

There is so much going on this month in Islington!

Together we have generated some huge opportunities for cycling in the borough, and now we need your help to make the most of them. We need more members to:

- respond to the detail of TfL consultations (<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/>)
- represent ICAG at ward partnerships. Details of your ward partnership meetings @ <http://bit.ly/1y0SyGj>
- promote alternative schemes to friends, neighbours and businesses
 - hand out leaflets, and organise events and parties
- get involved in specific schemes including Archway, Nags Head, Holloway Road, Tufnell Park Cycle to Schools, Highbury Corner, Canonbury Ward Improvements, St Peters Ward Improvements, Kind's Cross, Old Street and Clerkenwell Road, Old Street Roundabout.

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Archway Consultation:

A consultation on the gyratory at Archway started on 3rd November and runs until 14th December 2014. The proposal is to close the south west 'arm' and build a two-way cycle lane. Anyone interested in contributing to the ICAG coordinated response, please contact Liz Reiner on lizreiner@yahoo.co.uk



Artist's impression - with thanks to TfL

Highbury Corner Bridge:

Holloway Road goes over a bridge at its junction with Highbury Corner and this bridge is being replaced by TfL, with work starting any time soon and going on until summer 2017. Whilst this is being done there will be periods when there will be no right (north-bound) turn into Highbury Field for cyclists beginning on 6th January for about 6 months, and cyclists will be diverted via

Corsica Street. The bike racks outside Highbury and Islington station will be removed around 5th January and prior to this Highbury Station Road will be closed (from 15th December) and new racks installed there. There should be notices advising of this around the station area and if you have any difficulties or want to comment on these temporary measures please contact Alison Dines on alisondines@clara.co.uk

Old Street/City Road: Consultation on TfL proposals for a "peninsula" option at this junction has just opened and will continue until 11th January 2015. Hackney Cycling Campaign members attended November's meeting to talk further about their proposal for a crossroad at the junction, which the ICAG meeting in October 2013 had voted to support.



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TfL's proposed design has provoked concern about the amount of development likely to occur on and around the site in the future and the

lack of open space. At the same time, we believe that if the crossroad option is not viable, as a cycle campaigning group we should be trying to ensure whatever is done is as safe and cycle-friendly as possible. Hackney will continue its campaign, and details can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1tbu9m>. The consultation will be discussed again at the December ICAG meeting.

Clerkenwell Road/Boulevard:

ICAG recently met Islington traffic engineers and viewed early proposals for cycle improvements along the length of Clerkenwell Road. Comments on these have been sent to the traffic engineers and will be discussed when they next meet ICAG. Anyone interested in getting involved in helping to improve Clerkenwell Road for cyclists, please e-mail your suggestions to icag-eng@yahoogroups.co.uk.

The North South Superhighway:

We now know that the North-South Superhighway is definitely going ahead between Elephant and Castle and Farringdon. However, beyond this point, plans are unclear at the moment. What we really need now, is your support to ensure a fit-for-purpose highway makes it *to*, and *through* King's Cross. Please get in touch if you can help to raise support.

MORE CYCLING NEWS

Tufnell Park tube station:

A letter from ICAG to Isabel Deding (Mayor of London's Deputy Mayor for Transport) and Andrew Gilligan has proposed more cycling options when Tufnell Park station is temporarily closed for lift replacement. It was also forwarded to the London Assembly members for Islington and Camden, and Caroline Pidgeon has already stepped forward to champion ICAG's suggestion for implementation by TfL. Watch this space!

Safety concerns at Canonbury Square:

Members have expressed concern about cyclists' safety in Canonbury Square having had several near-misses with motor vehicles when cycling eastbound, along Canonbury Lane into Canonbury Square. After meeting with the Traffic and Safety Manager, Liz Wathen, on-site, Islington's traffic engineers have requested members' recommendations with a view to cost the project. A working group has been set up to discuss options and anyone interested can contact Alison Dines on alisondines@clara.co.uk

Child Health Strategy 2015/19:

ICAG has commented on the consultation for London's North Central Health Cluster Child Health Strategy. Specific reference was made for the need for an integrated policy supporting cycling to school. For background to the consultation visit <http://bit.ly/1Hy30t7>

Reinforcing ICAG's position on the need to encourage children to take up cycling on a regular basis, ICAG member **David Lincoln** will be asking a question to the next, full council meeting about how Islington will facilitate a sustained increase in children cycling to school.

