

723 Members, 215 on the e-group
**Madras Place/Fieldway
Crescent/Holloway Road
junction**



TfL has re-examined its work here. Options are: **Either** relocating the existing pedestrian crossing on the south side of the junction **or** introducing a new pedestrian crossing on the north side of the junction. TfL will progress preliminary design from April 2009.

Ten years ago

The e-group was started in April 1999 and still going strong! We also lost the post of the Council Cycling Officer, never completely replaced. The building work in Owen Street was still causing grief. A government planning document called for a reduction in motor traffic in Islington of 35% by 2005!



Our Evidence

By the time you read this, ICAG will have made their submission to the Council's Scrutiny Review Committee. Key points are:

To understand barriers to cycling in Islington and identify how these can be best addressed

To review the council's cycling policies, plans for increasing cycling and reducing cycling-related road traffic casualties in Islington

To review how the council engages with cyclists and potential cyclists in developing its policies, plans and schemes

To review how the council interacts with TfL in relation to necessary cycle improvements on the TfL Road Network

To review how the council and other agencies deal with illegal and anti-social behaviour by cyclists and potential conflicts with pedestrians

Police activities to reduce cycle theft

Go to www.icag.org.uk, click on News, then on Evidence for Scrutiny Review to read the full text.

Annual General Meeting Change of date

Our AGM will now be on 10 June – 7.30pm at the Town Hall. Guest Speaker

Andrew Gilligan

Journalist of the Year 2008

Bike Week

Sat June 13 – Sun June 21

Time to spare?

A few ICAG members toil endlessly consulting the Council about their plans for improvements. We could do with some help occasionally from members who use the roads that are under consideration. It wouldn't take much of your time and no specialist knowledge is needed!

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Penton Rise/Pentonville Road junction

Design of a new junction layout to improve cyclist safety is complete. The work at the Pentonville Road/Penton Rise junction was due to start on 2 March for completion by 21 May 2009.

Cycle stands too close?

A redesign of the forecourt of the Town Hall has resulted in some welcome extra stands for cycles. According to an ICAG member they should be 1 metre apart, but they are closer than this.

Cycle Network Plus funding cut in Islington

The London Cycling Network Plus programme for Islington is being cut by more than 50%. But the Mayor envisages cycle highways along with bike hire and cycle hubs as the best way to grow and develop cycling in the Capital.

London Bike Hire

Apparently, more than half of the original fleet of bikes in the Parisian Vélib scheme have been stolen or broken. So TfL plan docking points to be more secure and consideration given to installing CCTV where there is not already adequate coverage.

Instruction Training

Thanks to funding from the Cripplegate Foundation, 6 ICAG members are doing instructor training, and may be offering to be bike buddies soon.

Bike and Hike Sale?

A speciality Sale for Walkers, Campers and Cyclists to coincide with a plant/seed sale at Sunnyside Gardens. Planning is in early stages - sometime in June, possibly Bike Week.

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Smile Please!

We now have 2 video cameras which attach either to a bike or the side of a cyclist's head. All sorts of uses and maybe there'll be more video on the website. Funding from the Cripplegate Foundation and Grassroots Grants.

Council Spend 2009/10

The Council has agreed the following schemes.

A 'cycle access and safety' package - £750,000 – which we hope will be spent on permeability projects

Provision of new residential cycle parking on housing estates – £250,000.

Also we understand there is a plan to limit the roads in the borough to 20 mph – except those maintained by TfL.

Not too early!

There will be a one-day bike ride for Afasic (speech impaired children) on Sunday September 13. Starting just outside Bishops Stortford, there'll be 2 rides. One will be traffic free for families and the other will be a tour of Essex villages for the lean mean racing machines.

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Motor bikes in Bus lanes

TfL are canvassing comment on this issue.

There is an address on our website to include your thoughts.



Cycle parking at the Emirate in the future?

Little Green Ride Dates

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

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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 www.islington.gov.uk and click on report a street fault.

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:

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