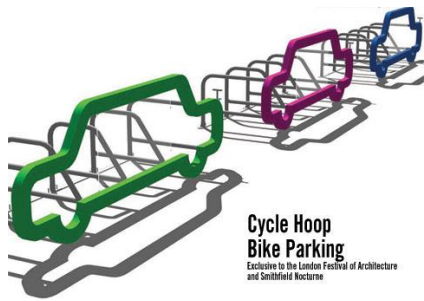
At the January ICAG meeting, we decided in principle to adopt a set of proposals to double cycle use, that Tom Bogdanowicz (as local CTC representative) presented to Council leader Catherine West in early January. We discuss a lot of these issues with council officers all the time but it seems worthwhile listing these proposals on our website which at the moment is a largely policy free area. **JA**

A hub gear specialist!

Bobbin Cycles, 397, St John Street have opened a repair workshop. Alexis, the lead mechanic, is an alumnus of the legendary Workcycles in Amsterdam and hub gears are a speciality.

T 020 7998 0356

E workshop@bobbinbicycles.co.uk



Design by Anthony Lau

Parking in Islington

This is the full text of a message we hope to circulate widely.

We would like to strongly object to the proposal to introduce the "roaming" parking scheme in the borough and regret that we were not given an opportunity to do so when the scheme went out for consultation. Islington Cyclists Action Group represents not just 700 plus members but all cyclists across the borough and we feel that this scheme will have a detrimental effect on them. The scheme will encourage Islington residents to make short trips by car. This is likely to increase the number of car trips across the borough and make the roads less healthy and less attractive for cycling. More private vehicles on the road could also have an impact upon the reliability of bus services. We also feel that this scheme flies in the face of the council's Sustainable Transport Strategy which is to encourage people to use more sustainable forms of transport. It is the short trips that this scheme appears to be encouraging that could easily be done by bicycle or indeed walking.

This scheme could equally have an impact on the council's Air Quality Action Plan.

We would be interested to know what research was conducted to assess the likely increase in private motor vehicles trips on the roads in Islington.

Islington workers win bikes

We're pleased to report that two workers in Islington Libraries won four bikes for their family – one each for mum, dad and their two sons. Already owning a bike each, they disposed of a few...

Finsbury Park Success

After consultation of the local residents and the opposition from ICAG, Haringey Council's proposal to create five football pitches and 83 car parking spaces in Finsbury Park has been dropped.

The space is used to give the opportunity to disabled people to try out cycling in a traffic-free environment. It is also used as an area to train new cyclists in basic control skills in a safe area. www.finsburyparkpeople.co.uk

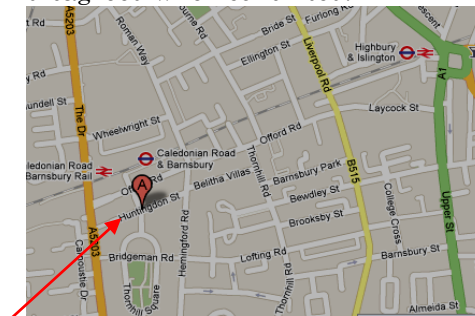
2011 is the Year of Walking

We can expect invitations from Living Streets to join them at events this year

Huntingdon Street closure



Allegedly this road is used by so many motor cyclists that the Council wish to discourage this use by raising the kerb. We disagreed when consulted.



Huntingdon Street is a turning off Caledonian Road

Be careful out there!

A cyclist was knocked off her bike by two cold-hearted attackers who pelted her with snowballs and then kicked her on the ground. The 23-year-old woman was left with fractured ribs after being viciously set upon by the two men, in the early hours of Wednesday in an unprovoked attack as she was cycling between Hall Street and Wakely Street at about 1am. She was treated in hospital. (As reported in the Islington Gazette)

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Take Action on Bunhill Row

Cyclists have been involved in many accidents at Old Street roundabout: see Islington Gazette on February 25th.

There are few north/south routes from the middle of Islington to the City that avoid Old Street Roundabout. One alternative is Bath Street and Bunhill Row. A steady trickle of cyclists (one per minute on Mar 8th 2011) illegally cycle south down Bunhill Row every morning in preference to cycling down the parallel and very busy City Road. ICAG wants to make Bunhill Row two way for cyclists along its whole length.

