

# Cycleways Newsletter

## Autumn Edition 2019

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## Chairman's Report



### Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

There have been some exciting developments with Matt Western's Clean Air summit bringing together interested parties and attracting a lot of attention. Also following the successful K2L petition, Alex Jones gave a well-argued presentation to WCC on behalf of Cycleways. The reaction from the council seems positive. The funding bid is being considered by the council cabinet. We'll know in November.

The nights are drawing in and the clocks will be going back soon. Autumn often brings some cool and still weather which is great for cycling, but can increase the levels of pollution. So, wrap up warm, make sure your lights are charged and bright and get out there to make your contribution to improving air quality (we are told that the benefits of cycling outweigh any risks).

*Tony*

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As a member of Cycleways, you get great support from:

John Atkins Cycles

Giant Leamington

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](http://www.cycleways.org.uk)

## Climate Change and CO2 emissions

Last year, a third of all of the UK's emissions of CO2 were emitted by transport, the bulk of it from road transport (1), some 90%. Two thirds of all journeys are under 5 miles, many of these trips could be easily cycled, walked or undertaken by public transport<sup>1</sup>. So why isn't more effort being made by the government/Dept for Transport (DfT) to make local journeys attractive to walk or cycle?

Instead, we have the DfT spending £33.3m to upgrade the Stoneleigh roundabout over the A456, part of their Major Road Network scheme (MRN). They continue to be oblivious or are deliberately ignoring the well-established fact that building more road capacity creates more traffic, induced traffic. Then there is HS2.... "**£55 billion** at the last estimate, but why are local rail travel needs not being met first?

The DfT estimates that investments in cycling and walking on average yield £5.50 of benefits for every £1 invested. This is recognised by them as "very good value" for money, and is a far higher benefit-to-cost ratio than many large road and rail schemes.

*Rodney*

## Air Pollution in Leamington Spa and Warwick

With the ever-growing concerns of poor air quality in parts of Warwick and Leamington Spa, a cross party group of Warwick District Councilors held an Air Quality Summit on 11th October at Leamington Town Hall chaired by Matt Western, MP for Warwick and Leamington Spa.

Speakers provided details on the health hazards from the air pollution created by motor traffic, a consulting engineer outlined the nature of journey movements in Leamington and highlighted that the many short journeys made could provide a shift to walking and cycling. Matt Western outlined his vision of making Leamington Spa station as the centre for a sustainable transport hub. A councillor from Oxford, explained the success of creating a Zero Emission Zone in the centre of Oxford. The public raised a number of concerns about the lack of, or poor quality of cycle provision.

<sup>1</sup> Dept for Business and Energy, 28/3/19, HMG

<sup>2</sup> P7, Creating Growth, Cutting Carbon Making Sustainable Transport Happen, White Paper, 2011, HMG

At one point when a Transport Planner from WCC was explaining their strategy of expanding the junctions over the A46 to deal with traffic growth, a member of the public jumped to their feet and called out "rubbish". This person was well qualified to make such a comment being a retired Highway Engineer.

Overall, an excellent summit, and well represented by councilors from WDC, who are responsible for the air quality in our towns.

*Rodney*



## K2L

As Tony mentioned Cycleways petitioned Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to build a cycleway between Kenilworth and Leamington (K2L) by March 2022. The K2L route is just one of Cycleways ongoing campaigns. Details of the K2L route are available from our website: <https://www.cycleways.org.uk/long-term/k2l/>



Rodney King, Ben Lockwood, Alex Jones, Marie O'Reilly and Tony Lewenz present the K2L petition to WCC.

## Peace Festival



Leamington Peace Festival provided an opportunity for collecting signatures for our K2L petition. As usual the interest in cycling was high with both a large number of people wanting to know where they can safely cycle with their families as well as those eager to find routes to use to travel to work or recreation. We help by recommending routes and distributing local cycle maps.

## Warwick District Cycle Forum – 8th October

Tony Lewenz attended the Cycle Forum along with Kenilworth members and Cllr. John Holland.

