

Skyride 2010



A mass of cyclists set off on the 10.00am feeder ride to London Skyride on September 5. We were able to run 2 rides there and back thanks to back up from Gerhard Weiss at LCC. (He was able to produce a ride leader and extra marshals.) Now firmly established on the cycling calendar, we can only hope for a longer circuit next year – in some places cyclists had to get off and walk...

Thanks to all involved.

See the video footage on our website.

W www.icag.org.uk/News/skyride

Local Implementation Plan

Plans for 2011-12 have been written and are waiting to be approved by the Council's Executive Board. Particular schemes have not been identified, but there are headings which we have been told. The council officer involved has asked to come to the October ICAG meeting to present the Plan to us.

Website

Have another look at our website. Thanks to Jacques-Olivier, the site now has maps, videos and has lost the adverts. There's more! He has other plans for the website so watch this space!

W www.icag.org.uk

Veloteers regroup

Veloteers are asked to come along to the November ICAG meeting to discuss where we go from here. We need to keep the momentum going! Refreshments available.

7.30pm Town Hall Nov 10



20mph on Cycling Super Highway in Islington?

We have been consulted about the route and the improvements that are planned for Islington. There's a welcome suggestion for a 20mph speed limit on Holloway Road, otherwise nothing revolutionary! Other points are: using the island in the middle of Archway gyratory for northbound cyclists, 12 metre Toucan crossings at Whittington Park and Madras Place, an alternative route down Liverpool Road if the Highbury Corner Improvement doesn't go ahead.

Make your mark



Go to

www.icag.org.uk/LocalRecourses/IslingtonCyclingMap and zoom in. Add to the list of cycling hazards that John Ackers has compiled – follow the instructions. And well done John!

Islay Walk, first this



Then this



Now this! Several of these signs have gone up...



ICAG have been opposed to this from the start. We have been in correspondence with Homes for Islington – pointing out the local policies that are in place to encourage cycling. We've been advised to approach the Head of Environment and Regeneration and ask him to take this up with the Head of Housing. See the website for more details.

W www.icag.org.uk/Campaigns/IslayWalk



Cycle Hire Stage 2

Although the "Boris Bikes" are not fully operational, there is a stage 2 planned. Islington cycling officers are meeting TfL to find out the news, which they'll pass on to us.

Note: apparently the docking stations have been so well mounted – secured to a bed of concrete, that excavations by utilities are bound to cause big problems.

A bike shop – new to us...

Bobbin Bikes trades at 397, St. John's Street. For more details go to

W [www.icag.org.uk/LocalResources/Bike shops](http://www.icag.org.uk/LocalResources/Bike%20shops)

10 years ago

Doug Angus, having produced 24 newsletters was asking for a new editor. Happily he went on to put together another 7 before Dean Leigh took over. See the website for a terrifying account of being run over by a left turning truck.

W [www.icag.org.uk/news/From Islington Cyclist 10 years ago](http://www.icag.org.uk/news/FromIslingtonCyclist10yearsago)

TfL goes to the cinema

Some movie goers will have seen the TfL sponsored cycling promotion. No way to monitor how many will 'catch up with the bike' as a result. Some of the shots were filmed in Islington, with others in Camden. We wonder how much it cost...

W www.youtube.com then search 'introducing London with mark ronson'

Thanks to Chris Kenyon for the link



One of our members has installed 2 Plantlocks outside his house. Neighbours to use them too – adding colour, plant life and more cyclists to the streets!



This shows a great use for Plantlocks. As the road is otherwise unusable, this enables bikes to be locked up - off pavement. This could be done on many short pieces of yellow line and maximize bike parking space! Photos CK

Barclay Cycle Hire Bikes

I decided to sign up to the scheme. The fob arrived the next day by post and after a 3 minute registration process I was off. The bikes are a surprisingly good ride and lighter than their bulk suggests. The three gears are adequate if a little slow. There are many nice touches: numbered saddle heights so you can remember your setting and adjust the saddle quickly, impressively bright and always-on LED lights and the open pannier.

If you need a bike for when you are separated from your own, or a spare bike for guests, these are not Boris's or Barclays's bikes - they are yours. Enjoy! CK

The Little Green Ride

Description: Easy-paced rides of around 30 miles
Date: 3rd Sunday in the month
Start: 10.10 a.m. Finish: 5-6 p.m.
Place: Finsbury Park overland station
C Stephen Taylor
T 07977 235 735

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 and December)
Time: 7 – 9.30 p.m.
Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session towards costs
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 of 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

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

Two ICAG Email Groups

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? The list enables subscribers to receive news promptly and the opportunity to give and receive feedback. If you would like to participate, send an email to:

E: 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 this one send an email to:

E: icag-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.co.uk

Contribute to Islington Cyclist

Please send any articles or images to:

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