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LCC activist conference Sept 9

Several ICAG members attended. The focus was ward level campaigning in the run up to the 2014 local elections. This fits in well with ICAG's activities and we are getting more used to working at ward level. (Bunhill: Bunhill Row, Highbury West: Connect2). Also I think that LCC are expecting ICAG to show the way.

It was slightly worrying that some of the audience of local campaigners didn't know who their local ward councillors were and I guess a lot more had never talked to them - but they've got 2 years to find out. A lot of other issues came out in the Q&A. A couple of long distance commuters pointed to the variable quality of long cycle routes that pass through several boroughs. How can we better serve long distance commuting cyclists that don't have any representation in the borough?

One parent apparently said in a vox pop on the Big Ride earlier in the year that he just wanted his kids to be able to cycle to school. This phrase was re-quoted at the meeting and it resonated with a lot of people especially a couple of teachers. We need to engage with parents.

LCC wants to target the 600+ local wards in London but I wonder whether it would be better to focus on politically marginal wards?

John Ackers (Edited)

Boris bikes for the rest of Islington?

At a Council meeting in June there was cross party support for expansion of Boris bikes into the rest of Islington. We've also heard that a barrier to this is cost - about £150-200,000 per docking station. The LibDems in Islington also ran an online petition for this expansion, which is now closed.



20 mph success?

A 20mph Limit on Islington's Principal Road Network was announced in late July. This completes the 20 mph on all Islington roads that we've been campaigning for; however there will be financial implications, so we don't expect this to be implemented immediately! But it's still 30mph on Islington's trunk roads, managed by TfL.

Drayton park success?



The width restriction in Drayton Park has been reconstructed and there is better access for cyclists. Drivers seem to be quite confused though - they seem to take any route they like!

Canal Festival

Once again we had a stall where the usual mix of information and chat about cycling occurred. Overheard, "Soon there will be so many cyclists on the tow-path that speeding cyclists won't be an issue!"

STOP PRESS

Councillor James Murray - Executive member whose responsibilities include transport - will be the guest at the next ICAG meeting on Wednesday October 10. Please come along with your questions and comments.

Gillespie Park festival



We were so surprised when John Hegley, poet, comedian and musician dropped in to our stall at Gillespie Park. He donned a cyclist helmet for this picture with the Islington Cyclist editor.



We had a Doctor Bike and information stall.



TfL's Safer Junctions - but not for us, yet

Transport for London announced that they'd be making 50 junctions safer for walkers and cyclists by the end of 2013, possibly as a result of ICC campaigns. (Bow Flyover and Love London Go Dutch) 50 more will have work done "to be delivered after 2013." Junctions listed in Islington are Archway and Nag's Head Gyrotories, Highbury Corner, 2 junctions with Farringdon Road (Clerkenwell and Calthorpe Street), and 2 junctions with Seven Sisters Road (Blackstock Road and Isledon Road). They are, sadly, all scheduled for after 2013.



Olympics

Several ICAG members took part in the Olympic Opening Ceremony on 27th July. Adrian Platt and Alison Dines (pictured in costume) were in the industrial revolution and NHS section respectively whilst Robert Harston, who works with the LSO, was assisting backstage. Meanwhile outside the stadium some ICAG members took part in the monthly Critical Mass ride and were amongst 120 cyclists arrested. Lawyer and local Councillor Greg Foxsmith wrote about the incident in the Islington Tribune on 10th August. **AD**

10 years ago

The council appointed a full time cycling officer. Although temporary, Pip Howson's job was to deliver the London Cycling Network Plus programme.

No Freewheel/Skyride 2012

Seems odd not to be writing about hubs and led rides this September. Presumably the Mayor and TfL decided they couldn't afford it this year. Next year, perhaps?

Another bike shop

There's a new(ish) bike shop in Exmouth market. East Central Cycles 18 Exmouth Market, London EC1 4QE T 020 7837 0651 W www.eastcentralcycles.co.uk

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
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
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

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.

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