

# **ISLINGTON CYCLIST**

The newsletter of the Islington Cyclists' Action Group



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## **Highbury Corner Gyratory**



There must be hope that this gyratory will go two way before the end of 2014. It's in the **Islington Transport Strategy** and TfL have allocated funding for it. Will the Cycle Superhighway be completed before the work at Highbury Corner? (There is an alternative route planned if this is the case. It will go down Caledonian Road.)

#### Madras Place on 24/11/11



We hoped that we'd be able to report that work on this crossing of Holloway Road had been finished. It is still uncompleted and we can't be sure when it will be!

## Cycling on the Canal towpath

This regularly features in the local press. Interested members of ICAG met the Towpath Ranger from British Waterways at the end of October. British Waterways have written to local press about resolving congestion on the towpath. It was also signed by Martin Klute, a local councillor, Friends of Regents Canal, Hanover School, Living Streets and ICAG. The full text is on our website under Recent Posts.

W www.icag.org.uk



ICAG have been involved in the Two Tings project in the past. This involved stopping cyclists on the towpath and making sure they knew about the Two Tings Code of Conduct which encourages users to think of each other as they use the towpath – the photo shows us in action. The Code of Conduct is being revised. If anyone is interested in being involved, please contact C Alison Dines E alisondines@clara.co.uk

We hope you enjoy the Christmas break and wish you safe cycling in the New Year.



## 20's plenty

We were surprised and pleased to hear that the Council is planning to make all its roads 20mph. The executive committee of the Council voted on 24th November in favour of extending 20mph limits to Borough principal roads. This seems to be a statement of intent without a budget, rather than a plan with dates for implementation. There's more on our website - Recent Posts W www.icag.org.uk

## **Islington's Transport** Strategy 2011-2014

We responded at some length to the consultation on this. We were generally not impressed, particularly by the unambitious target for modal growth (the share of cycling in the total transport mix). Neighbouring boroughs (Camden and Hackney) were far more determined. The full response is on our website - Recent Posts W www.icag.org.uk

### **New Forum**

ICAG is a member of the Highbury Fields Forum which was launched on November 26. It brings together a number of interested groups to advise the council on the management of Highbury Fields.

# Owen St (near Goswell Road Triangle)



We had hopes that Owen Street would go into Council ownership reasonably soon - it is a private road at the moment. When that happens the Council will be able to make improvements for cyclists and walkers using that road. We were consulted about a temporary sign indicating shared use for walkers and cyclists. We had no strong feelings about this; we will be very pleased when it is changed the street for the better, however!



#### LCC AGM

One outcome of the AGM is that we have now a local member of the board - Christian Wolmar. If anyone wants to raise issues or highlight concerns, they can email him.

E christian.wolmar@gmail.com There is a report of LCC's AGM on our website - Recent Posts W www.icag.org.uk

### Ten years ago

Finsbury Park and Old Street roundabout feature (still unresolved). But there was a reminder that money towards childminding was available for people attending ICAG meetings, and notice of a Christmas Party!

## **On-line Voting**

Thanks to all ICAG members who voted on our campaigning priorities. Removing gyratories, extending 20mph, increasing permeablility were the most popular. As a result, we have been in touch with Better Archway Forum, and hope to work with them to remove the Archway Gyratory.

## **Archway Gyratory**



Better Archway Forum (who campaign to improve facilities there) wrote an optimistic letter to the Tribune hoping for funding to make the Gyratory two way soon. This seems unlikely but when a developer is found to rebuild the entire area, Tfl and LBI will siphon funding from the developer for work on the Gyratory. Meanwhile, there are works going on in Archway Close – in the middle of the gyratory. As the future of this area is uncertain, it seems odd. It is possibly because there is money to spend before the end of the financial year.

## Veloteers

We met recently to discuss the next actions for Veloteers. There are two clusters of wards (Highbury East/Highbury West/Mildmay and Junction) where there are more Veloteers and they will be encouraged to meet and consider local initiatives.

#### The Little Green Ride

Description: Easy-paced rides of around

30 miles

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

W: www.littlegreenride.blogspot.com

#### **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

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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 problem. Or try www.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.

#### Three 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? 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.com

To join the Veloteers e-group, email **E:** icag\_veloteers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
There is a Face book page;
www.facebook.com and type in Islington
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