If you

- live in Bunhill Ward
- work at a company that is in Bunhill Ward
- cycle up Bunhill Row
- cycle around Old Street roundabout

please use the form at www.icag.org.uk/posts/bunhill-row-2-way

TAKE ACTION NOW

An email will be sent to the three local councillors in the Bunhill ward in Islington. If none of the criteria above apply to you, please DO NOT send an email.

Annual General Meeting Islington Town Hall at 7.30 on May 11 with refreshments!



Guest Speaker Jenny Jones
London Assembly Member



Bike week 18-26 June

You can be sure that we'll be having the usual breakfast for cyclists – more will be posted on our website nearer the time.
W www.icag.org.uk

The London Cycle Challenge!

Think you know London? Visit 6 places in every London Borough and see amazing things you never knew were there. Send two cheques, one for £3.50 made payable to the London Cycling Campaign, the other for £3.50 made payable to Afasic, to me and I will e-mail you all you need to know. Each place to visit has clear directions and a question to answer once there. Send me your answers and when you've done all 198 you get...a certificate! All proceeds, as you see, go to cycling and charity and you get hours of fun.

C Jonathan Edwards
27 Upper Ramsey Walk, N1 2RP

Veloteers spring into action!

The next ICAG meeting will be turned over to planning the next steps for the veloteers. All welcome and we expect some new Veloteer faces – the result of an email sent to all the members for whom we have current addresses.

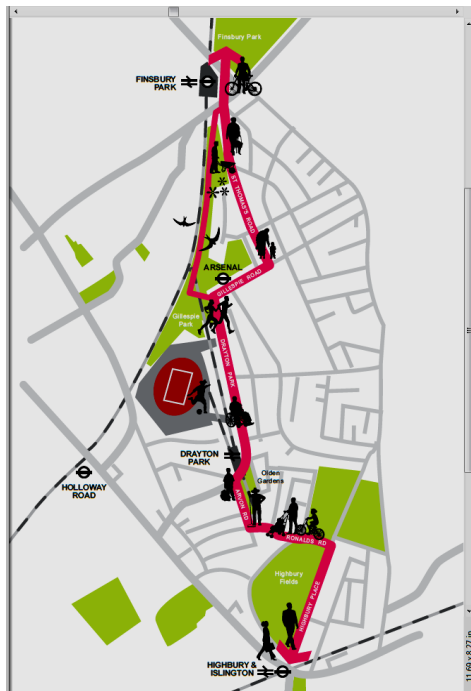
**7.00 Wednesday April 13
Islington Town Hall
Light supper supplied!**



New layout of Highbury Corner?

We understand that the scheme which end the gyratory at Highbury Corner will go ahead. This will bring 2 way traffic to this busy junction, but we have no start date, as yet. We can't be sure that the option above will be used as we believe there is opposition from local councillors. Go to www.tfl.gov.uk and search for Highbury corner.

Connect 2 Finsbury Park to Highbury



Discussions have been going on for a long time about improvements, sponsored through Sustrans, that could be made to ease the journeys of walkers and cyclists on this route. At the last meeting, an LBI officer said he appreciated ICAG were not happy with the scheme but had no suggestions as to what else should be done. The councillors generally acknowledged that the scheme was poor but they felt that it was an improvement. They said that there would now be a southbound route. Councillor Phil Kelly said that we should make these changes and wait until more and wait until more cyclists use the route which will then make it possible to make further changes. We said the Sustrans vision was to make the transformation in one step. LBI consulted locally in March 2011. The full report is at www.icag.org.uk/posts/2011-feb-connect2

From Islington Cyclist 10 years ago

We joined the Islington Stadium Community Alliance – “not opposing football, but a massive overdevelopment of the area.” The LCC City group was starting up and looking for interested cyclists that used the City.

The Archway Gyratory



This artist's vision of the island in the middle of Archway is one option in a consultation currently underway. An omission with all of the options is that the northbound Cycling Super Highway route is planned to go straight through this area. Better Archway Forum has launched a website to continue the campaign to rid the area of the gyratory and change to 2 way working.

[W www.2WayArchway.org.uk](http://www.2WayArchway.org.uk)



By the time you read this ICAG members will have collected petition signatures at the Goswell Road Triangle as part of the LCC's Heavy Goods Vehicle Campaign. You can sign on line - [W www.no-more-lethal-lorries.org.uk](http://www.no-more-lethal-lorries.org.uk)

Address is the same, but...

