



Cycle Islington



Newsletter – December 2018 – 740 members



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Our 5 Asks – current status



We continue to meet council officers on a regular basis; recent discussions have focussed on our 5 Asks and Quietway2 (QW2). And we are working with officers to make sure that Islington has a fit for purpose cycling policy tied to deliverable actions over the next 4 years. Chris and Talia also met Cllr Claudia Webb to discuss how Islington will respond to the Mayor's Transport Strategy; deadline for responding is Q1 2019. The City of London has set the bar high <https://bit.ly/2zlOUhq> and we would aspire to be as progressive as they are. We are pleased that work on the missing stretch of CS1 in Balls Pond Road is finally scheduled for spring 2019 after a stand-off of four years: <https://bit.ly/2S5cYf8>

The ongoing saga of Jillian's junction (Liverpool Road/Barnsbury Street) continues with a promise of action in January 2019 <https://bit.ly/2QglomP> - we started campaigning in November 2015 so this rather stretches the definition of a 'Quick Win'!

As always, we need to keep up the pressure on local issues so please talk to your local councillors, write to local press, keep an eye on what's happening in your area and let us know how we can help.



A high quality Liveable Neighbourhood bid

We are still waiting to see a high-quality bid which has been backed by strong community engagement.



Protected cycle tracks on main roads

We asked for 5 km of protected bike lanes by May 2020; to date we've got 40 meters in Finsbury Square. However, part of CS6 will count as will Clerkenwell Boulevard and we're hoping for a major announcement on Future Cycling Route 2 from Tottenham Hale to Camden.



Bikehangars

18 being installed, with a commitment to installing 200 new hangars by 2020. Cost is more than we had hoped for. Apply for a hangar here: <https://bit.ly/2S7wFD5>



More 'Quick Wins' delivered

We're pleased to have agreed a list of quick wins, but not confident that they are all happening. We're looking forward to completed Shepherdess Walk,/Bath Street; improvements to junction at Liverpool Road/Barnsbury Street and we are delighted to see the back of the pointless bollard in Arlington Way behind Sadlers Wells Theatre.



A Quietway 10 for the many

4 years on, and there is still no consultation on low traffic neighbourhoods

The value of social media -Simon's bamboo bike is safely home!



In 2016, our CI committee member, Simon, hand-built a bamboo bike and cycled to Italy on it. But in August this year, it was stolen from a supposedly secure parking area. Simon tweeted about it. CI along with many hundreds of people retweeted it. Someone put a post on Nextdoor. And finally, in early November, he got the call he had been dreaming about. The person who found his bike remembered seeing something about a stolen bamboo bike on social media... So remember to report on Twitter @StolenRide . Good things do happen!

Quietway 2 - Walthamstow to Bloomsbury

As we explained to Islington (LBI) 3 years ago, the current design of QW2 does not encourage children, women, families or older cyclists onto their bikes. The design is flawed and LBI recognise that improvements are required if

QW2 in Islington is to be as attractive to these groups as the QW2 in Hackney is. What is your experience of QW2? What improvements would you like to see? Get in touch or come along to our regular meetings for a chat.

Make the Lane early next year, suggestions welcome

Sean organised a very successful Make the Lane in Penton Street in December 2017 and the heavy rain that day didn't put people off! Full report here <https://bit.ly/2TBjz2A> and video here: <https://bit.ly/2R7qDT1> The idea behind Make the Lane is to create a safe corridor for bikes by people standing, with their bikes, between them and the traffic. Sean is planning a second Make the Lane in Islington sometime early in 2019 and we need to decide on the location. Is it Balls Pond Road or Drayton Park? Or is there a road near you which could do with a spotlight on it? Come to our monthly meetings and let us know where you'd like to Make the Lane.



December and January dates for your social calendar

If you haven't been to one of our meetings so far, then we suggest that you come to our final meeting of the year on 12 December at 7.30 pm. Friendly chat about all things cycling with mince-pies as a special attraction and with a pub visit afterwards. Lots of plans for 2019 so come and

take part. And our sister group in Hackney are gearing up to their annual Burns' Night party fundraiser on Saturday 26 January at the City Academy, E9 6EA – it's a fun evening and if you would like to sample haggis, whisky and dancing, see more information here: <https://bit.ly/burnsnight2019>.

We need YOUR help in 2019 – 7.30pm 13th February at the Town Hall

We will be hosting a special members' evening at our meeting on 13th February. So if you are new to the group (or just currently dormant!) come along and hear about the big cycling schemes likely in Islington in 2019 and how we can make sure they actually happen. We need more hands to the pump and you can help by leafletting and other

comms, talking to the community groups you're already part of or engaging other Islington residents in what we are trying to achieve. If we succeed, we'll be helping to make the borough safer, quieter and healthier for everyone. Even if you only have a little spare time to help, any support will be gratefully received so do come along and find out how.

IC monthly meeting

*2nd Wednesday of every month, Islington Town Hall, 7.30>9.30 pm followed by visit to local pub. Agenda items for meetings should reach alison.dines@cycleislington.uk by the Sunday before the meeting

Reporting potholes

*Local: T 020 7527 2000 or islington.gov.uk and click on report a street problem. Or try fixmystreet.com *London: T 0845 305 1234 or <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/>, then click report a street fault

Cycle Islington Dr Bike

*First Sunday of the month, 1100 > 1300 at Sunnyside Community Centre, Sunnyside Road, N19 3LX - contact Adrian Williams 07810 211902

Please send articles/images/suggestions for the next newsletter to: alison.dines@cycleislington.uk – many thanks!

Forthcoming events

- * Critical mass – last Friday of each month <http://www.urban75.org/photos/critical>
- * Check out Skyrides - <http://www.goskyride.com>
- * Islington cycle club – weekly rides to suit all levels of fitness - <http://islington.cc/>
- * Dr Bike sessions monthly - 4pm to 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month, outside Islington Town Hall on Upper Street, N1 2UD.

Did you know that:

- ** Next year's Freecycle is on 3 August 2019 – register now**
- ** Islington has only 4 speed cameras** (FOI request by Cllr Caroline Russell)
- ** CI are campaigning for CSOs to be given powers to issue FPNs **

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