CyclingWorks campaign:

CyclingWorks recently won a special LCC award at the LCC AGM, for their pioneering website, which aims to build support from London Businesses' for the N-S, E-W Superhighway plans.



With thanks to LCC

At this month's meeting, ICAG voted to make a donation towards the cost of the campaign. See more about CyclingWorks' activities and how you can get involved - <http://bit.ly/11G2I7I>

Liveable Islington Network:

ICAG met with representatives from Living Streets and Better Archway Forum (BAF) to discuss improvements to Holloway Road, and agreed to form the Liveable Islington Network. This will allow us to work together on campaigning for improvements there, and possibly other areas of the borough. Isabel Deding and Andrew Gilligan had been e-mailed with a number of suggestions for the Holloway Road and we await outcomes.

Proposed follow up Space for Cycling (S4C) petition:

The LCC are planning to e-mail all members and supporters to ask them to sign an electronic petition urging council leaders to support S4C. If you receive an e-mail please take the opportunity to put pressure on the council and ask your Islington-based friends and colleagues to do the same!

No room in your flat to keep a bike?

We're hoping that Islington Council will follow Lambeth and Hackney, and install some of these secure, on-street Bikehangars around the borough.



With thanks to Cycle Hoop

If you and your neighbours would be interested in having one in your street please contact Alison Dines alisondines@clara.co.uk

Update on Air Quality:

As part of ICAG's partnership with the HealthyAir Campaign, members have placed 30 diffusion tubes in arterial roads, rat-runs, and quiet streets in South Islington to measure NO2 and highlight the different levels of pollution. You can read more here: <http://bit.ly/1un6lvt>. A proposed map plotting the results will be a powerful tool to convince the Council to filter the rat runs and reduce traffic on arterial roads, such as Clerkenwell Road, which

have heavy pedestrian and cycling flows.

Green Tipples

Join Green Tipples (an informal London-based group of environmental professionals who meet on a monthly basis to share views, insights & ideas) for their Christmas drinks on Thursday 11 December from 6pm at the Earl of Essex pub near Angel tube. See the Green Tipples Facebook Group.

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Spring is nearly here and “all-things-cycling” in Islington are bursting with promise!

In this edition, we are looking at what the green light to the Cycle Superhighways means for Islington cyclists;
how ICAG is helping TfL sound out residents around Quietway plans south of the borough;
this year’s AGM;
our new Safari Fun Ride;
this summer’s Bike Festival;
and, a new feature, *Members’ Marketplace*.

As always, we are calling for volunteers to support several projects in the borough. If you can spare an hour or two this month, to help with surveys, please contact info@icag.org.uk
Read on...

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LIVEABLE ISLINGTON

NETWORK Liveable Islington Network (LIN) was born out of a meeting between Better Archway Forum, Living Streets and ICAG, and it decided to engage with TfL in the first instance to improve the conditions on Holloway Road. So far, LIN has a meeting with Robert Edwards, Sponsorship Manager (Regional Programmes) at TfL, and is waiting to hear from him again.

The ambitious “ask” is for a 20mph limit and a single general traffic lane for the entire length of Holloway Road. This would release large swathes to improve Public Realm, providing more space for pedestrians and a cyclists-only lane, in both directions.



LIN can point to the smooth running of all traffic through the road-works at Upper Holloway (where the railway bridge is being replaced) on a single

lane each way. With a 20 mph limit in place on all borough roads and peak hour traffic rarely reaching this speed, LIN feels this is a realistic although difficult target.

CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAY 1 It is great news that the Superhighways have been given the green light but what will this mean for Islington cyclists? CSI will be routed through Hackney and east Mildmay.

ICAG wants to take this opportunity of achieving a ward ‘ask’ of stopping rat running along King Henry’s Walk. If you live or work in this area and would like to help, please get in touch with us Alison.dines@icag.org.



ARCHWAY A meeting hosted by TfL brought together ICAG, Better Archway Forum (BAF) and Living Streets, and MP Jeremy Corbyn. ICAG’s recent campaign was a success with a good response to the consultation supporting the ICAG/BAF changes to the scheme. Work starts in 2016 and the gyratory will be removed.

HIGHBURY CORNER BRIDGE

The temporary traffic measures that have been put in at Highbury Corner whilst the bridge replacement work is done are unsatisfactory and ICAG will be discussing how they can be improved with TfL.