If you go to our website, you'll see some significant changes, thanks to Jacques-Olivier Gaudron and John Ackers. Hopefully it will be accessible to more contributors in the future. Our thanks go to the constant support of Dean Leigh and to Su Kent who worked so hard to launch the first version. [W www.icag.org.uk](http://www.icag.org.uk)

Want to read this in colour?

You'll find this and previous Islington Cyclists on our website. [W http://www.icag.org.uk/news/new-sletter](http://www.icag.org.uk/news/new-sletter)

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18th-26th June
www.bikeweek.org.uk

Cyclists' Breakfast & Dr Bike
Tuesday 21 June 7.30-10am
City Road N1. Join us for a free breakfast & bike check at the junction with Colebrook Row.
For more information contact Alison Dines on 020 7226 7012 or alisondines@clara.co.uk

Self help cycle workshop
Wednesday 22 June 7-9.30pm
Sunnyside Ecology Gardens, Hazellville Road N19. Get help to tune up and fix your bicycle with our local experts.
For details contact Adrian on 07810 211902 arwilliams@postmaster.co.uk

Commuters Cool Down
Thursday 23 June 5-7pm
Junction of Bunhill Row/Featherstone Street EC1. Stop for free fruit cocktails & snacks after work & get some local cycling information.
For more information contact Alison Dines on 020 7226 7012 or alisondines@clara.co.uk

North London at Dusk Ride
Friday 24 June 6.30pm
Depart from the Town Hall, Upper Street N1. Visit Highgate & Alexandra Park via the Parkland Walk at Finsbury Park. Easy-paced ride of 15 miles and returning by train from Alexandra Palace.
For more information contact Jacques-Olivier Gaudron on 07517 915959 jo.gaudron@gmail.com

Wray Crescent Summer Festival
Saturday 18 June 2-5pm
Wray Crescent cricket ground N4. Free bike check & information on cycling locally at this community festival.
For more information contact James Gilead on jgleadow@aol.com

Islington Farmers Market
Sunday 19 June 10am-2pm
Chapel Street N1. Information of cycling locally, including free cycle maps.
For more information contact Alison Dines on 020 7226 7012 or alisondines@clara.co.uk

Little Green Ride
Sunday 19 June 9.45am
Meet at Finsbury Park Station (overland). Put your bike on the train & head into Hertfordshire countryside for an easy-paced ride of around 30 miles with a stop for a pub lunch.
For more details contact Stephen Taylor on 07977 235735 or staylor001@yahoo.co.uk

A G M success



We were delighted to have Jenny Jones (Green Member London Assembly) as our guest speaker at our AGM. Over 40 people attended, including the leader of the council and the local press. The fine array of refreshments was enjoyed by those present.

ICAG donation



We were pleased to give a cheque for £1,000 to the LCC Lethal Lorries Campaign. Charlie Lloyd accepted it on behalf of the campaign from Alison Dines at the AGM.

Skyride 2011

The date will be September 4 – more details to follow.

Your committee members

Coordinator Alison Dines
Treasurer Robert Harston
Secretary vacant
John Ackers, Chris Ashby,
Steven Taylor, Jacques-
Olivier Gaudron and Keith
Macfarlane.

What's in a name?

The LCC board decided that as part of a rebranding exercise the organization should be renamed London Cyclists. At a vote at our AGM we rejected this, partly because there had been poor consultation. We understand this has been put on hold.

Superhighway 12

TfL presented their Final Preliminary plans for the route to go from Muswell Hill to the Angel on April 7. A lively debate ensued! There were no shocks, but perhaps there'll be short stretches of 20mph. Users of emergency vehicles are oppose this for the whole length. There will be no use of the centre of the Archway area as we said in the last issue. Apologies.

Cycle challenge starts

Registration for the London Cycle Challenge is now open. The challenge starts on 18 June and runs to 15 July. The event is free to enter and the challenge is to see which team can cycle the most miles in a month. Last year Islington won this, the team being mainly Council workers – maybe this year too? Go to www.tfl.gov.uk/cyclechallenge

Ten years ago

A Bike Festival was held at the Ecology Centre for Bike Week - maybe could be repeated in the future? There was also sad news about cyclist fatalities.

Better in colour!