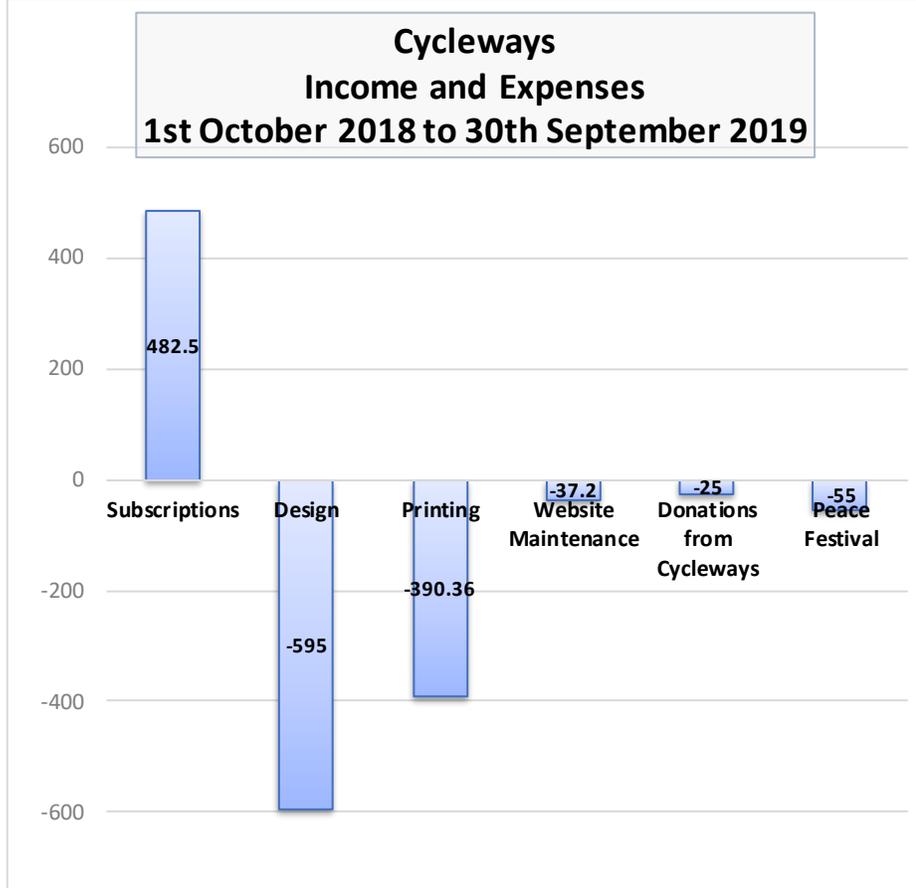
- Plans for a cycleway along the Coventry Road linking St. John's to the existing cycle route from the A46 island which finishes at the Primrose Hill Island. (St. John's junction will be dealt with separately in the Warwick Town Centre scheme).
- Stratford Road, Warwick - cycleways will continue the route from Stratford and link up with the Hampton Street scheme via Shakespeare Avenue.

The Stratford Road and Coventry Road schemes are being funded from a road safety budget.

- Rowley Road in Baginton is a personal bugbear for Tony as he commutes along it most days. Developers are proposing an off-road cycle route along one side. "Cyclists will be expected to give way to 9 or 10 side entrances - stopping every 200 yards - no thanks, I'll use the road!" Hopefully we can still influence the design.

In readiness for our AGM Cycleways accounts are:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<b>Balance at 1st October 2018</b>		<b>£2,894</b>
<i>Bank</i>	<i>£2,846</i>	
<i>Cash</i>	<i>£48</i>	
<b>Surplus for the year 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019</b>		<b>-£620</b>
<b>Balance carried forward to 1st October 2019</b>		
		<b>£2,285</b>
<i>Bank</i>	<i>£2,248</i>	
<i>Cash</i>	<i>£37</i>	



Thank you

Thank you to all our members and everyone who contributed and volunteered their time in 2019, particularly everyone who helped out at the Peace Festival. All this work and work of the Cycleways Committee was undertaken on a voluntary basis.

You may have noticed that Cycleways has been updating its promotional material. Our thanks go to Jess Hain from Joyous Creative. Plus, thanks go to the design team who worked on the focused K2L campaign.



Thanks go to Peter Clear, Cycleways Treasurer for the Accounts.

## Up and Coming rides:

We hope you had a great summer of cycling with the Myton Hospice Ride, The Great Shakespeare, The Warwickshire Tempest, rides etc. It was great to see lots of you out cycling.

- This Girl Can: Autumnal Bike Ride – (Women Only rides) Meet at Bus Shelter, Park & Ride War Memorial Park. CV3 6PT on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>, October or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.15 am. 15 miles at a steady pace.
- Sunday Cycles -Let's Ride 30 -35 leisurely guided rides. Meet in the Coombe Abbey car park. See Let's Ride. For more details of these rides sign up at

[Let's Ride - Homepage](#)

- 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

Cycleways as a campaign group for Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth works to lobby WCC and other bodies to provide good cycle facilities and to encourage more people to cycle and use their bicycles for everyday journeys. This improves the health of the individual, cycling, reduces congestion and air pollution.

We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter. 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](mailto:editor@cycleways.org.uk).

## Notification of the AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Cycleways will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2019, starting at 19.30 at the Fat Pug (upstairs room), Guys Cliffe Road, Leamington Spa. CV32 5BZ

## AGM Agenda

- Apologies for absence
- Review of 2018-2019 by the Chairman
- Review of the draft 2018-2019 accounts, by the Treasurer
- Election of Independent Examiner
- Election of Officers:
- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
- Election of committee members:
- Any other business
- Nominations for the Cycleways Committee 2019-2020.
- The following have expressed an interest in continuing in their current roles and are open for re-election:

Office	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Tony Lewenz	Peter Clear	Rodney King
Secretary	Rodney King	Tony Lewenz	Peter Clear
Treasurer	Peter Clear	Rodney King	Sandra Stokes
Newsletter Editor	Sandra Stokes	Tony Lewenz	Rodney King

Nominations are welcome for the roles (as above) but are particularly welcome for the following office:

Membership Secretary - VACANCY. The role includes responsibility for managing members subscriptions including sending out membership cards and responding to members email enquiries. **Help and support will be given to anyone who is new to the role.**

Please note that nominations for Officers and Committee must be forwarded to Tony Lewenz at [Cycleways.editor@googlemail.com](mailto:Cycleways.editor@googlemail.com) not later than 4th November.