QUIETWAY IN AMWELL

STREET It is possible that there will be a trial on a scheme to reduce through traffic on Amwell Street, as part of the Quietway cycle programme. In preparations for this, ICAG plan to survey the local shops and residents on their views. If you’d like to help out please contact us Alison.dines@icag.org.uk.

ISLINGTON CYCLE SAFARI

Join us for this ride and discover our proposals for safer quiet cycling in Islington, and how to make your voice heard! On Sunday 26 April at 10am. A fun, family ride of about 8 miles, around the borough, starting and ending at Freightliner’s Farm, Sheringham Road N7. See you there!

SAFER DRAYTON PARK

Residents in Highbury West want to re-instate the width restriction on Drayton Park, to prevent HGVs going through the area, but ICAG feel it is speeding traffic than HGVs that are the problem on this busy cycling route. ICAG has drafted a scheme for a cycle route inside, and therefore segregated by, parked cars, at the wide end of Drayton Park by Holloway Road, whereby reducing the road width would reduce vehicle speed. Average speed cameras and some traffic filtering may also be included. Anyone living or working in the area is welcome to get involved with developing these ideas, so please contact us. Alison.dines@icag.org.uk

NEW NORTH ROAD, ST

PETER'S WARD. Cllr Klute of St Peter's Ward has proposed a scheme, under the Local Implementation Plan budget, to improve the street for cyclists and pedestrians. ICAG has met with traffic engineers to discuss and comment on how the scheme could be improved.

ICAG ANNUAL GENERAL

MEETING will be on Wednesday 10th June 2015 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1. Full details will be available soon on our website.

NEW CANONBURY VILLAGE

is a community of Islington residents who want to see "people-friendly" improvements to Canonbury Square and the surrounding area. Currently the square is a hub for motorised traffic which brings noise and pollution for residents, and is intimidating and dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. It could be so much better! Find out more on their Facebook <http://on.fb.me/1vRzOFq>

AIR QUALITY MONITORING

Healthy Air is compiling a briefing on the results of their air quality monitoring in Clerkenwell, to present to Islington council before the results are publicly available.



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Books on bike travel offered

(Josie Dew, Mark Beaumont et al) and bike magazines (Cycle, Cycling Plus, Bicycle, Velovision etc). Offered for free, although a decent donation to a cancer charity would be nice. Contact Jonathan on 07946 261165.

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This summer Islington is going to enjoy a full calendar of cycling events, and social happenings in the great outdoors!

Here you can find out more about ...

ICAG's 2015 AGM

Updates on our campaigns

The latest on the Air Pollution debate

Summer 2015: Bike Events in Islington

And Members' Marketplace.

As always, we are calling for volunteers to support several projects in the borough.

If you can spare an hour or two please contact info@icag.org.uk

AGM

The ICAG AGM will be held on Wednesday 10th June from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1. Our speaker this year will be Michael Liebreich whose talk 'Thoughts on the future of cities and mobility' will start at 8.30pm. Michael will talk about the trends he sees in transportation, particularly in cities. He'll touch on changes in the use of cars of all types, delivery traffic and active transport as well as some of the background patterns of urbanisation, air quality and obesity. Michael is Chairman of the Advisory Board of Bloomberg New Energy Finance. He is also a Board Member of TfL, Chairman of St Mark's Hospital Foundation and a former Olympic skier. *For more information, contact alison.dines@icag.org.uk*

A VISION & LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR ICAG

Tom Harrison has been working on this and we hope to see it on our website soon.

Our **Cycle Safari** on 26th April, was judged to be a great success, especially as the weather was so cold. Intended to encourage more residents to take to the street on two wheels, almost 100 participants, with fluffy-eared helmets, tiger-striped leggings and bicycle baskets rammed with soft animal toys made for a colourful Cycle Safari.



The ride saw all age groups enjoying the fun ride, which finished at Freightliners Farm, in Holloway, where they tucked into cakes and refreshments, and enjoyed music by acoustic band Pedal Folk.

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FINSBURY PARK TO FARRINGDON QUIETWAY

Islington's engineers are still reluctant to use filtered permeability, unless there was evidence of grass root support expressed through the ward partnerships.

