

Minutes of the ICAG meeting on Wed 9th Feb 2011 at 7.30-9.30pm
at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1

Present: Alison Dines, John Ackers, Stephen Taylor, Chris Ashby, Jacques-Olivier Gaudron, Adrian Williams, James Gleadow, Tom Bogdanowicz., Paul Standeven

Apologies: Robert Harston, Bridget Peacock

Matters arising from ICAG meeting on 12th Jan

ICAG treasurer: Robert had been in touch with Anja and was going to arrange to meet her.

Agenda

Roamer parking campaign:

10 responses via e-mail & John was disappointed with lack of response to date. Stephen agreed to e-mail veloteers & inform them. John thought he might do a short questionnaire to find out why people had or hadn't replied.

ICAG website:

Thanks to John & Jacques-Olivier this has been moved to a new CMS. Dean, who's company previously hosted it, had been very helpful with regard to the move. More photos are needed, Tom offered some of his, & John suggested having volunteers to "own" some of the pages .e.g Stephen - veloteers, John - engineering, Adrian - security, Alison - committee/about ICAG, etc. Jacques-Olivier will discuss this with Keith & can grant access rights as necessary.

Retrograde engineering schemes:

Huntingdon Street N1 raising the drop kerb

Stephen had met with 2 veloteers there & one had written to her councillor. The issue would also be raised at the local residents association meeting. It appears the problem started about 3 years ago but ICAG had not been consulted.

Marriott Road N4 removing cycle contraflow

John had e-mailed Paul Taylor about this to find out why it had happened. James thought it might be because of the development of Islington Arts and Media School (IAMS) in nearby Turle Road N4, to allow access for lorries.

Use of ICAG funds:

It was agreed that ICAG should donate £1000 to the LCC's lethal lorries campaign. Jacques-Olivier thought that ICAG money could be used to provide cycle instructor training or mechanics training for members but in the past this had not been managed well & several of those trained as cycle instructors had left or were no longer active in the group.

Alison had collected a cheque for £280 from Waitrose. This would be used to do a Dr Bike session on the Marquess Estate & she would discuss practicalities with Jonathan, Adrian & Paul.

Future events:

Next veloteers event Wed 13th April

Stephen would arrange another committee meeting. Tom suggested veloteers could be shown the LCC cycle parking website & encourage to report suitable sites on it, although John felt such information was needed by the council officers who may not be able to obtain it from the LCC site. John to contact LCC about the detail of the data & retrieving it. John thought veloteers should be aware of ward implementation plans & agreed to find out more about them. It was suggested that James could talk about making his cycling videos & that a council officer from Karen Sullivan's team might be asked to attend.

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Alison to contact John Adams

Bike Week 18-26th June

Breakfast would be on Tues 21st June. Jacques-Olivier suggested a night time Little Green Ride. The council's Cycling & Sports Festival would not take place. Alison to see if any money would be available from LBI.

LC magazine deadline Fri 18th Feb

Alison to write piece.

Any other business

Tom asked the group if ICAG would like to do a session getting signatures for a petition to encourage the borough to provide cycle training for HGV drivers. Islington has not currently joined the Freight Operators Recognition Scheme (FORS). Mon 28th March at Goswell Road was agreed.

Tom asked if consultation on the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) had started yet but it hadn't.

The Met Police's cycle task force was working on cycle thefts & had made a number of arrests.

A design meeting on the cycle superhighway on Holloway Road would be on 24th or 30th March.

Paul informed the group of an incident in Hackney in which 2 cyclists were arrested despite them having been almost hit by a car. He was concerned about the police support for car drivers against cyclists.

Date of next meeting: Wed 9th Mar 2011 7.30-9.30pm at Town Hall, Upper Street