Read this on our website

W www.icag.org.uk/news/newsletter

Veloteers

We had a very successful meeting of our Veloteers. Decisions about cycling improvements are being taken at ward level and Veloteers are well poised to influence the process!

Archway Gyratory

There will be a meeting on 23rd June at 7.30pm, called by Jeremy Corbyn in the Archway Methodist Hall to call on TfL to remove the gyratory. To sign the petition, W www.icag.org.uk

Big Tomato Company

W www.bigtomatocompany.com/index.php



We presented a mug each to Jenny Jones and Alison Dines at the AGM. ICAG has a mug with gold and platinum bicycle motif, courtesy of Big Tomato Company, to give away to the first ICAG member to respond. Email Bridget with your full details with the subject 'Cycle Mug.' E bridgetpeacock@yahoo.com

New LCC website

As part of the LCC rebrand there is a relaunched website. W www.lcc.org.uk

Petition hand in

2 ICAG members were present at the presentation at City Hall of over 10,000 signatures calling for all London lorry drivers to have ongoing cycle-awareness training, including on-bike experience. Photo on our website. More info? Go to W www.no-more-lethal-lorries.org.uk/

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Coffee, maps and recruitment

Breakfast at the 'Goswell Road Triangle'



Chris Kenyon is recruiting



Coffee and Councillor West



Festival at Wray Crescent



Collecting signatures at Bunhill Row Cool Down



Lunch at the Bike Week Little Green Ride

Bike Week winners!

We recruited about 20 cyclists to join LCC, with the offer of a free bike computer to anyone joining in Bike Week. This was more than any other local group! We will be able to use this 'recruitment inducement' in future events this year.

From Islington Cyclist 10 years ago...

An ICAG first? Was this the first time that details of an ICAG event were posted on line? Text and pictures of ICAG's Festival of Cycling that year were posted on the Islington section of the LCC web site.

Owen Street "We will be putting the case for a straight run across City Road and Goswell Road without having to wait for the red lights" by Gavin Killip.

[Ed: 10 years later, although 'improvements' were implemented last year, there is still no straight run without waiting for a red light.]

Where do we go from here?

Thanks to Stephen Taylor who brought a detailed plan about future ICAG priorities to the last ICAG meeting. He was using the following recent ICAG campaigns.

1. Permeability
2. 20 mph on all roads
3. Cycle Parking
4. Road Danger Reduction
5. Madras Place
6. Bunhill Row
7. Connect 2
8. Cycle Superhighways
9. Gyratories
- 10.

Following discussion, we had an indicative vote for the most important which were 20mph and cycle parking.

Full details and an online survey to find out your views on our future priorities will be available on our website.

W www.icag.org.uk

Dates for your diary

ICAG will have a stalls at the Gillespie Park Festival, which is on 11 Sept 1pm-5pm. And also at the Angel Canal Festival on Sept 4 from 11am until 5pm




Skyride [formerly known as Freewheel] will be on Sept 4. See our website for details of led rides from Highbury Fields to Central London.



We understand the railway company First Capital Connect may have money to put cycling parking outside its stations. We'll be pursuing this!

4 thefts from these sheds in one night! Lock them well!



If you are using a Trimetal Protectacycle Bike Store bicycle shed make sure you use the main hasps! The shed is advertised as one of the safest but there have been a recent spate of thefts. In Highbury one night, thieves broke into 4 different sheds. The lid was secured only by the handle. The handle locking point for the padlocks was cut off allowing the thieves to lift the door.

The Protectacycle comes with two hasps on the front skirt that should be used with the padlocks supplied, to secure the bottom of the door. Make sure you use them! **JA** More at - www.icag.org.uk/posts/protectacycle

New bike shop on Old Street

The Bicycle Man bike shop has opened its doors, next door to "Look mum, no hands." 61 - 67 Old Street, EC1V 9HW Small discount to ICAG members. **W** www.thebicycleman.co.uk

This newsletter to go?

The expense of inserting newsletters into the London Cyclist may mean the ending of this black and white edition, inserted into London Cyclist. We are being urged to send borough news by email. An alternative would be producing a newsletter, but 'publishing' it only on our website.

Islington's Cycling officer

The Borough have a new cycle training officer, working in Road Safety & Special Projects. We hope to meet him soon. **C** David Shannon **T** 020 7527 4082 **E** David.Shannon@islington.gov.uk

Competition Winner

Well done to Andrew Ross who won the Bicycle mug, courtesy of the Big Tomato Company, from our June/July newsletter.