STROUD GREEN ROAD

Due to additional pedestrian flow during construction work at Finsbury Park station, Islington Council wanted to close one of the cycle lanes under the bridge and allow pedestrians to use it. However, with quick thinking and a bit of viral tweeting, ICAG was able to persuade LBI to reposition the northbound cycle lane and Haringey Council also agreed to remove the parking on the east side of the road.

HIGHBURY CORNER – CHANGES TO TEMPORARY ROAD LAYOUT

To date, TfL has agreed to the majority of our proposals but are stalling on update meetings. As a result, we are losing momentum. We need more hands on deck. So, if any members out there, who identified fixing Highbury Corner as their top ward priority, and have spare time to help campaign, please contact Nick at info@icag.org.uk

WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

We need help with our Led Ride to London Freecycle on **1 August** and our annual Bike Breakfast.

New roles are:

Cycle parking champion. You could look out for likely spots for new cycle stands or help campaign for bike hangers in the borough.

Liaison with the Islington bike shops. Helping to **campaign about air quality and obesity** in Islington. Our monthly meeting is on the second Wednesday in the month at the Town Hall and you are all welcome! *Contact info@icag.org.uk*



Space 4 cycling writ large!

"Space 4 cycling stage 2" involved gathering signatures for a petition, which we hope to present to the full Council, at a time when it will have the strongest impact.

UK'S SUPREME COURT RULING ON AIR QUALITY

ICAG and many other campaigning groups in London welcomed the UK Supreme Court's ruling on 29th April, ordering the Government to produce without delay a new air pollution plan. This no doubt means that the Ultra-Low Emission Zones in London will be expanded, cycling and walking will be at the centre of urban planning, and public transport made more attractive. At last, and a great boost to our campaign for safer cycling.



EVENTS

FESTIVAL OF CYCLING at Finsbury Park, **Sunday 14th June.** As last year, the festival is being organised by Haringey and Islington Councils. *Full details will be posted on LBI's website soon.*

ICAG BIKE BREAKFAST

ICAG will be running its annual Bike Breakfast. Located outside Thornhill Primary School on the Finsbury to Farringdon cycle route, it will be an opportunity to talk with parents who drive their children to school. *Full details on website and Facebook.*

ANGEL CANAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, 6th September. ICAG will have a stand and Bike Doctor at this year's Canal Festival. We will also have a few of the Kenyon Bike Collection on show! We need volunteers to run the stand during the day. If interested, contact *info@icag.org.uk*

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As summer mellows into autumn, we present a round-up of ICAG and partner initiatives that are helping to make Islington a safer and more enjoyable borough for cyclists & residents alike:

**The latest on the petition to create Islington's latest Quietway
Our latest Quietway Ride
The Quick Wins list
The latest on Campaigns
Cycle Parking Update**

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If you can spare an hour or two please contact info@icag.org.uk*

ISLINGTON'S LATEST QUIETWAY - UPDATE

Liveable Islington Network is a local initiative to campaign for change that can improve day-to-day life for pedestrians and other road users - not just cyclists. Due to its inclusive approach to attracting support, the network has quickly evolved into a major campaigning tool for ICAG. Currently, Islington's latest Quietway is its major project.

Islington Council has secured money from TfL to build a cycling Quietway from Finsbury Park to Clerkenwell. The route is quieter than Holloway Road, but it is still heavily used by through traffic. We want the council to trial removing the majority of traffic from this route by only providing local access. After a 6-month trial and comprehensive traffic counts before and during, the council can make an informed decision about the proposal.



Petitioning on the Quietway route

This is a great opportunity for cycling money to be used to benefit local communities. Installing traffic filters at strategic points on Westbourne Road, Thornhill Road, Gillespie Road and Amwell Street will reduce pollution and traffic noise for those living and working here. At the same time, it will create a truly "Quiet" route north to south through Islington. Everyone from school children to pensioners will be able to walk, scoot, and cycle here in comfort and safety.

A petition has been launched with the goal of getting 2000 signatures, and it is growing fast.

The petition can be found at <http://chn.ge/1QzpE69>

Hundreds of signatures have been collected at a Bike Breakfast at Thornhill School, the Cally and Amwell Street festivals and the Festival of Cycling in Finsbury Park. As of 8 August, the petition has over 1300 signatures and we're regularly canvassing support at 'sign up' sessions around the borough.

The Quietway vision has been presented at the Highbury West and East Ward partnerships meetings.

