



Newsletter

The Cycle Campaign Group
for Warwick, Leamington
and
Kenilworth

February 2013

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 19th February at
7.30p.m.

Café Rouge (upstairs)

Regent Street

Leamington Spa

Everyone Welcome

Welcome!

Welcome to our February newsletter. It is dark, dreary and cold, but at least it will steadily get lighter and warmer from now on. You are ensured a warm welcome at our

next meeting on Tuesday the 19th of February at 7.30p.m. upstairs at the Café Rouge in Leamington.

At the next meeting we can discuss the Cycle

Forum which took place on the 4th of February, progress on K2L and our grant application to the NL Community Forum. I hope to see you there.

Tony

Potential further good news for cyclists

The pioneering work by Portsmouth City Council to introduce 20 mph limits on all residential roads in 2008 is set to be followed by a range of cities across the country, which is good news for all cyclists and pedestrians. In London, the Borough of Islington is going one better by making all roads under its control to have a 20 mph limit. Why is this relevant to cyclists within the Warwick District? Such measures have strong support from the government who has already advised local highway authorities to not only consider 20 mph limits to residential roads, but also to busier roads.

Another bonus in the cyclists favour, is that from April this year local authorities will assume responsibility for promoting public health. Therefore programmes that create more exercise friendly environments and reduce accidents are bound to become more attractive.

However, turning good practice into reality with WCC highways will no doubt remain a challenge.



Kenilworth News

The Kenilworth Community Forum Cycling Issues Group has published its report. It can be seen on the Kenilworth Community Forum section of the WCC website. One of the proposals is for a study to investigate possibilities of running a cycle route across Abbey Fields. Unfortunately there

is a lot of opposition to the idea, but it is needed as the missing link in the Connect2 route.

Also the feasibility study of the K2L scheme has been completed and is due to be report in a couple of weeks. The report is expected to look at the route in a smaller

number of larger chunks than Richard Morris' original study. The report should provide statements of feasibility and costings for each section. Unfortunately the money is not there currently to undertake the scheme, but it puts everything in place if there is an opportunity to get some government grant funding.



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or call the normal number.



Information

When and where are meetings?

We meet between once a month or every other month depending on what is going on. The meetings are usually on a Wednesday, at Café Rouge in Regent Street, Leamington at 7:30pm. Call for details of the next meeting. We typically have 5-15 people at meetings. Additional meetings are arranged at various homes when required.

Subscriptions?

To show their support people are invited to contribute £5 annually (per household) annually in October, with an optional £2.00 for the K2L campaign. If you are due to renew, a notice will be attached to your newsletter. Please consider paying your subscription by standing order. You won't forget it and we don't have to run around chasing subscriptions.

Is Cycleways connected to any other organisations?

Some members are in the CTC Cyclists' Rights Network which provides good technical and campaigning advice. SALRUA - to help encourage provision for cycles on trains and stations. We also support Sustrans, Transport 2000 and the Slower Speeds Initiative.

When did Cycleways start?

The **Cycleways** group started in 1991 and has over 100 supporters.

Benefits

Supporters receive newsletters periodically, typically about 4-6 a year.

Broadribbs Cycleshop, John Atkins Cycles and the Bike Yard in Leamington kindly offer a discount (usually 10% on non-sale items) for members showing a current membership card.

The post Olympics' glow

There is much to be encouraged from the efforts by many to build on the cycling successes of the Olympics, further fortified by the Bradley Wiggins factor.

Currently the all party parliamentary cycling group, APPCG, is conducting a parliamentary enquiry into how best to get Britons on their bikes. All three main party leaders have signed up, and there is every expectation that Downing Street could be on the verge of making a significant commitment.

What makes this particular parliamentary enquiry significant is that the benefits of regular cycling are spread across many departments, not just transport, but the environment, health, business and sport. So sharing the costs of any programme could be spread, hence the importance of getting Downing Street support.

Recently, NICE, National Institution for Health and Clinical Excellence, has lent its weight to promote cycling in schools,

and there is a parliamentary Early Day Motion to Get Britain Cycling (EDM 679) supported by 119 MPs.

To increase the support, go online ctc.org.uk/get-britain-cycling and **e-mail your MP to support it**. It's quite easy by means of an automatically generated email.

So, please add your voice to help build the momentum.

Rodney

Community Forum Grants

The local Community Forums have a certain amount of money to give as grants for local schemes. We were contacted by the Police North Leamington beat manager who has been tasked with improving cycling safety in North Leamington. He invited Cycleways to the next forum

meeting and suggested we may want to make an application for a grant. Alastair, with assistance of Nicola at WCC has made an application for Cycleways to provide free lights, servicing and Bikeability courses to pupils at Trinity and North Leamington Schools. If we get the grant we will be needing volunteers

to help run the scheme over a couple of weekends. If you are interested contact cycleways.editor@googlemail.com, or come to the next meeting. The other community forums will also have money to distribute as grants if anyone has any good ideas.



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