

Cycleways Newsletter

Autumn Edition 2017



Chairman's Report



Birmingham Velo - 100 miles on closed roads

Good news

Well done to all the Cycleways members who completed the Birmingham Velo a 100-mile sportif on closed roads through Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Sandwell and Dudley.

Also, congratulations to Andy Patrick and Councillor Bill Gifford in getting Warwick County Council (WCC) to install a cycle route through the planned new A46 Stoneleigh Roundabout. This is a good example of what can be achieved with your local councillor. Thanks to everyone who attended the consultation sessions and voiced their concerns and suggestions.

Rodney

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As a member of Cycleways you get great support from:

John Atkins Cycles

Broadribb Cycles

Mike Vaughan Cycles

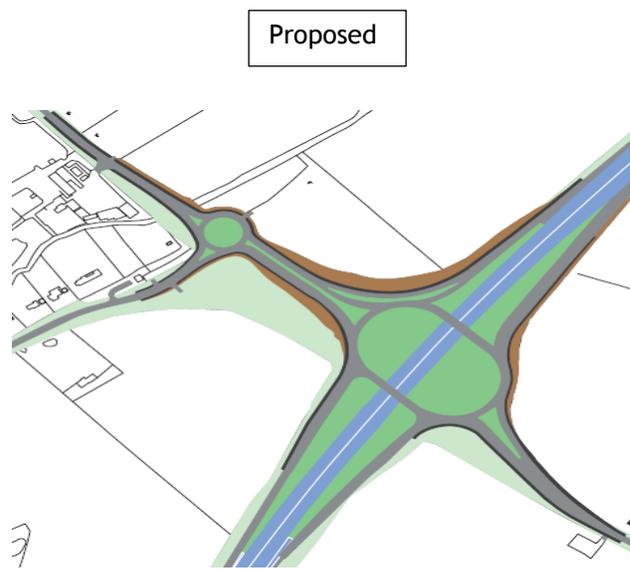
Giant Leamington (Formerly The Bike Yard)

including a discount (usually 10% on non-sale items) for members showing a current membership card. Membership is just £7 (per household) annually.

Find out more visit the website:

www.cycleways.org.uk

Editorial - A46 Link Road



(Exit off the A46/Stoneleigh Road Junction)

The proposals are intended to improve access to the University of Warwick and Stoneleigh Park and address existing congestion and safety issues.

Rodney and Andy Patrick along with Cllr Bill Gifford, Cllr Jeff Clarke the transport portfolio holder, and 3 officers working on the A46 scheme had a meeting on 1st September. Rodney and Andy had come prepared with policy quotes, technical standards and grim determination to represent Cycleways concerns that the proposed changes did not include any provision for cyclists or pedestrians.

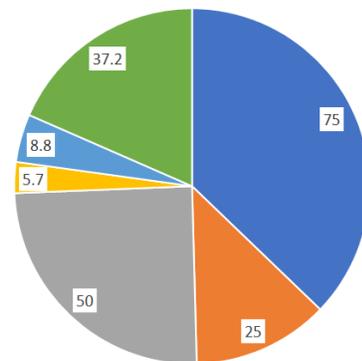
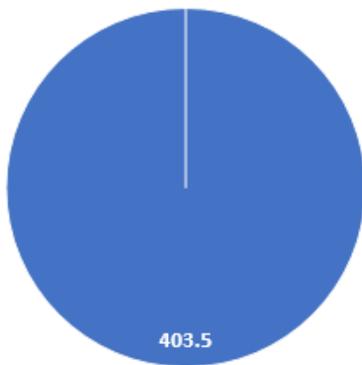
All were not needed as the officers presented a revised plan showing:

- **The number of lanes reduced from 3 to 2 on entry and on the gyratory.**
- **Off-road cycle/pedestrian paths on both sides.**
- **Signal controlled crossing or toucan (4).**

Whilst progress has been made, the scheme still has some way to go. WCC is spending £23m on this scheme. It is disappointing that with a scheme of this value they didn't think to spend a little extra on a quality separated cycle route through the scheme that would be attractive to cyclists. Cycleways will be looking at the detail of the scheme further. Further details can be found on the following link: <https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20004/planning/>

Accounts Year 2016/17

In readiness for our AGM Cycleways accounts are:



Expenses (1 Oct'16 – 30 Sept '17)- £202

- CTC Membership
- Donation to Warwickshire Young Carers
- Peace Festival
- Postage/Stationery
- Printing
- Website Maintenance

Thank you to all our members and everyone who contributed and volunteered their time in 2017, All this work and work of the Cycleways Committee was undertaken on a voluntary basis. Thanks go to Peter Clear, Cycleways Treasurer.