Bunhill Row Campaign



Photo credit: Jon Parker
From left to right Adrian Williams with placard, Suzy Kenyon and her children, Stephen Taylor, Bridget Peacock, Councillor Claudia Webbe, John Ackers, and Alison Dines. Two others were collecting signatures

We've been campaigning for 2-way cycling on Bunhill Row for some time. There's a site visit planned (ICAG members invited) and, according to the Islington Gazette, there is £176,000 allocated. Council Leader Catherine West referred to 'an excellent campaign by ICAG' in the same article. This was very pleasing

"But we got this far last year, plans drawn up, money allocated, but no implementation." said John Ackers, ICAG activist. With the backing of Leader Catherine West and Claudia Webb, maybe this time?

Have you voted for LCC?



If LCC have your current email address, you should have received an email inviting you to rank 4 key issues. LCC will use the most popular for a major, single issue campaign for the Mayoral and London Assembly Elections. If you haven't voted, it only takes a few minutes! The email comes from 'DemoChoice', and the subject reads 'You have been invited to take part in a DemoChoice poll.' If you haven't received an email, the membership team will be happy to put this right! **E** membership@lcc.org.uk **T** 020 7234 9310

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20's Plenty?

We are working with Islington Living Streets on a campaign to reduce traffic speed to 20mph on **all** Islington roads. We have been collecting signatures for a petition to be presented to the Council. An online petition is planned and also a campaign for emailing ward councillors. Don't confuse this with the campaign below!

We're not alone!



The national bodies Sustrans and Living Streets are leading a coalition of 28 partners to deliver the 20mph message more widely in London in the lead up to the 2012 London Assembly and Mayoral Elections. Sustrans are running a postcard campaign, while Living Streets have a website petition.

W www.tinyurl.com/65juv8o

Note 20mph on all borough roads has been our policy since July 2009.

Madras Place – Holloway Road!



(work in progress on Sept 25 from the library side)

We're eagerly looking forward to the completion of the new crossing.

Canal Festival



Despite poor weather we had many visitors at our stall. More pictures on the website. W www.icag.org.uk

Gillespie Park Festival



Once more we were there, with bike doctors. More pictures on the website. W www.icag.org.uk



If you nothing else for ICAG this year, please go to our website home page and vote for which campaigns we should focus on. They are -

20mph - making all streets under borough control 20mph
Permeability - to campaign for the removal of obstacles such as road closures and one-way streets for cyclists
Cycle Superhighway - to make sure that the cycle super highway through Islington works for cyclists
Gyratories - to campaign for the removal of the main gyratories in the borough
Cycle parking - get more on-street and secure residential cycle parking
Road Danger Reduction - to raise awareness locally for the need for motorists to take greater care around more vulnerable road users
Bunhill Row - to campaign for cyclists to be allowed to cycle in both directions

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Highbury Corner parking



Parking a bike at Highbury Corner is more and more difficult. We found four bikes attached to one stand! On another visit, four stands had 3 bikes locked up to them. We have been talking to a local councillor about improving this situation.

TfL will be redeveloping this site and ending the gyratory. It's not known exactly what their plans for cycling parking are, or when this will start.

More cycle stands

Transport for London may install cycle stands on Farringdon Road on both sides including outside Sainsbury's. If the locations planned are suitable, they will be installing the cycle stands before the end of March 2012.

Highbury Earth Festival

We enjoyed attending this, which took place at Highbury Fields. We were able to obtain more signatures for our 20mph petition.

Speeding cyclists on the towpath...

This issue has been raised again in the local press after British Waterways installed speed humps on part of the towpath. A pertinent comment is that it is a minority of anti-social people who are the problem.

Parking in Holloway Rd

Two years ago Transport for London asked us where the best places would be for cycle stands along Holloway Road so we went out and investigated. We identified locations for 130 new stands. A few weeks ago we decided to find out how the work was getting on. We discovered that there are now 105 new cycle stands along the length of the Holloway Road, whereas before there were only about ten. Well done to TfL for installing stands and to all our members who suggested locations. The next plan will be to move further south to Upper Street. **ST**



And the university has installed new stands in Holloway Road. Chris Ashby and Stephen Taylor check them out above.

Skyride 2011

We led two rides into Central London – 10.00 and 12 noon.



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