

# Cycleways Newsletter

## Peace Festival Edition 2019



### Chairman's Report



#### Welcome to the Peace Festival Newsletter

Cycleways had been hoping to report some progress on the Kenilworth to Leamington route (K2L). The plan had been to apply to HS2 for funds to take the route from Leamington to Bericote island. However, Warwick County Council (WCC) has reservations about providing a high quality (their words) route to Bericote only to leave cyclists to cross the bridge (near the Ramada hotel) on a narrow and very busy piece of road or wheel their bike along the narrow pavement beside the road. So, they are now looking at the cost of a temporary bridge to make the crossing. It poses a reasonable question, is it better to build as much of the scheme as you can afford, or delay it until the whole scheme can be completed? I think it would be better to complete what we can. Then this will highlight the gaps and increase the pressure to provide funding to complete it. See more about K2L in Rodney's article overleaf.

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

John Atkins Cycles

Mike Vaughan 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)

On other fronts we are doing more to promote ourselves, our campaigns and cycling. Apart from the Peace Festival, we have had stalls at the Leamington Ecofest and at the Kenilworth Community in Action fair. We have some pop-up banners made and we are trying to be more active on Facebook, so make sure you check our page. As ever we get plenty of positive responses showing that there is the desire to cycle out there. *Tony*

## K2L Review

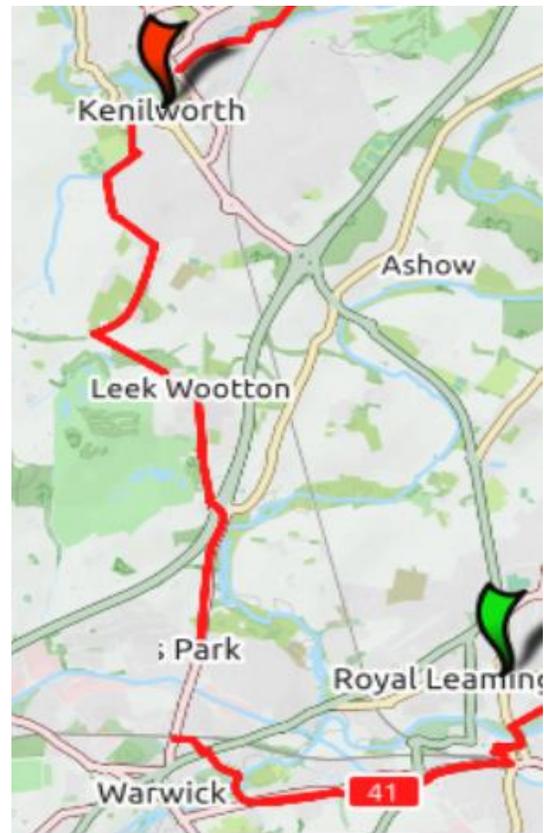
Cycleways' long-term interest in the K2L route received a welcome boost this year by the support from the Kenilworth All Together Greener group, KATG.

Right from the early days, some 25 years ago, it was recognised that the cost of this scheme would be significant, currently estimated by WCC at £3.5m. Of this, £1.5m is for a new bridge across the River Avon at Chesford, plus the crossing of the embankment to the south of it. The embankment is pierced by three large culverts, all of which require bridges.

To put that cost into perspective, WCC plan to spend £33m on a new roundabout over the A46 at Stoneleigh, principally to deal with peak time traffic!

One of the members of KATG, a civil engineer, recently visited the River Avon site to see if lower cost solutions to the bridges were possible. Back in 1996 a bridge engineer had completed a feasibility design for Cycleways, of a 2m wide cycle/footbridge that could be bolted onto the upstream side of the Chesford Bridge. At the time, the cost estimate was £25,000, which now has to be up dated.

The length of the embankment is just over 95m, with the bridges for the culverts making up 49m of this 95m. Having visited the site, the civil engineer is now looking at some solutions which could possibly bring about some cost reductions for the crossing of the embankment.



**Funding;** In 2017, HS2 Ltd held a road-show in Warwickshire to enable questions and concerns from the public to be addressed. Details of two HS2 community funds were explained, the K2L project was considered by the HS2 representative as a feasible candidate for up to a £1m grant, which would be administered by WCC.

Details were sent to WCC via a County Councillor, but since then the grant idea seems to have quietly died.

