

Minutes of ICAG meeting on 11th June 2014 at 7.30-9.30pm

at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1

Present: Tom Harrison, John Ackers, Keith Macfarlane, Alison Dines, Ed Mason, Alex Santacreu, Adrian Williams, Nick Kocharhook, Andrea Casalotti, Jono Kenyon, Anita Frizzarin, Michael Johnson, Caroline Russell

Apologies: Suzanne Fogg, Sheridan Kelly

Matters arising from 9th April

- Following up meeting with Andrew Gilligan on 13th March

Tom to draft and circulate a document on improving Holloway Road

Alison to contact Caroline Russell about getting 20mph on Holloway Road

- LCC local grant

The ICAG account contained more than Alison had thought and as no one had submitted costings for specific campaigning tools Robert and Alison had decided not to apply for the LCC local groups grant this year; Alison thought that if there was a need for the grant ICAG may be able to apply later in the year. Andrea was surprised at the decision not to make an application to the LCC and opposed it.

- Nags Head

Tom had e-mailed Jo Elmer at TfL and was still waiting to hear from her

Agenda

#### 1) Follow up on Space for Cycling (S4C) campaign

The new executive posts would be announced tomorrow but it was likely that Andy Hull would remain Executive Member for Finance and Paul Convery for Community Safety. The Labour candidates had supported the big S4C asks at Highbury Corner, Nag's Head and Archway and ICAG must hold them to those commitments.

There was concern that, as the Labour party in Islington do not seem to have a commitment to cycling and are not embracing active travel from the public health perspective, the fact that all the councillors except one are now Labour means we may have difficulty getting their support. Tom said people should be encouraged to join ICAG (Alison confirmed it was not mandatory to be a member of LCC to join ICAG) and that it would be good to have more businesses supporting ICAG.

Council policies such as creating new car parking spaces to generate income were contrary to ICAG desire for on-street car parking to be reduced in favour of bike parking; Jono said ICAG should be asking for a moratorium on further car parking. Given the huge Labour majority, there had been calls

for community groups to be more involved in decision making so it was hoped that ICAG would be invited to discussions on transport.

LCC is holding a meeting to discuss the S4C campaign on Tuesday 15th July at 6.30pm at the Leather Exchange, 15 Leathermarket Street, London, SE1 3HN

Actions: Alison to invite Andy Hull to attend an ICAG meeting [Post meeting note: Claudia Webbe is now the Executive Member for Environment which includes transport]

Tom to draft a recruitment strategy for ICAG

Anyone interesting in attending the S4C meeting should let LCC know.

## 2) Quietways consultation process

The LCC group in Waltham Forest were concerned about the quality of their part of Quietway route 38 and there had been a meeting of ICAG, Hackney and Waltham Forest about it; prior to this Tabitha had rung Eshwyn Prabhu, in Planning & Projects at the council, who said as part of the Central London Grid, there are 3 projects in Islington which should get funding agreed in June, with detailed planning to be presented in late summer. They are 1) central part of QW38, as far as Colebrooke Row; 2) Old Street/ Clerkenwell and 3) Bath Street/ Bunhill Row.

Eshwyn also said that the North South superhighway (from Elephant & Castle) is likely to be routed significantly east of Kings Cross rather than through it because the Kings Cross gyratory works are 5-6 years from delivery.

Michael suggested ICAG do some door knocking in key parts of the Quietways routes to drum up local resident (i.e. non-cyclists) support for measures such as filtered permeability which Tom felt was necessary around Amwell Street, and he was willing to spend a day or two one weekend doing this.

Sustrans had contacted Andrea about an intervention on Clerkenwell Road but Eshwyn had not agreed and wanted to delay any schemes because work at the Old Street/City Road would be taking place next year.

Action: Tom to follow up possible meeting dates with Eshwyn

## 3) Bike Week 14th – 22nd June

There would be a joint ICAG, Hackney CC and Haringey CC stall at the Festival of Cycling in Finsbury Park on Sunday 15th June. Alison, Keith, Alex and Jono said they could help.

ICAG would have a Bike Breakfast on Wednesday 18th June near Colebrooke Row.

The police were having an open day at the police station on Tolpuddle Street where there would be security marking and a recovered bikes display on Saturday 21st June.

Action: Anyone else able to volunteer on Sunday or Wednesday to contact Alison

## 4) FreeCycle ride on Saturday 9th August

Keith confirmed that ICAG will lead a feeder ride to St Pauls for this ride when the Embankment and the surrounding area will be closed to all traffic except cyclists. The organisers have already released the map – presumably sent to people who'd registered last year.

Action: anyone interested in helping marshal the ride to contact Keith

#### 5) Transform Seven Sisters

Nick explained how he, Jono and others had started this group as a way of getting all parties interested in Nag's Head improvements together. The group is not part of ICAG but they acknowledge to the people they are meeting that it is through their work with ICAG that they are aware of the changes that are being proposed in the area. At the recent Mayton Street Festival discussions indicated that two-way bus access on Seven Sisters Road is preferred. Nick is contacting Carole Crankshaw who chairs the Borough Cycling Officers Group (BCOG), Islington Disability Action, a resident from the Andover Estate and he and Jono hope to have a site visit with a Sustrans engineer. Nick will be arranging a meeting of those who've expressed interest and the meeting congratulated him on what had been achieved so far.

Action: anyone interested in being involved to contact Nick

#### 6) Angel Canal Festival on Sunday 7th September

It was agreed ICAG would have a stall there as usual.

Action: Alison to book the stall

#### 7) LCC Awards

Nominations for project awards are open until Sunday 22nd June and on-line voting will open on Tuesday 24th June until Tuesday 8th July.

#### AOB

- Caroline had just returned from Copenhagen and was impressed with how mellow the users of all forms of transport there were! The upstands for the demarcation between the pedestrians, cyclists and cars were much lower and less obstructive than those proposed on Seven Sisters Road and she was going to be speaking to Living Streets about their policy on floating bus stops which she had seen working successfully.

- John had been to touch with the council about the new car parking space at the junction of Gillespie Road and Drayton Park and had been invited to meet Peter Hazzard, Islington's Parking Projects Manager, on site to discuss it. Several people felt the invitation should be taken up and Caroline offered to go if John could not make it.

Action: John to contact Peter Hazzard about the site visit

- John had also been invited to meet Paul Taylor, Islington's Transport Engineering Manager about Offord Road (where footway build outs, measures to discourage HGVs and changes to on-street parking are being proposed) and it was felt it would be worthwhile to take up the invitation.

Action: John to contact Paul Taylor about meeting to discuss Offord Road

- Tom thought the ICAG website could be more user friendly and wondered about asking Alex Ingram of Hammersmith and Fulham Cyclists to look at it.

Action: Tom to discuss website with John and Keith and get a quote for work on it.

- Michael offered to draft a submission from ICAG to the Islington Employment Commission about the positive benefits of cycling in this area.

Action: Michael to write and circulate a draft submission

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th July 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1