

## **Minutes of ICAG meeting on Wednesday 13th August 2014 at 7.30-9.30pm at the Town Hall, Upper Street N1**

Present: Eilidh Murray, Rachael Bulmore, Sheridan, Liz Reiner, David Lincoln, Keith Macfarlane, Jono Kenyon, Nick Kocharhook, Alex Santacreu, Adrian Williams, Tom Harrison, John Ackers, Alison Dines.

Apologies: Andrea Casalotti, Tabitha Tanqueray

### **Presentation from Andrea Lee, Client Earth**

Andrea explained how they were suing the UK government for failing to meet European air pollution targets. She said that she'd be working with Andrea Casalotti and would be doing air pollution monitoring on Clerkenwell Road.

### **Minutes of the July Meeting**

David Lincoln sent letter to Tribune about cycling during the Tufnell Park lift closures.

The meeting thanked Keith Macfarlane for organising the feeder ride to the London Freeride event.

Tom reported on last meetings with LBI officers (reported in detail on icag-eng). Tom suggested that LBI commission designs from ICAG as we would produce much better designs than Project Centre, Islington's preferred consultants and we would do it for free. Jono suggested that we should lobby Project Centre directly.

Also LBI officers told Tom and Tab that they were finding it difficult to handle the many different proposals (e.g. St John St, King's Cross, Drayton Park) and they asked us to encourage cyclists to bring issues to ICAG and for ICAG to bring them as a collection to officers. Liz was pleased that the council was giving our input significant weight. But we decided that we wanted everyone to engage directly with their councillors and officers (and to copy icag into emails when appropriate).

### **Agenda**

Petition for Clerkenwell Boulevard Tom thought we needed to act quite quickly. John suggested that we ask Mustafa in coordination with Andrea to draft the petition. Tom and Rachael thought that the wording needed to be assertive but not aggressive.

Archway Proposals LBI want to get gather our views. Keith, Anita and Tom attending. There was some concern about ICAG being asked to comment at the meeting without a preview of the drawings and it was agreed the ICAG reps would explain they just wanted a general discussion about the scheme and then review the plans with a larger group.

King's Cross Flashride [Facebook link] Called because the TfL proposals for Kings Cross are poor. Nick, David and Tom went. Nick reported that they had a better than usual PA which really helped with the speeches at the start.

Tom pointed out that the responses to the TfL consultation about the Kings Cross proposals were interesting; Camden council had objected strongly whereas Islington council had not. Jono thought that LCC had not taken a strong position on this scheme and praised the organiser of the flash ride, James Gower. Jono said that councillors were unrealistic to suggest that cyclists should avoid King's Cross as it was a major destination: a university, Guardian, the hub, Google's new offices.

Tom said that King's Cross was the gaping hole in the plans for the north south superhighway. Tom was keen to get broad support for a better scheme even if we cannot get support from local councillors.

Rachael asked what TfL's longer term plans for Kings Cross were. Nobody knew!

Action: John A and Tom H will try to get a meeting with Cllr Paul Convery, possibly with a local resident, although there was doubt as to whether a bridge could be made. Action: Jono to contact LCC about the proposals.

Nag's Head Nick reported that TfL would be coming back with more plans for the gyratory, that Gilligan didn't think that the current plans were sufficient and TfL were going back to the drawing board. Tom said that Nag's Head was a positive story, we started with no tracks at all (TfL's Option 2), to councillors promising segregated routes, to Cllr Caroline Russell going to Denmark (which 'changed everything'), the opposition to segregation was disappearing.

Angel Canal Festival On Sunday 7th September and ICAG to have a stall, anyone who'd like to help to let Alison know. We discussed ways of collecting signatures offline for Clerkenwell Boulevard. We should send pics of pictures of filtered permeability (or 'bollards in the road') and other good practice to Jono who is going to print off A3 size.

Newsletter Judith, the newsletter editor, had sent her ideas for the next newsletter to Alison and Keith.

## **AOB**

Tom wants to suggest to A Gilligan that we have a central segregated route along Upper Street. There was some scepticism about whether this could work. So how should we respond? Nick proposed Liverpool St as a better alternative.

John A said that, at the last meeting of the ICAG committee, Tom had been designated as 'ICAG campaign coordinator'.

Eilidh asked how we plan to take forward the ideas from the air pollution presentation. Jono was keen to do more AQ monitoring and thought we ought to buy some monitoring hardware. Nick offered to get local AQ data and graph it. Tom thought that being able to quote precise, meaningful data was an important campaign tool.