At the Leamington Peace Festival 15th and 16th June, Cycleways will be launching a new campaign to gain public and political support for this vital link between Leamington and Kenilworth.

*Rodney*

## Emscote Road Cycle Improvements



WCC have asked for our input for a 'Cycle Superhighway' along the Emscote Road. We are looking at the detailed road layout and preparing ideas. Our proposals will probably include a segregated cycle way in each direction with at least bollards or preferably a kerbed divider between the cycle way and the carriageway including parked cars. We think this should work for most of the way, but there are still difficult junctions to contend with such as the Tesco junction, Greville Road and St. Johns. Keep an eye on our facebook page for developments.

Tony

See back page of this newsletter for the links and access to our webpage.

## Peddlamaniacs Cycle Training



Peddlamaniacs is an affiliated British Cycling Club that offers cycle coaching for children ages 4-12. Sessions take place every Saturday during term time-. Plus, there are some holiday sessions. Location: Leamington Spa. Booking is essential and places fill up fast.

email [peddlamaniacs@gmail.com](mailto:peddlamaniacs@gmail.com)

## If you build it they will come!



If good cycle paths were there people will be attracted to use them, an opportunity to get out and about and do something you love. As a bit of fun, we have included a photo of a 4 wheeled bicycle. It was designed with a flatbed side extension to carry a person playing a small piano. The picture was taken at this year's Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

Rodney

## Ovo Women's Cycle Tour comes to Warwick



Warwick will have hosted stage 4 of the event Starting in Warwick and finishing at Burton Dassett Country Park (158.9km) on Thursday 13 June. The men's tour is 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> September.

## Charity Ride

Myton's Cycle Challenge 2019 takes place on 4th August this year. There is a 100mile option, a 100k or a mini cycle ride. Details can be found here:

<https://www.mytonhospice.org/our-events/event/mytons-cycle-challenge-2019/>

## Up and Coming Rides



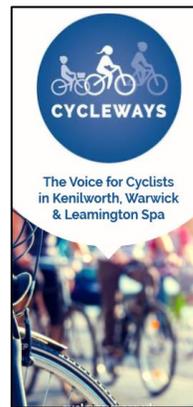
### HSBC UK LET'S RIDE COVENTRY SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Free family friendly event as it is on closed roads. For more details or to register for a free place go to <https://www.letsride.co.uk/events/coventry>

### Let's Ride Pop-Up War Memorial Park

Sunday 21st July, 18 August, 15th & 29th September, 13th & 20th October 2019 all at 10:00am until 12.00. These rides start from the Park and Ride on Kenilworth Road, Coventry - CV3 6BB. Traffic free 1.1-mile circular traffic free route perfect for little legs. For more details see <https://www.letsride.co.uk/rides/lets-ride-pop-up-war-memorial-park-2>

- **Ladies only** - Breeze through winter have a series of cycle rides throughout May. Details of the June/July/August rides are due to be published. These rides are at a steady pace usually between 3.8 and 6 miles. For more details see [Let's Ride - Homepage](#)
- Hosted by **CTC Coventry** - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and weekly throughout July starting at 9.15 am from the Bus shelter, Park & Ride, War Memorial Park, Coventry CV3 6PT. Steady - 35 miles including a café stop. Free ride. See [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>
- **UK Cycling events** have a whole calendar of events. **Ride Warwickshire** on 24<sup>th</sup> August. This event starts at the racecourse in Warwick and there is a choice of distances. Details of these rides can be found here: <https://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/>



**Revamping our Banners**  
Following on from the introduction of our new logo we have been busy updating our banners and display material. We now have 2 new banners as shown on the front of this newsletter.

Thank you to Jess Hain at [jess@joyouscreative.co.uk](mailto:jess@joyouscreative.co.uk).

For providing the creative input to update our leaflet and display materials.

### EcoFest

We were able to utilize the new display material at the Eco Festival on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at the Pump Room Gardens. One of the banners focuses on health and physical activity and the other on the benefits of cycling. '**Cycling instead of driving reduces air quality**'. It was great to see so many cyclists at the event, the cycle racks were full to capacity.

### 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](mailto:editor@cycleways.org.uk).

Mark your email FAO Sandra Stokes

### Committee Members

Below is a list of our current Committee Members:

Tony Lewenz - Chairman

Rodney King - Secretary

Peter Clear- Treasurer & Membership

Sandra Stokes - Newsletter

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