At the Highbury West meeting the residents present voted in favour of

the Quietway vision and to support road closures. Since then council officers have been asked to look at filtering on local roads and Cllr Greening has suggested a filter near Drayton Park station and school. At the Highbury East meeting there were fewer attendees and more concern about where the traffic would be displaced to if there were road closures, and it was agreed this needed to be addressed in future presentations. The next ward partnership meetings to attend will be in Bunhill (combined with Clerkenwell on 23rd September) and Barnsbury (no date set yet).

So, if you haven't already please sign the petition, and ask others to as well. If you live, work or study along the route, or you are a member of any of the faith or community groups based on it, please spread the word. And help is needed entering the pages of petition signatures and email addresses so that we can contact people to follow up. Please contact us via www.liveableislington.uk

If ICAG members attend local Ward Partnership meetings and make their voices heard, we have proof of grass-roots support for campaigns. So we urge you to go to your local meetings! The details can be found on the ICAG website calendar at www.icag.org.uk.



22 August, Cycle the Quietway Ride

Rides like this are a great way of meeting people and telling them about our campaigns. It would be good if we could organise a few more but to do so we need extra people to assist with the marshalling.

If this is something you could help with please let us know so we can build up a group of people who can be involved. LCC are organising training so if you've not done it before, this is available.

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THE "QUICK WINS" LIST

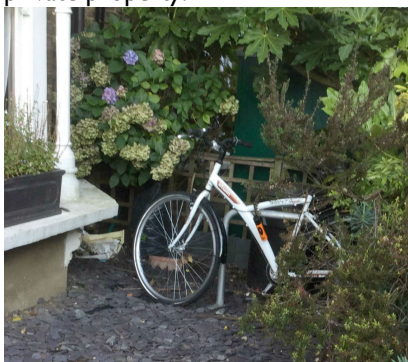
The council has been asking us for a list of small changes that would improve life for cyclists in the borough. These are things that shouldn't cost more than a couple thousand pounds, including consultation. Things like: sign changes, dropped kerbs, bollards, removing gates, potentially some paint. If you have any suggestions please send them to Tom@icag.org.uk

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CYCLE PARKING UPDATE

The council's existing cycle parking programme includes the provision of on-street Sheffield stands wherever they can be installed across the borough. Residents are welcome to nominate specific locations by contacting public.realm@islington.gov.uk. The council is also willing to supply Sheffield stands to residents who wish to install them themselves on their private property.



A Sheffield stand in your front garden?

The secure on-street parking debate still rages. Whilst Camden, Hackney and Haringey roll out Bikehangars they are still not appearing in Islington. ICAG members must indicate to their councillors that secure on-street cycle parking is just as important as car parking and get them to put pressure on Islington Council to provide it. So anyone who would like this type of parking in their street should contact their local councillors and with our members continuing to lobby we hope we will finally have some installed. More cycle parking is being installed on local estates so take the opportunity to apply for those spaces.

AI: TEMPORARY REROUTING ALONG TUFNELL PARK RD

After Christmas, Tufnell Park Road will be affected by the closure of the AI for bridge repairs and cars will be re-routed along Tufnell Park Road, together with lorries along Brecknock Road, for 3-4 weeks. Concern has been raised about the safety of cyclists using the junction by Tufnell Park tube as a pedestrian island there is going to be removed as part of the temporary scheme. An advance stop line (ASL) may be beneficial although this would depend on the phasing of the traffic lights and any banned turns. ICAG hopes that TfL will facilitate the use of the AI by cyclists whilst motor traffic is diverted.

THE PEOPLE'S PARKING PLAN

The Green Party in Islington, led by Councillor Caroline Russell, has launched the People's Parking Plan strategy. With the Council planning to change the parking rules in our borough, the Green Party believes residents can come up with a better plan for those who drive, and the majority who don't. You can join the debate and contribute to the Plan via the project's Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/1Jv3e68>

TfL CYCLIST SURVEY

TfL is surveying cyclists on how they choose their routes. To take part visit <http://bit.ly/1MOcLbe>

ANGEL CANAL FESTIVAL Sunday, 6th September 11am to 5pm. ICAG will have a stand at this year's Canal Festival. It's a popular local event so do come and see us on the bridge by Danbury Street! If you'd like to help run the stand at some stage of the day please contact alison.dines@icag.org.uk

MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE Ladies' Raleigh Bike - needs good home and mechanic. This bike has been out in all weathers for the last 10 or so years, but the frame is in good condition, so it would be a shame to take it to the dump. Needs some replacement parts! Can deliver [free] in Islington. Contact 249keith@waitrose.com



Old Raleigh in need of love

Cycle Workshop Dates

Place: Sunnyside Ecology Gardens corner of Sunnyside Rd and Hazelville Rd, N19 (off Hornsey Rise)
Date: 4th Wednesday of each month (except August&December)
Time: 7 – 9.30 p.m.
Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session
C Adrian Williams
T 07810 211 902

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/every 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.

Reporting Potholes

In Islington, phone 020 7527 2000 or go to islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem. Or try fixmystreet.com
Rest of London, phone 0845 305 1234 or go to www.tfl.gov.uk, click on road users, then on report a street fault.

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We have another yahoo group concerned mainly with the engineering projects that we are being consulted about. If you want to join this one send an email to: icag-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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We know it is always harder to keep peddling in the cold of winter, so we've rounded up the "hottest" news for ICAG'ers, and even thrown in a 'Beat the Blues' ride!

**Call for urgent action to support the Quietway campaign
Update on Schemes**

Jeremy Corbyn MP & Prime Minister's Question Time

Council unconvinced on health benefits of cycling

TfL looking to work with cycling troubleshooters

Islington Cyclists & air pollution

Beat the Blues social bike ride in the New Year

As always, we are calling for volunteers to support several projects in the borough.
If you can spare an hour or two please contact info@icag.org.uk

ISLINGTON'S QUIETWAY

The Quietway campaign has reached a critical stage. The Council will be deciding within the next few weeks what to consult on over the winter.

To build on the momentum of the Liveable Islington campaign we set up a public meeting on 3rd November to discuss ICAG's plans

to secure a safe cycle route between Clerkenwell and Finsbury Park.

About 20 residents attended and our idea (see below) for the junction of Amwell, River and Lloyd Baker Streets was unveiled.

Following the screening of videos on the current and previous traffic reduction campaigns and the effect of traffic on communities, there

was a discussion on the next steps of the campaign.

The Council will decide on changes to the Quietway streets in the next month. We know they've already been hearing from people opposed to the plans so please contact your councillors to ensure they know of your support for the plans and here's a guide to the key points:

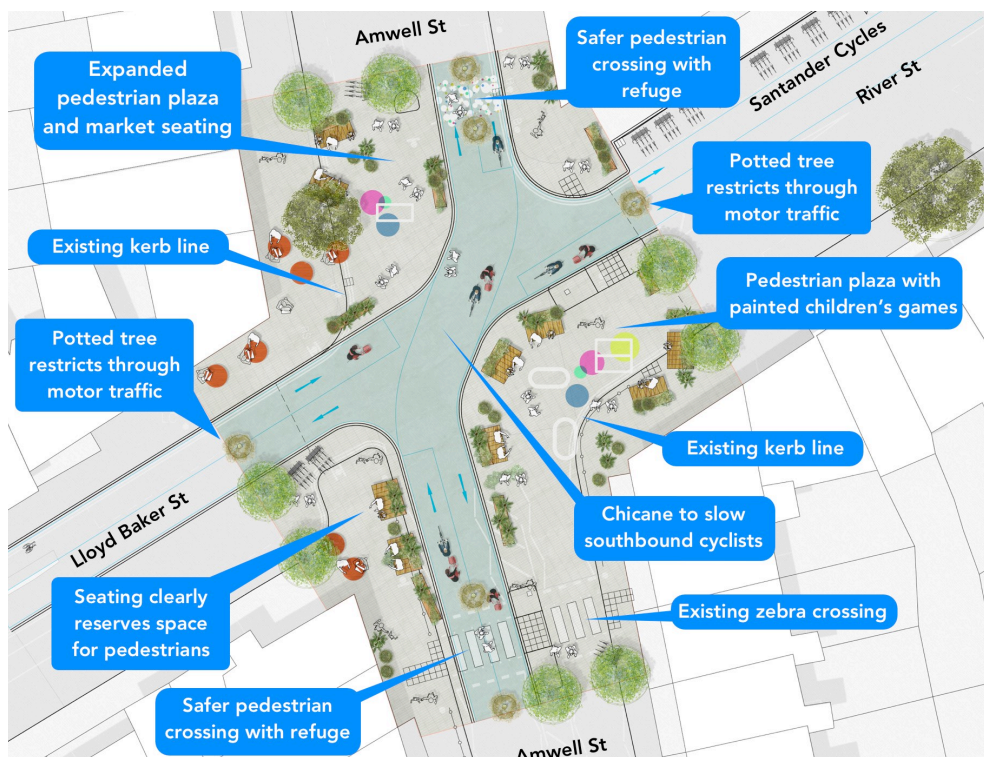
<http://bit.ly/IPHFLmh>

To be blunt: if Councillors don't hear DIRECTLY from supporters now, it's quite possible that the Quietway won't receive any traffic filters at all - which is what happened on the Quietway 2 route earlier this year.

This could mean no change in the amount and speed of traffic; no change in air pollution levels; and no safe crossings for pedestrians on Amwell Street.

We have collected hundreds of signatures from Islington residents who support our changes.

Now we just need to make sure the Councillors know you're there!



COUNCIL UNCONVINCED ON HEALTH ISSUES

ICAG recently met with Cllr Janet Burgess, Executive member for health to discuss the health benefits of cycling. We had a useful discussion however it is clear that whilst we in ICAG might have always thought the public health benefits of cycling were significant and obvious, Islington councillors are not there yet.

TREES & CYCLE LANES

ICAG has been debating our position with regards to uprooting or keeping trees in the path of cycle lanes. Whilst some members feel trees should always be kept, others believe each case should be judged individually, depending on the maturity of the tree, the surroundings etc. There could be a net increase of trees through our campaigning, e.g. using trees rather than bollards for road filtering. Such an idea could lead to c.50 more trees along the Quietway. *Want to comment? Then please email alison.dines@icag.org.uk*

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Remember: you can join the debate on major cycle projects on our website www.icag.org.uk

ICAG has submitted a response to the **Central Street** consultation, proposing a reduction in motor traffic by installing three strategically placed traffic filters. Access would be kept but rat running on Central Street and Lever Street prevented.

TfL LOOKING FOR TROUBLESHOOTERS

TfL has invited ICAG members to join them in regular tours of the borough to identify and troubleshoot issues together. A similar scheme in Hackney has proven worthwhile. If you are interested in taking part please contact Alison.dines@icag.org.uk

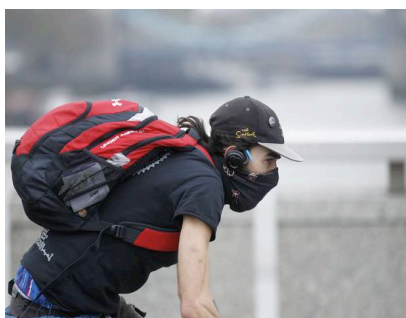
PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the opposition and a hardened cycling activist has asked ICAG to communicate to members his interest in receiving questions for Prime Minister's Question Time.

Here are the emails to use:
janet.chapman@parliament.uk
jeremy.corbyn.mp@parliament.uk
petersenn@parliament.uk
Please copy your questions to alison.dines@icag.org.uk

ISLINGTON CYCLISTS & AIR POLLUTION

CleanSpace is a UK initiative that allows cyclists to monitor air pollution levels and reward them for the miles they cycle. You can simply download the Cleanspace App at <https://our.clean.space/>, view an interactive map of air quality, and track your journeys showing how clean your rides are.



Travelling in a manner that doesn't cause pollution gets you 'Clean Miles' that you can redeem with reward partners like Halfords (for a free bike lock or water bottle) or 20% off at First Bike, to name a few.

BIKEHANGER REQUESTS

It is important that requests for secure, on-street-bike-parking are sent to your ward councillors so they can be added to the ward improvement plan.

NEW YEAR 2016 'BEAT THE BLUES' RIDE TO WALTHAMSTOW VILLAGE

On Saturday 6th February we will be doing a fun ride to beat the winter blues and enjoy the delights of the village, below! *Full details will be on the ICAG website soon.*



Cycle Workshop Dates

ICAG Workshops Cancelled

The monthly bike workshops in Sunnyside Ecology Gardens have had to be discontinued until we can access the building and tools reliably. In the meantime, members may find Hackney workshops useful instead. See www.hackneybikeworkshop.com

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