Peace Festival Success



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cycleways stand at the Peace festival. The stand was well attended, helped by the good weather.

The topic of air quality was again a key discussion point and there was much mention of the impact of the new housing that is taking place in the area and its impact on traffic and hence pollution. Local cycle maps were a popular handout.

A big welcome to our new members who have signed up since the festival. We welcome your ideas and feedback, please see 'Have your say' below.

Overall it was a successful event. Thank you to everyone who visited the stand.

Next year is the Peace Festival's 40th year. Cycleways will be taking part so if you have any ideas as to what you would like to see on the stand let us know.

Giant Success

Congratulations to Giant, Leamington cycle store who were nominated for 'Britain's Best Bike Shop' they finished second in the West Midlands region behind '2 wheels only' who are based in Tamworth.

Cycleways members can claim discount on non-sale items from Giant and other local cycle shops as detailed on our front cover.

Notification of the AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Cycleways will be held on Wednesday 8th November 2017, starting at 19.30 at the Fat Pug (upstairs room), Guys Cliffe Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 5BZ.

Agenda

Apologies for absence
Review of 2016-2017 by the Chairman
Review of the draft 2016-2017 accounts, by the Treasurer
Election of Independent Examiner
Election of Officers:
Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
Election of committee members:
Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor,
Representative to the Warwick District Cycle Forum
Any other business

After the formal business of the AGM, there will be a cycle related quiz.

Nominations for the Cycleways Committee 2017-2018

Office	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Tony Lewenz	Peter Clear	Rodney King
Secretary	Vacant		
Treasurer	Peter Clear	Sandra Stokes	Chris Begg

Nominations welcome.

Please note that nominations for Officers and Committee must be forwarded to Tony Lewenz at Cycleways.editor@googlemail.com not later than 21st October.

Any name put forward must be supported by a proposer and seconded.

The Cycle Show – NEC Birmingham

Electric bikes were a key focus at this year's show. The 'ebike Village' even included foldable electric bikes. You could try out an ebike on a test track outside the main exhibition hall. ebikes were definitely the latest 'must have' item.

Other items of note include:

Cyclewrap -bespoke paint protection film to keep your bike like new! Great for anyone who has spent a lot of money on a new bike and wants to keep the paintwork pristine.



See www.cyclewrap.co.uk

Bike Tie Pro - easy means of attaching your mobile phone to your bike so no need for a dedicated cycling computer.



www.bonecollection.com

High Protein Mars, Snickers and Bounty bars - useful for a long ride or as a recovery aid, although an apple would be a healthier option! Note I was kept going at the Birmingham Velo 100 miles by one of these as they ran out of food at the Pit stops.



www.snickersandmarsproteinbars.com

Next year's event is 28th to 30th September 2018. Early Bird tickets can be purchased here:

Cycleshow.co.uk

Sandra

Up and coming rides:

- 20 miles at a steady pace. Coombe Abbey and Countryside. Sunday 22nd October 2017 10:30am.
- 30 miles at a leisurely pace. Out to a country cafe & back. Various dates including Sunday 15th October, 22nd, and 29th October 2017. Starting at 9.15am from the Bus shelter, Park & Ride, War Memorial Park, Coventry CV3 6PT, this is a challenging ride but includes an important cake stop.

Register here for the above rides:

<https://www.letsride.co.uk/>

- Or plan your own route Sustrans have online route mapping here: <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/>
- Links to the local Cycling Guide showing Route 41: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycleroutes>

Have your say

Hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter. It is available on line to all Cycleways members. We are keen to get your feedback or your thoughts on current issues please use the following email address to submit any comments or ideas for articles to:

editor@cycleways.org.uk.

Mark your email FAO Sandra Stokes.

Committee Members

Below is a list of our current Committee Members:

Rodney King- Chairman

Tony Lewenz- Secretary

Peter Clear- Treasurer

David Heathfield - Membership Secretary

Our website is at www.cycleways.org.uk