



Keeping the focus on our #5Asks and LCC petition on dangerous junctions



As 2000+ people signed our petition calling for a low-traffic Quietway 10, we had the opportunity for a 15-minute debate at a Full Council Meeting on 5 July; Tabitha took the floor on behalf of CI and Islington Living Streets (the pedestrian campaign group). She said that TfL had tasked the council with making a north/south route safe and attractive for walking and cycling. The debate was supported by Cllr Webbe (Exec member for transport) and Cllr Champion. Cllr Khondoker spoke passionately about a positive vision of a route where people on foot, bike, scooter or skateboard are prioritised over motor traffic and strongly supported a trial. This was seconded by Cllr Russell, who said that a trial would enable people to see the benefits of the scheme, whilst any pitfalls could be addressed early. Cllr Webbe reaffirmed her wish to create safe routes for cycling, whilst bringing the whole community along with the vision.

We held our AGM on 13 June – for a list of our elected volunteer officials along with details of the presentation by our guest speaker, Isabelle Clements of Wheels for Wellbeing see <https://cycleislington.uk/2018/agm> Nick did some heroic tweeting from the Highbury East ward meeting

on 23 July where Highbury corner was discussed – see our twitter feed for a full account. Nick and Graham attended the monthly meeting with LBI officers on 24 July. That evening, Nick and Eilidh took Cllr Khondoker on a ‘show and tell’ ride of QW 10 from Amwell Street to Gillespie Road. Good news in that Bath Street/City Road junction work actually started w/c 13 August; (consultation December 2016 <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/city-road>). And work on the missing stretch of CS1 in Balls Pond Road is finally scheduled for Spring 2019 after a stand-off of four years <http://www.islingtongazette.co.uk/news/cs1-work-in-balls-pond-road-to-begin-in-spring-2019-1-5640696>.

Many cyclists from Islington took part in LCC’s protest on 20 August as yet another cyclist, Dr Peter Fisher, died needlessly at a known dangerous junction at Holborn. Old Street was the scene of cyclist, Sarah Doone, suffering life changing injuries following a collision with a lorry on 25 July. LCC has set up a petition to London’s mayor to fix London’s dangerous junctions <https://membership.lcc.org.uk/dangerous-junctions-petition>. As always, we need to keep up the pressure on Islington Council on local issues so please talk to your local councillors, write to local press, keep an eye on what’s happening in your area and let us know how we can help. A reminder of our 5 Asks is here <https://cycleislington.uk/2018/5asks/>

Monthly meeting 12 September, 1930 @ Town Hall - PCSOs & speed limits

We are delighted to welcome PCSO Sarah Tripp as our guest speaker. Sarah will give a short presentation on the Road Police Transport Command (RPTC) and the various duties PCSOs perform. Two of her colleagues, who have worked with local councillors and residents, already take part in the current Community Road Watch Scheme. (<https://cycleislington.uk/wp-content/uploads/120-Cycle-Islington-Newsletter-May-2018.pdf> RPTC is working to try and tackle speed limits across in London Boroughs. Islington’s 20mph limit, introduced in 2014, has scant evidence of enforcement - a FOI request is outstanding as at 13/8. In July 2018, Mayor Sadiq Khan announced that speed limits on main

roads in central and suburban London will be cut to 20mph. Sarah will explain how PCSOs will work with TfL on how speed limits can be enforced and how we can get involved.



Saddle and Sole festival 17 June & Prudential Freecycle on 28 July 2018

We shared a stall with Haringey Cycling at the Saddle and Sole festival in Finsbury Park, a lively event with lots of fun bike-related activities for families. A variety of people ranging from experienced cyclists to hesitant novices seeking information about off-road cycle routes were enticed to the stall by the delicious brownies made by Selena from Haringey – cycling and cakes just go so well together !



Many thanks to Steve for leading a group of nearly 80 cyclists to the Prudential Ride London Freecycle. This annual event provides an opportunity to experience some of London's sights without the constant threat of motorised traffic. Thousands of people of all ages took advantage of car-free streets for a day. Steve then rode the London/Surrey route the following day – 100 miles in the rain so chapeau to him for his weekend's activities. Make a note: of next year's Freecycle on 3 August 2019!

Angel Canal Festival for Stay Wider of the Rider stickers (and cake)

We had a stall at the Angel Canal Festival in perfect weather on Sunday 2 September. Lots of people stopped for a chat and thanks to Eilidh's wonderful baking, home-made Bakewell tart too! We handed out the Stay Wider stickers, visit <https://staywider.org/> to sign the petition.



We were on part of Quietway 2 (officially opened during the week) from Bloomsbury to Walthamstow and we may organise a social ride along the route soon, look out for details on our website/Twitter/FB.



IC monthly meeting

*2nd Wednesday of every month, Islington Town Hall, 7.30-9.30 pm followed by visit to local pub. Agenda items for meetings should reach alison.dines@cycleislington.uk by the Sunday before the meeting

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 <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/>, then click report a street fault

Cycle Islington Dr Bike

*First Sunday of the month, 1100 - 1300 at Sunnyside Community Centre, Sunnyside Road, N19 3LX. Contact Adrian Williams 07810 211902

Forthcoming events

- * Critical mass – last Friday of each month <http://www.urban75.org/photos/critical>
- * Check out Skyrides - <http://www.goskyride.com>
- * Islington cycle club – weekly rides to suit all levels of fitness - <http://islington.cc/>
- * Dr Bike sessions monthly - 4pm to 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month, outside Islington Town Hall on Upper Street, N1 2UD.

Did you know that:

- ** 80 people were killed or seriously injured on Islington's streets in 2017 **
- **TfL estimated that only 13% of cycling potential is realised in Islington**
- ** London's mayor's target is 87% of Islington trips by bike, foot or public transport by 2041**

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